

SALTFLEEBY NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

This small newsletter has been compiled by residents and members of the Saltfleetby Parish Council.

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We are actively seeking a new editor for the newsletter after Mr. John Facer resigned from the position in the summer.

We wish to thank John for all his hard work in producing and distributing the village newsletter in the past.

The Parish Council would like to produce four newsletters a year, coinciding with the seasons, and would be extremely grateful if residents would contribute any relevant articles.

Content can currently be emailed to

christopher.stone@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

This issue albeit brief, contains information relating to various village clubs and activities along with a few articles and puzzles, we haven't included the answers,

that would be too easy !

Enjoy.

Dear Saltfleetby resident,

As the Parish Council, we are here to support the village of Saltfleetby, our aim is to continually work for the betterment of the community in general. We are here to represent your views as a resident on matters relating to the village, such as:-

- Planning applications
- Road and pavement issues
- Village improvements
- Speeding

We also award funding for qualifying projects from the Gayton Wind Farm community fund. However, we really need your input in order to appropriately consider all views when making decisions that affect residents. Without such input we can only base our decisions on what we collectively believe is required and in the best interest of residents. You can contact the council via the clerk at clerk@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Speedwatch As you may already be aware, a group of volunteers operate a speedwatch scheme where residents using a speed gun record speeding motorists and submit the details to the Road Safety Partnership. These schemes have been shown to be effective and we are seeking more volunteers in order to expand our presence. The speedwatch programme is supported and facilitated by the Parish Council. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the clerk. You can give as much or as little time as you see fit, speedwatch sessions are typically an hour-long weekday or weekends.

Litter Picking The Parish Council has recently been litter picking in the village and if you'd like to volunteer for the next "pick" it would be greatly appreciated. It is also a good way to get to know your Councillors. Again, contact the Clerk for more information.

Councillor vacancies We still have vacancies on the Parish Council. If you feel that you have something to bring to the table then why not apply and help us move things forward for everyone's benefit. (Parish Councillors are all volunteers)

And finally...As your Parish Council we aim to represent YOU. To do so, we need to hear from you, by email or in person at the Parish Council Meetings. We want to know your views on all village matters, we are currently looking at ways that we can be more accessible, more open, and ultimately more accountable to you the resident. Thank you for taking the time to read this and we genuinely look forward to hearing from you, good or bad we need to know, or we can't move things forward in a positive way..

Yours sincerely

John Lusby Chair

Saltfleetby Parish Council



SALTFLEETBY CHAT & CRAFT GROUP

The Chat & Craft Group is going from strength to strength. Members enjoy a range of crafts - knitting, embroidery, crochet, cross-stitch, papercrafts and more.

We meet every Monday at St Peter's Church on Main Road.

Due to the popularity of the group we have extended the times that it is **open from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm** (you do not need to attend for the full 3 hours, just drop in for the time that suits you).

No joining fee, no weekly fee and even the tea/coffee won't cost you a penny!

New members are always made welcome – just turn up one Monday with your chosen craft to work on.

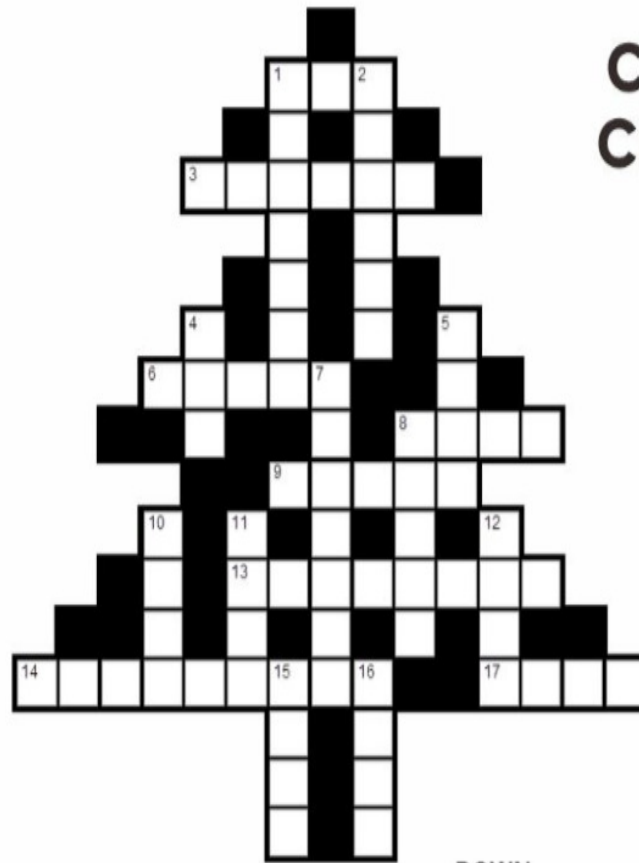
For more info ring or text Val on 07950 026580.

