

## Connected Coast Chair's Update: June 2023

Work is progressing well on the new Leisure and Learning Hub in Mablethorpe, as these pictures show.



Work began in March on the development of the new 3,000m<sup>2</sup> centre that will replace the existing Station Sports Centre. The hub will improve leisure and learning opportunities within the area and will provide a swimming pool, gym, fitness centre together with space for digital and face to face learning that will allow residents of all ages to access distance-learning courses.

The new Leisure and Learning Hub is set to make a real difference in the area, and will play an important role in supporting local people's health, wellbeing, and access to learning. We will keep you posted on progress.



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### Tower Gardens



Heritage Lincolnshire has begun a consultation to get local people's feedback on the priorities and plans to improve Tower Gardens. The consultation began with an event at Tower Gardens on 10<sup>th</sup> May which saw over 60 people come along to look at the masterplan and visuals of what could be possible. The consultation continues to take place until the end of June, and the images can be viewed in the Pavilion in Tower Gardens and on Skegness Town Council's website.

The vision for Tower Gardens is to reinstate the historic pleasure garden to its former glory through a scheme of hard landscaping and planting. In addition, there will be accessibility improvements to the site.

The planned improvements to Tower Gardens will enhance this historic and much-loved space, making it even more appealing as a place to visit and spend time for both local people and visitors.





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### Multi-User Trail

The multi-user trail is set to be popular with local people and visitors this summer, making it easier for people to walk, cycle, and enjoy the outdoors around Skegness.

The new one-mile-long next to the A52 between Chapel St Leonards and Ingoldmells, joins up with other footpaths to create a four-mile-long circular route that leads to the beach and promenade.

The trail also allows for links to public transport connections, offering new, safe, and sustainable routes between resorts and more travel options for local people and visitors.



The trail has been created by Hardy's Farm and benefitted from Towns Fund investment provided for the project. The new trail offers a great opportunity for people to get out and enjoy the area sustainably and actively all year round, helping to support the visitor economy.



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### Skegness Interchange

On 11<sup>th</sup> May, East Midlands Railway hosted a special community drop-in session on at Tower Gardens where members of the public could find out about the major redevelopment of Skegness station that is starting later this year. Members of the Connected Coast and East Lindsey District Council team were also on hand at the event to talk to people about the Towns Fund investment in Skegness and the wider Town Deal projects.



### The Colonnade

We are committed to creating a new future for the Colonnade that builds on its history and heritage and we are working towards the start of works. This project is a priority for us and we will keep you informed on the start date.

Since obtaining planning permission earlier this year the project has undergone due diligence and design development to transition to the build phase. The project is now on track to start later this year and complete before the summer season of 2025.



We have a unique opportunity to transform this iconic site and when complete, the redevelopment of the Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens will bring facilities, opportunities, and investment that will transform this area for both residents and visitors to enjoy.

Before the work starts, Sutton on Sea Paddling Pool is set to open in late June, which will benefit local people and visitors to the area this summer.

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### Sandilands



Would you like to explore Sandilands, the developing National Trust nature reserve where an accessible and eco-friendly visitor hub is set to be created, supported by Connected Coast?

This summer, Sandilands is playing host to wellbeing walks taking place on Tuesday from 6<sup>th</sup> June. Find out more here: [Summer wellbeing walks at Sandilands | National Trust](#)

### UK Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum

In May a team from South and East Lincolnshire Council Partnership attended UK REiIF - the UK's Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum. The team were promoting the exciting projects and investment in South and East Lincolnshire, including Skegness foreshore and the Campus for Future Living in Mablethorpe.



### Levelling Up

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, an event was held at Alford Corn Exchange where people could find out more about the £3.4m Levelling Up projects for Alford Manor House and Windmill. The event highlighted the opportunities the projects will present for the town and wider district.



The next Levelling Up event will take place 7pm – 9pm on Thursday 6 July at Franklin Hall, Spilsby. Contact [Samantha.Phillips@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:Samantha.Phillips@e-lindsey.gov.uk) for more information.



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### Changing Places Toilets

£660,000 has been allocated to The South & East Lincolnshire's Councils Partnership by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to provide Changing Place Toilets. Within the allocation, East Lindsey District Council will receive £300,000 for up to 8 Changing Place Toilets. You can read more about the funding and the opportunity here: [Funding has been secured across The Partnership for Changing Place Toilets to improve toilet facilities for disabled people - South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership \(selcp.co.uk\)](#)

Would you like to find out more about any of the projects in this update? Please do get in touch with us: [Connected.Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:Connected.Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk)

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