



## Chair's update, July 2025

Hello,

It has been a busy couple of months and in this update I'm pleased to share details with you of the consultation and engagement that is well underway to shape multi-million pound funding that is coming into Skegness. If you are a local resident, please do have your say.

There have also been some significant milestones for projects with the Station Leisure and Learning Centre celebrating one year of operation, the Campus for Future Living hosting its official launch, and work completing on phase one at National Trust Sandilands. The Seaview Colonnade is also set to open its doors to welcome people in this summer.

As always, please do get in touch with us if you have any questions at all:

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Chris Baron, Chair

### Can you help to shape Skegness' future?

**Skegness is getting millions of pounds in government funding over the next 10 years.**

This is a big chance to make the town better for everyone.

The Skegness Neighbourhood Board wants to hear what people think so that this money can be spent where it can make a difference.

If you are a local resident, it's so easy to get involved:

- Fill in a short online survey and also enter a prize draw to win £100 in shopping

vouchers: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yourskegness>

**Have your Say!**

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**And we want to hear from you.**

\*Everyone who fills in the survey can enter a draw to win a £100 Love 2 Shop voucher.

**WIN a £100 Love 2 Shop voucher!**

Fill in our full survey here:

QR code

Please draw rules and prizes policy can be found here.

**WIN a £100 Love 2 Shop voucher**

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- There's also a survey just for under 25s with four prizes of shopping vouchers: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yourskegnessyoungpeople> Please do have your say in both surveys by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- Plus, there's a competition for 4-16 year olds to draw, paint, and create their perfect Skegness. There's a prize draw with six great prizes; entries should be photographed and emailed to Connected.[Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Find out all the ways to get involved [here](#)

### About Skegness Neighbourhood Board

The **Skegness Neighbourhood Board** has been set up to oversee the multi-million pound funding that is coming into the town through the Government's Plan for Neighbourhoods programme. It has been formed from the Skegness Sub-Group of the Connected Coast board and is chaired by Paul McCooey. The Board will continue to evolve in the coming months, and if you're passionate about Skegness and would like to find out more about joining the board, please do get in touch today

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Find out all about what's happening [here](#)



### News from Skegness

In May, the **Connected Coast Board** had the chance to see the impact of Towns Fund investment at the Embassy Theatre where extensive renovation works have taken place. We identified the refurbishment of this much-loved theatre as a priority for funding so that we could support a better arts and culture offer in the town for local people and visitors alike. Find out more [here](#)



The construction works at **Skegness Railway Station** began again at the end of June and are expected to carry on until early August. ProGen Services are the main contractor for this phase which will enable the newly refurbished Red Star waiting room to open.

Construction of the new Travelodge at the **Foreshore** is now complete and will be welcoming guests to enjoy Skegness very soon. The Board's support for the foreshore is about making sure that the potential of this area is realised for the benefit of local residents, visitors to the town, and the local economy.







### News from Mablethorpe

The new **Seaview Colonnade** is now open and will be offering a packed schedule of different activities, workshops and classes for all ages and interests to enjoy this summer. From Tuesday 29 July until Friday 5 September sessions will take place five days a week between Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the peak holiday period for families and visitors. The activities, which include a combination of walk-ins, new sessions from existing local groups and special workshops, cover a variety of interests including yoga, dance, theatre, puppetry, DJing and crafts. Find out more [here](#)



The Connected Coast team was pleased to take part in the **Campus for Future Living** launch open day on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Over 400 people attended on the day when there was an opportunity to meet with Acis Group and other partners to find out more about the



services and opportunities the campus will offer. The day was packed with free activities, including health checks, healthcare demos, food tastings, interactive stalls, and taster sessions showcasing the courses and support services available at the site. Find out more about the Campus for Future Living [here](#)



In addition, the University of Lincoln officially launched the Lincoln Institute for Rural and Coastal Health (LIRCH)—the UK's first dedicated research institute focused on tackling health inequalities in rural and coastal communities at the **Campus for Future Living** on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Launching the Institute at the Campus for Future Living underlines its commitment to research that is not only nationally significant but locally grounded. Speakers on the day were Professor Mark Gussy, Director of LIRCH, and Claire Woodward, Director of Community Investment at ACIS Group. The event was also supported by special guest Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England, who delivered a speech via live video before answering questions from the launch guests. Read more [here](#)





Happy birthday to the **Station Leisure and Learning Centre** which celebrated its first year of operation in July, and what a year it has been. In its first twelve months, there have been:

- 169,001 visitors;
- 1,542 active members;
- 188 joining the WaterWise programme;
- 1,285 people who have used EGYM equipment and app!

The Station Leisure and Learning Centre has had an incredible first year of operation and is making a real impact in Mablethorpe, supporting people's health and wellbeing and offering new leisure opportunities.

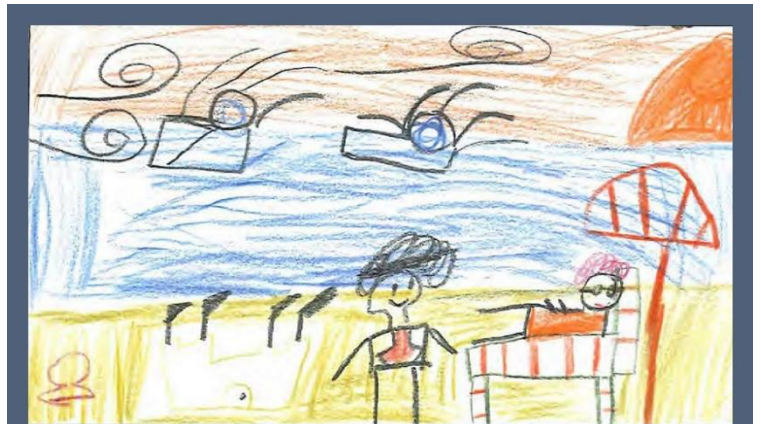


In June, members of the Connected Coast Board marked the end of phase one of the work at **National Trust Sandilands** and the beginning of phase two - which will see the construction of the new visitor hub. During the visit, we had the chance to have a tour of the site and get to experience all that it has to offer, bringing people closer to nature.





Postcards designed by young children that showcase **Mablethorpe** have been made available in the town. The seven different designs were created by the young children earlier in the year at our community exhibition event. A limited number of the postcards, which also include a QR code linking to a website where people can find out about the Connected Coast projects, are available for free from Station Leisure and Learning Centre, the Campus for Future Living, and National Trust Sandilands. Find out more [here](#).



Postcard designed by Olive Robson

*Just one of the colourful postcards designed by children that have been distributed in Mablethorpe*

### Lincolnshire Wolds Culture and Heritage Programme

Probus Construction has been awarded the contract to carry out the work at **Alford Manor House** and they are in active discussions with the Manor House Trustees to start the phased work.



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