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DIPLODOCUS	BRACHIOSAURUS	VELOCIRAPTOR	SPINOSAURUS
OVIRAPTOR	BARYONYX	IGUANODON	COELOPHYSIS

Christmas Crossword



ACROSS

1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
3. Santa's ride
6. Celebration
8. Newborn
9. Northpole crew
13. Word of praise
14. Words on a Christmas card
17. It's opened on Christmas

DOWN

1. Alternative word to 17 across
2. Christmas drink
4. Christmas dinner centerpiece
5. Dec. holiday
7. Christmas warmer
8. "Jingle _____"
10. Christmas tree
11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the ___"
12. What carolers do
15. French Christmas.
16. Snow glider



Soloby Old School Hub

Soloby Old School Hub (events committee) or SOSH was set up in March 2022 to give the residents of Saltfleetby and surrounding villages alternative events to attend. These events would be totally different to those that other established groups and organisations put on and would be held at alternative venues, thus spreading events along the length of our very long village.

We felt that it would be great for residents to have more things to get involved in and to suggest events that they would like.

The annual Scarecrow Festival and fun day has been one of those events and has seen visitors from all around, a classic car meet, Easter Eggstravaganza and Bake Off held at the Old School, a motorcycle meet held at the Prussian Queen have also been put on during 2023.

Our German food night gave villagers a chance to taste some authentic German street food and saw our chairman and wife dressed up, some complimentary German schnapps & Jägermeister went down well, our chef Monika did us proud.

2024 may see more food nights, with food from around the world.

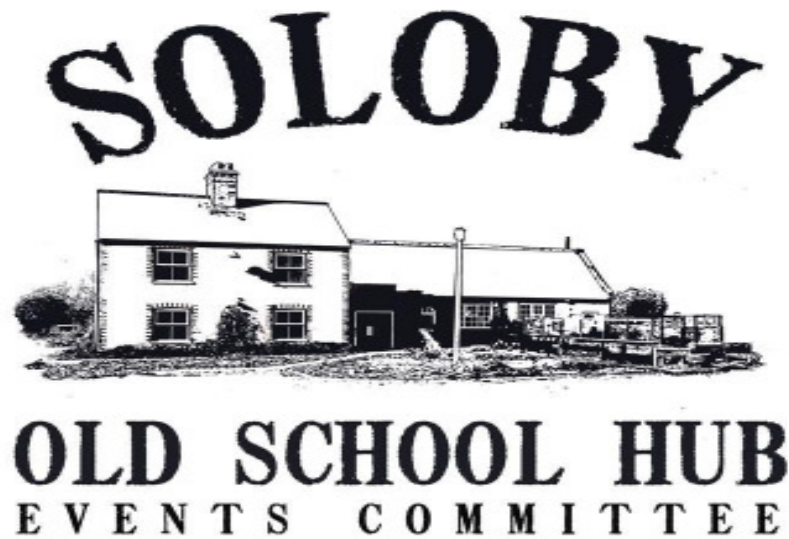
Our open gardens had to be cancelled this year but 2022 saw visitors from as far as Grimsby and holiday makers from farther afield, July 2024 will see the return of the open gardens and we'd love for you to take part (it doesn't have to be immaculate).

Our biggest venture and at one point controversial, is the Saltfleetby Dinner Club. February this year saw our first dinner held at the Prussian Queen and we welcomed 63 residents over an 8 hour period.

