



## Connected Coast Chair's Update: November 2023

We are looking forward to hosting our **exhibition events** which will be taking place later this month. These public events will allow us to showcase the multi-million pound investment and transformational projects that are being delivered for Skegness and Mablethorpe.

The events will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Haven Holiday Park in Skegness**, and on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Mablethorpe Library**.

At the events, attendees will be able to meet project leads and board members, and watch a film that highlights the progress so far, and what is still to come. People will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ask questions about the projects.

The drop-in part of the events will be followed by a chair's presentation and there will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions from **5.30pm – 6.30pm**. Anyone who wishes to attend the presentation can book their place by emailing [Connected.Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:Connected.Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk) or by calling 01507 613048.

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### SKEGNESS TOWN DEAL EXHIBITION EVENT

Friday 17th November 2023 in the Marina  
Stage Room - Haven Holiday Park,  
Richmond Dr, Skegness PE25 3TQ

2pm – 5.30pm: drop-in exhibition event  
Drop into our exhibition event to meet with project leads and board members and find out about the exciting Town Deal projects that are being delivered.

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### MABLETHORPE TOWN DEAL, EXHIBITION EVENT

Friday 24th November 2023 at Upstairs  
Community Space, Mablethorpe Library,  
Stanley Ave, Mablethorpe LN12 1DP

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### Annual report and films

We're currently preparing our annual reports for 2023, and as well as our publications, this year, we're also producing films which tell the Connected Coast Town Deal story for Skegness and Mablethorpe.

Over the last few weeks, we've been busy filming and finding out about the impact that the investment in both towns will have. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in these films and talked to us about the opportunities that exist for Skegness and Mablethorpe.

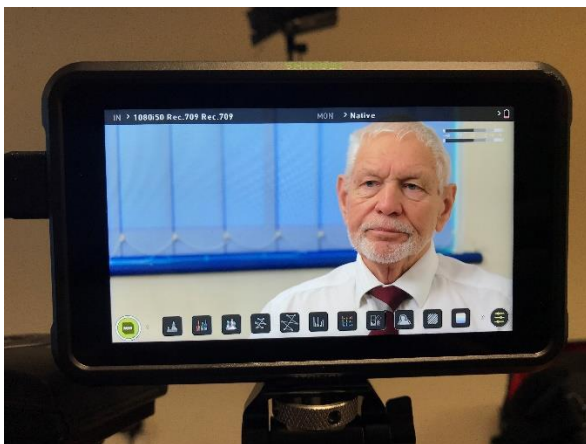
As highlighted in the previous article, we'll be sharing these films at our events later this month.







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We've been so pleased to have such great conversations as part of our filming. From left to right, Chris Baron, Councillor Craig Leyland, Victoria Atkins MP for Louth; Matt Warman, MP for Boston and Skegness; Councillor Graham Marsh, Councillor William Gray, Councillor Martin Foster, Councillor Steve Kirk, Councillor Richard Fry, Claire Draper, Fantasy Island; Adrian Clarke, Skegness TEC; Lauren Smith, East Midlands Railway; Stuart Hardy, Hardy's Animal Farm; Pollyanne Trapmore-Shaw, Embassy Theatre; Tracy Stringfellow, Heritage Lincolnshire; Kirsty James, National Trust; PCC Marc Jones, ACC Mayo, and Paul Maper, Magna Vitae. We have also captured some fantastic footage of the area which will be showcased in the films.



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### Campus for Future Living



*Photo: Lindum Group*

In October we marked a major construction milestone for the Campus for Future Living with a topping out ceremony to mark the completion of the roof.

The ceremony, which also saw MP Victoria Atkins lay a brick at the Campus, provided an opportunity for attendees to view the significant progress on the site since work began in February 2023.

The £8.6m Campus offers significant potential to improve the health and wellbeing for residents in Mablethorpe, the Lincolnshire coast and wider East Lindsey, and will include a main centre and research building as well as an accommodation block with en-suite facilities.

This is a hugely significant milestone for the Campus for Future Living and one that brings us a step closer to the site being operational.

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### Station Leisure and Learning Centre



Work on the Station Leisure and Learning Centre in Mablethorpe continues to progress well, with the building's cladding now underway.

The new leisure and learning facility is being built on the site of the current

Station Sports Centre in the town.

When it opens next year, the centre will include a four-lane swimming pool with a changing village and fitness suite.







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### Town Centre Transformation



This winter the first Town Centre Transformation projects will be delivered on Lumley Road. Heritage Lincolnshire has been working with local businesses and architects to gain planning permission for seven reinstated shopfronts. The first four have received planning permission and now have approval from the Grants Panel to proceed with the project with works set to be onsite imminently,

At Tower Gardens, plans are in place to reinstate the historic pleasure garden to its former glory through a scheme of hard landscaping and planting, as well as making accessibility improvements to the site so that it may be enjoyed by a greater range and diversity of people within the local community. Work is expected to start on site in the next few weeks.







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### **Skegness Interchange**

Work is beginning on phase 1 of the transformational redevelopment at Skegness Railway Station to completely reconfigure the layout of the station and improve passenger flow.

£3.3 million is being invested at Skegness railway station, funded by the Towns Fund, Network Rail and East Midlands Railway (EMR).

The works will be carried out by the principal contractor Taziker Ltd. and managed by EMR. Throughout the duration of the works, the station will be open as normal to any customers wishing to travel to / from Skegness railway station.

Phase 1 works will bring the unused building at the front of the station back into use after many years. The building will be transformed into new customer areas and new retail units. Further phases of works will continue throughout 2024.



### **National Trust Sandilands**

This autumn people are being offered the opportunity to explore National Trust Sandilands by taking part in their weekly wellness walks. The free guided tours are taking place on the fourth Monday of the month to explore the local public footpaths. Find out more [here](#).



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### Long Term Plan for Towns

The Government has announced that further funding will be made available to help to continue the work to improve and transform Skegness: [Long-Term Plan for Towns](#)

It is fantastic news that Skegness is set to benefit from this further funding, support, and development. Over £50Million of Towns Fund and matched funding has already been secured for Skegness and this represents a further and significant opportunity for Skegness, building on and aligning with the work that is being delivered through Towns Fund, Levelling Up funding, UKSPF, and the Cultural Development Fund.

The board is committed to delivering for Skegness and the Long Term Plan for Towns, together with the existing funding, will further enable the town to maximise its potential.



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### Levelling Up



At the end of September, we were pleased to hold our board meeting at Alford Windmill. The windmill is benefiting from Levelling Up Funding and is set to be restored and will once again become a prominent landmark and visitor attraction. You can find out more about Levelling Up projects [here](#).

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities has recently used the Levelling Up projects in East Lindsey as a case study. You can read this here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/east-lindsey-receives-over-8-million-for-its-heritage-assets-levelling-up-fund-2>

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)



Chris Baron  
Chair, Connected Coast Town Deal Board



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