



Connected Coast Chair's Update: September 2023

This summer has seen progress being made on a number of our projects. The new pool at the Leisure and Learning Hub in Mablethorpe has undergone its 'test fill' and I was pleased to see how the build at the Campus for Future Living is moving forward. It's also great to see that work is now getting underway on the Colonnade with the transformation of this much-loved site set to be completed next year. You can read more about these and more of our progress in this month's update.

The Colonnade

Work on the new Sutton on Sea Colonnade development got underway on 4th September with activity on site including the erection of fencing, arrival of cabins, relocation of some seating and the necessary removal for relocation of play equipment before full construction starts.

There will be some disruption and impact to access during the works, but the paddling pool will remain open for the rest of the season, and the public toilets will be available throughout the project.

The redevelopment of the Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens offers a unique opportunity to bring new facilities and opportunities to Sutton on Sea, and this important and exciting project is a priority for us.

The work beginning on the ground will deliver the improvements that will create a new future for the Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens, building on its heritage.



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Leisure and Learning Hub

August saw an important milestone for the Leisure and Learning Hub at Mablethorpe as the new public swimming pool was filled with water to test it.

Contractors ISG officially carried out the pool fill test at a special event. When completed, the swimming pool will be part of the new Station Leisure and Learning Centre that is under construction.



Work is running to schedule with the facility due to be completed in 2024.

This modern facility is set to play a crucial role in supporting local people's physical and mental wellbeing, bringing improved and new opportunities for leisure and learning to Mablethorpe. The hub is set to add to Mablethorpe's overall offer and will provide new reasons for people to spend time in the town centre.





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Campus for Future Living

Development of the Campus for Future Living is making great progress as the building takes shape in Mablethorpe.

A site visit this summer highlighted how the build is moving forward, with the steel frames and upper floor of the main building now in place.

Work started in February and contractors Lindum are scheduled to handover the Stanley Avenue site back to the Council in March 2024.



Our Chair Chris Baron with Cllr William Gray, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Better Ageing and Political Lead for the Campus for Future Living



In September, people supported by Linkage in Mablethorpe were given a tour of the Campus for Future Living construction site to see the work up close.

Linkage is a charity which supports people with learning disabilities across Lincolnshire by delivering specialist education, care, day services, employability support and much more.



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All of the adults who took part in the visit attend Linkage Choices or live at Linkage houses in Mablethorpe. After an introduction at the Lindum site cabin, the group were then shown around the construction site and saw machinery used for the build.



The Campus for Future Living has been featured as a case study to support the report 'A Better Future for Rural England: An Opportunity for Change' from The Rural Coalition. You can read the case study on page 5 here: [The-Rural-Coalition-Case-Studies.pdf \(acre.org.uk\)](#)



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Sutton on Sea Fun Day

Connected Coast was pleased to join the East Lindsey District Council team at the Sutton on Sea Fun Day which took place from 10am – 4pm on Sunday 27th August. The day saw entertainment and activities including stilt walkers, face painter, and arts and crafts sessions as well as market stall. It was a great opportunity to talk to people about the Colonnade and other Connected Coast projects.



UK Shared Prosperity Funding

The South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership has announced that 14 organisations, community groups, initiatives and events across the area have been awarded more than £1.2million from the third round of funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural Prosperity Fund. Let's Move East Lindsey is one of the beneficiaries in East Lindsey. This is a pilot programme focusing on signposting and communicating more than 150 opportunities for sport and physical activity via a digital platform to residents across East Lindsey, enabling them to live healthier and more active lives.

Coastal Special Interest Group visit

This month South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership hosted a visit from the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group, exploring Boston and East Lindsey to find out more about some of the transformational work and initiatives currently taking place in Lincolnshire



During the visit, the group spent time learning more about the area's major capital projects, including the Colonnade, the Campus for Future Living and the Embassy Theatre. The group also walked around the Skegness Foreshore Development.



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In the press

It was great to see Mablethorpe and the investment and projects – including Campus for Future Living, Leisure and Learning Hub, and the Colonnade – feature in the Express. Connected Coast was referenced and quoted in the article which you can read here: [The neglected UK seaside town finally being restored to its former glory | UK | News | Express.co.uk](https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1304286/neglected-uk-seaside-town-finally-being-restored-to-its-former-glory)

New Skills Pilot Launched in Skegness

Time to Learn and Chat is a new pilot scheme that will see four informal and friendly two-hour skills sessions that focus on building confidence and interest in working in the hospitality sector.

Based in Platform Housing's Community Hub in Skegness, the sessions aim to introduce participants to various skills used every day by Butlin's team members followed by a tour of Butlin's at a future date. The sessions are open to anyone, including Platform's tenants, and aim to support a positive mind set towards self-esteem and future employment.

Want to learn a new skill?

Why not join us for a TLC Session - Time to Learn and Chat?

You can learn new skills in an informal and relaxed way that could help you get a job working in a local tourism and hospitality role.

Staff from Butlin's will be on hand to:

- Chat with you.
- Share their knowledge and experience of working at Butlin's.
- Teach you some of the skills they use while working for this popular and well-known company.

You will also be offered the opportunity to:

- Go on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Skegness resort at a future date, to experience what it's like to be a Butlin's team member!
- Sign up for Platform's free online Stay Nimble careers coaching (Platform customers only).

Mocktail Making Class

Tuesday 19 September 2023 - 10.30am to 12.30pm

Secrets of Housekeeping

Tuesday 3 October 2023 - 10.30am to 12.30pm

Food Art Class

Tuesday 17 October 2023 - 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Face Painting Class

Children encouraged to come along

Tuesday 31 October 2023 - 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Location: Community Hub, 60 Clarke Way, Skegness, PE25 2SQ

To book any of the above sessions, visit or scan the QR code https://TLC_sessions_by_butlins.eventbrite.com

Spaces are limited, so book your free place now.

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Dates for your diary

We're planning our AGM and exhibition events which this year will be taking place from **2pm – 7pm on Friday 17th November at Tower Gardens Pavilion, Skegness** and from **2pm – 7pm on Friday 24th November at Mablethorpe Library**. The events will provide opportunities to find out more about our projects and progress over the last year. We will also launch our annual reports for the past year at these events.

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

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