March dinner club saw a massive increase in attendees, 79 residents, 7 of which were children, again this was held at the Prussian Queen. Unfortunately due to funding issues we had to suspend it for 7 month while we obtained some funding, this is where Angus Energy kindly stepped up and are donating funding for the next 12 month and hopefully beyond. We have also been lucky to obtain funding from a grant from East Lindsey Council and we would like to thank both these organisations and Councillors Rickett and McNally for the heads up on the grant.

All Saltfleetby residents are welcome to attend the dinner club, all future dinners will be held at the Old School, December 18th will be our Christmas dinner.

Keep an eye out in January for our 2024 events, SOSH along with all groups and clubs in the village always need volunteers to help out and you will be welcome at them all. John Facer.



The Medieval Bells of St Peters

The original church of Saltfleetby St Peter's on the corner of Charlesgate and Saltergate dated back to the 13th Century. It was added to over the centuries, including a magnificent 15th Century bell tower.



The tower contained three medieval bells. Of the two smaller bells, the larger one was inscribed **In amore Sanctoe Mariae** (translates as: In the love of the Holy Mary).

The largest bell, weighing 7 hundredweight, bore the inscription: **Pura pudica pia miseris miserere Maria Pure**

(“Chaste, pious, have mercy on the poor Mary”)

+ PURA · PVDICA · PIA · MISERIS · MISERERE · MARIA

But by the 19th Century the old church was in a poor state of repair, seriously subsiding in the marsh ground and in danger of collapse. It was decided to move it to a new location, half a mile away to the current site on the corner of the Main Road and North End Lane. Reverend William R. Watson preached the last sermon at the old site on 30th April 1876.

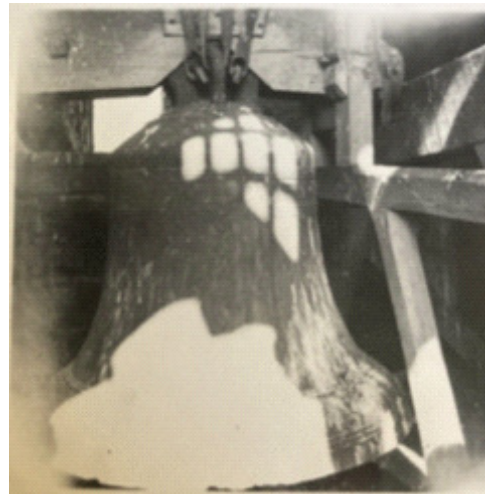
Two weeks later the Bishop of Lincoln, Rt. Rev. Christopher Wordsworth (the nephew of poet William Wordsworth) laid the foundation stone of the new building

It took 14 months for the church to be taken down brick by brick and moved to the new site, with members of the congregation volunteering their time to help. The new church was ready to be opened on 30th July 1877.

But it was an expensive project with limited funds, so the decision was made to leave the old tower where it was. There it would be used as a cemetery chapel, where the two inscribed bells remained. The smaller of these was severely damaged when someone tried to ring it by hitting it with a blacksmith's hammer. In 1908 it, and the small uninscribed bell, were recast by John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough into one new bell with the inscription **In Amore Sca Maria** ("for the love of Saint Mary") which now hangs in the bellcote of the rebuilt St. Peter's.



eris miserere Maria Pure



The largest bell was left in the old tower, where it was neglected, until being rescued in 1956. This rare pre-reformation bell, dating back about 500 years, was in danger of falling down. Therefore, the Diocese of Lincoln was keen to arrange its sale and move to the new church of St John the Baptist on the Ermine estate in Lincoln, which was still being built at the time. It was sold to Mrs Dorothy Adams in memory of her late husband, Mr Arthur Howard Adams, a former history teacher at Lincoln School who died in 1947.

£75 was paid for the bell, of which £10 was paid back as a donation towards the new church in Lincoln. As a keen naturalist Mrs Adams had frequently enjoyed visiting Saltfleetby to birdwatch at Rimac followed by a cup of tea with her family at the Prussian Queen. Their daughter, Rosalind Lucas (who was 23 at the time) travelled from Lincoln to Saltfleetby with colleagues and employees from her husband's building firm, who helped remove and transport the bell.





Measuring three feet across and weighing about 56 stone or 355kg, it was quite an undertaking! Mrs Lucas recalled that the local curate insisted on being present to supervise the move, but he did nothing but get in the way of them lowering the very heavy bell!

The bell was first sent for repair to Loughborough Bell Foundry where it was cleaned and had a new clapper fitted. It was then installed in a newly built turret at St John's, Lincoln. A dedication ceremony took place on Sunday 2nd February 1957, led by Rev. J. Hodgkinson, and the bell was tolled by the vergers Mr R. J Trett, ringing out again 80 years after the dismantling of St Peter's

SILENT FOR 80 YEARS, BELL RINGS AGAIN

FIVE centuries ago, a bell was hung in the little tower of St. Peter's Church, Saltfleetby. It was dedicated in the name of St. Mary.

Until 1877, it called Saltfleetby folk to worship. The little church went out of service in that year, and since then, the bell has hung silently.

But this week the old bell has rung out again. It has been given a new lease of life—calling the inhabitants of a new Lincoln housing estate to church.

The bell, which is nearly three feet across and weighs 7 cwt., is now installed in a small modern belfry at the new Church of St. John the Baptist, on the Ermine Estate, Lincoln.

New clapper

It was bought and given to St. John's by Mrs. A. H. Adams, in memory of her husband, a former history master at Lincoln School.

After dedicating the bell this week, the priest-in-charge, the Rev. J. Hodgkinson, told parishioners, "Now you have the best bell in Lincoln."

When the old church at Saltfleetby ceased to be used because it would cost too much to restore it, there were three bells in the belfry, two large and one small.

Later the small bell was transferred to the new St. Peter's Church in the village, but it got broken. One of the large bells was also broken when someone tried to ring it with a blacksmith's hammer, so the two were melted down and re-cast into one bell which is now in the new village church.

All this time the other one was left hanging in the old belfry. Before being installed at Lincoln it had to be sent to a foundry for cleaning, and to have a new clapper fitted.

The priest-in-charge at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Lincoln, dedicating the 500-year-old bell.



Cutting from The Grimsby Evening Telegraph, Friday 8th February 1957

The bell remained hung outside St John's church hall, as plans for a more substantial bell tower were dropped due to lack of funds. Here it was subjected to vandalism, so in 1986 it was offered to nearby St. Nicholas Church, Newport, Lincoln, then part of the same parish. The bell was re-hung in the church tower with the original St. Nicholas Church bell beside it. It was dedicated by Bill Ind, the Bishop of Grantham, during the Patronal Festival on 11th December 1988.

Saltfleetby St Peter's historic medieval bell still rings out in the heart of Lincoln, thought to be the oldest working bell in the city!

*Many thanks to Mrs Rosalind Lucas from Lincoln and her daughter-in-law Aileen Lucas from Louth for sharing photos and memories of the 1956 extrication. And thanks to Mrs Betty Brown from St. Nicholas Church, for information about the bell's move in the 1980s. Latin bell inscription from J. J. Raven, *The Bells of England*, originally published 1906 by E.P. Dutton.*



Regular Activities in Saltfleetby Village

St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church is an ecumenical church shared equally between the Church of England and Methodist Religions. Services are held every Sunday at 10:30am. The service format alternates between the denominations. The church is also used for a variety of community activities.

A coffee morning is held every first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and cakes are available free of charge. The coffee morning runs between 10:30am and noon.

The Saltfleetby Chat and Craft group meet every Monday morning. The group meets between 9:30am and 12:30pm. All are welcome. No joining fee and no weekly membership fee. Free tea and coffee available. If you are interested just call in at the church anytime during the group meeting.

The Saltfleetby Art group meets every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month. There is no joining fee and no weekly membership fee. Free tea and coffee available. Help is on hand from other members to improve your technique. New starters will be given full support. If you are interested in joining just turn up on the day with a pencil and paper.

The Saltfleetby Parish Council currently holds its meetings at St Peter's Church. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of alternate months. Details can be found on the various noticeboards in the village and on the Parish Council website. Members of the public may attend the meetings but are not allowed to speak with the exception of a ten minutes session at the beginning of the meeting where members of the public may address the council. Meetings commence at 7:00pm.

Saltfleetby Open Footpath Ambulators SOFA

A small group of residents, many with dogs, began during the summer, a weekly walk along a few of the local public footpaths. With the help of the Lincolnshire Rights of Way Officer we have managed to open up the overgrown footpath at St Clements Church and renovated the old delapidated bench enabling keen walkers to take a rest if needed. The summer walks took place on a Friday evening and the winter walks currently begin at 1.00 pm on a Thursday afternoon. Further details from Chris Stone. 07421 274 355

Louth Town Football Club/Marshlands

A coffee morning run by the SCA is held on the third Friday of the month. Free tea, coffee and cakes are available. All welcome. The coffee morning takes place between 10:00am and noon. The Saltfleetby Community Association (SCA) was set up in 2017 and it was hoped to encourage the use of Marshlands, which is owned and managed by Louth Town Football Club.

Indoor bowling sessions are held on Thursday afternoon starting at 2:00pm and Friday evening starting at 7:00pm. There is a small charge for this activity.

Bingo sessions are held on the last Sunday of the month doors open 6:30pm eyes down at 7pm. There is a small charge for this activity. All profits go to local charities.

Social Media in Saltfleetby Village

There are several different versions of social media platforms in the village. Social media is a good tool for disseminating information quickly to people who are engaged with this type of media. However, it is a double-edged sword. It is highly likely that many residents in the village do not use social media and the audience for this method of information transmission is not as effective as it first appears. In recent months there has been a large volume of disinformation against the Saltfleetby Parish Council, individual residents and organisations within the village, by a minority of vociferous individuals. The intent of these protagonists appears to be to malign the Saltfleetby Parish Council and divide the community. It is inappropriate for Parish Councillors to reply to the comments made on social media as it would not be constructive and possibly inflame the situation.

Could we ask all residents that if they have a query, complaint or seek clarification of any items connected to the Saltfleetby Parish Council that in the first instance they contact the Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer on clerk@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Informing the Parish Clerk in this way ensures that the query or complaint will be logged and placed on the agenda, under correspondence, which will trigger a response at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Alternatively, there is a very short time at the beginning of the council meeting for residents to question the councillors present. The problem with this method is the time constraint and an answer may need investigation.

Please remember that you cannot believe everything that you read.

This is an evocative excerpt from the writings of Mrs Ethel Lusby, who came to Saltfleetby as a land girl during the Second World War, married Arthur, and lived in Saltfleetby for the rest of her life.

On this Remembrance Day could I please remember the many girls who were sent here to serve in the Women's Land Army throughout the period of the war. Most of us came from towns and cities and quickly had to get used to a big change in our lifestyles.

We two girls came to Howdales from comfortable London homes. It was a shock to have to live in a cottage without sanitation, running water or electric lighting. We soon adjusted to candlelight and having to cook on a primus stove, and enjoyed working on the land in the fresh air, but not the marsh winds! Oh, those frozen fingers and toes!

Joan, who had worked in the fur department of a West End store was sent a thick fur-lined coat by her firm. I got by wearing everything I possessed, but, my former employers sent regular food parcels containing precious chocolate.

It was a happy time working with lovely heavy legged horses, driving tractors, reaping, hay-making, binding and "stowking", and learning the correct way to load sheaves on to a wagon and leading them to the stackyard. Days spent muck-leading with a horse and cart - what an appetite it gave you!

Threshing days were a completely new experience, knee deep in straw on the stack while the ever-turning elevator threw more and more straw at you, or carrying buckets of water to the ever-thirsty chugging engine. Worst of all was working in the chaff-hole, filthy dirty and coping with the favorite local joke of putting a live mouse down a "Land Army's" green jumper.

I remember icy cold dark winter mornings and the warm lamplit glow of the cow stable, the soft squish of milk into the bucket, and the heavy milk churns which had to be carried out to the stand for collection, before we fed the calves and had our 90'clock lunch.

Our weekly entertainment was to catch a Wright's bus to Louth from the Blacksmith's corner on Saturday afternoons, for tea at the Toch and the queue for the pictures among all the airmen and WAAFS.



After that, we had to rush to the Market Place to catch the last overflowing bus to Manby, and the long walk to the cottage in the black-out from either Manby Corner or Cockerington Corner.

I remember struggling to start a tractor with a starting handle on cold mornings, cows that kicked us off our stools, always being hungry, and awaiting food parcels from home delivered by Mr Larder on his cycle. There were hot sunny days in the fields pulling dockens, turning peas and feeding and cleaning out the pigs while we sang the old songs - "Red sails in the sunset" and "Whispering grass".

We walked down the railway line to the station to catch the train for long awaited leaves. We harvested until dusk in "double summer-time" with the Lancaster bombers overhead just setting out from the many Lincolnshire airfields.

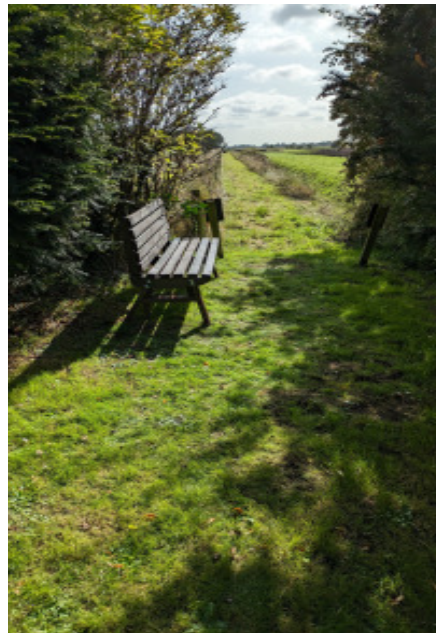
Ethel Wadsworth, soon to marry Mr Arthur Lusby and spending the rest of their lives living and working in Saltfleeby.

SALTFLEETBY OPEN FOOTPATH AMBULATORS (SOFA)

Each week a small group of residents and their dogs spend a couple of hours walking the local public footpaths, weather conditions permitting, or side roads if too wet for the fields. However, there are a few long standing issues with a small number of footpaths, mainly the lack of bridges for crossing dykes. Following a meeting with LCC Rights of Way Officer he is in full support of keeping all footpaths open but funding being the main issue. That said, when asked about footpath 56 at St Clements which was completely over grown and impassable, he arranged to have it cleared within weeks. Thank you Mr Stockdale. 58/1 and 58/3 are both out of action due to missing bridges which is a pity as they would add an alternative route to the Stump. Investigations are ongoing. Whether you join in on a SOFA walk or not, if you are able, please find time to walk our public footpaths, the ever changing scenery of our area is beautiful at any time of the year.



Hopefully by the time you read this all four Solar Radar Speed Signs will have been installed on Main Road and are fully operational. The first unit installed was left in “stealth” mode in order to obtain data to assess how effective the signs were. This proved to be confirmation that despite what the doubters say, traffic does slow down when presented with their speed in large numbers at the side of the road. They are working.



Along with opening up the footpath at St Clements, the Lych Gate has been treated to a few coats of preservative paint thanks to the hard work of the Chair of the Parish Council. The old bench has also been restored to its former glory with new wood and paint. Our thanks go to Mr Brian Hall for his work in preserving a Parish Asset, now free for everyone to use when walking down to the old burial ground. This work, installation of the speed signs, painting of the gate and restoring the bench has all been done voluntarily at no cost to the Parish. Thanks to **ALL**

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Sudoku rules at a glance:

- You can only use the numbers 1 to 9
- Avoid trying to guess the solution to the puzzle
- Use the process of elimination as a tactic instead
- You can only use each number once in each row, column, & grid
- Use cross-hatching and penciling in techniques

CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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FAIRY LIGHTS
HOLLY
IVY
JINGLE BELLS
MINCE PIE
MISTLETOE
PRANCER
PRESENTS
REINDEER
RUDOLPH
SANTA
VIXEN

Useful Numbers

Ambulance, Police, Fire Service	999
Ambulance Non-Emergency	111
Police Non-Emergency	101
Fire Service Non-Emergency	112
Coast Guard Non-Emergency	112
Anglian Water	08457145145
Electricity Emergency	0800375675
Dental Surgery North Somercotes	01507 358275
Marsh Medical Practice	01507 358623
Louth, Newmarket Doctors	01507 603121
Louth, James Street Doctors	01507 611122
Mablethorpe, Marisco Doctors	01507 473483
East Lindsey District Council	01507 601111
Lincs County Council	01522 552222
Lincs Farm & Country Business Watch	01522 558399
Lindsey Drainage Board	01507 328095
Fly Tipping	08001955228
Call Connect	03452343344
ChildLine	08001111