



Chair's update, October 2025

Hello,

In this latest update, I am really pleased to share with you some exciting news for Skegness and Mablethorpe.

This month, the brand new **Skegness College** has opened its doors to students for the very first time. This is a hugely important milestone as the new college is our flagship project in Skegness with £14M Towns Fund investment.

Plus, September brought the great news that Mablethorpe is set to receive up to £20M in government funding through the **Pride in Place programme**. This is a fantastic opportunity to build on the work that has already taken place and deliver even more improvements for the town, working in partnership with local people.

You can read about this latest news, and more, in our update.

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

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Chris Baron, Chair

News from Skegness

Skegness College welcomes students!

On 6th October, the brand new **Skegness College** campus at Wainfleet Road opened its doors.

Jaydon, who studies plumbing, was the first student to step through the doors and said:

"This is a spectacular new campus for [us] to learn in! I'm excited to learn in the new workshop. It's nice to see how the college has turned out."

The new campus offers a variety of purpose-built facilities including a care flat and hospital ward, a hairdressing and beauty salon, motor vehicle, plumbing, electrical, and construction workshops, as well as business IT suites. Read more [here](#)





Photo by Ben Harrison Photography

Travelodge now open

The new leisure complex providing a new hotel, drive thru restaurant and EV charging facilities at the **Skegness**

Foreshore is now finished and open to guests. The Connected Coast Board has supported this project via a Town Deal grant to make this site suitable for development so that this once empty part of the Foreshore can

be put to good use for the benefit of local residents, visitors to the town, and the local economy.

Skegness Interchange

The waiting room at Skegness Interchange is being temporarily opened during half term from Saturday 25th October until Saturday 1st November. It will reopen permanently once the essential final works are completed to the room, ready to welcome passengers in.

Skegness Neighbourhood Board

Skegness Neighbourhood Board has been set up to oversee the multi-million pound Pride in Place (formerly Plan for Neighbourhoods) funding and plan for Skegness. This summer, the Board carried out consultation to find out people's views and ideas to shape the funding. This included an online survey, interview sessions in the town centre, a freepost feedback postcard, feedback boards in locations across the town, and a children's competition. Plus, 306 under 25s took part in a survey just for young people.

The image on the right shows what people said in the consultation.

Overall, around 1,100 separate pieces of feedback have been collected since 2024, and the engagement is carrying on with a survey taking place asking for thoughts on community services, health and wellbeing, and heritage. You can have your say [here](#) and community groups, charities, and organisations are also invited to submit expressions of interest for project ideas by 28th October. More details can be found [here](#)



Chris Baron, Chair, Connected Coast; Paul McCooey, Chair, Skegness Neighbourhood Board, and Jon Burgess, Programme Manager, East Lindsey District Council at East Coast Pride

Skegness Neighbourhood Board has also joined forces with East Coast Pride as its research partner. As part of this, the Board was at the East Coast Pride event in September, speaking to people and getting their views, and East Coast Pride has also carried out a survey on the Board's behalf.

**Would you like to be kept up to date with the plans for Skegness? Skegness Neighbourhood Board has a separate update – email hello@shapingskegnesstogether.co.uk to sign up to receive it*

News from Mablethorpe

Mablethorpe has been awarded £20 million of investment over the next decade through the government's **Pride in Place programme**.

This funding, which was also previously announced for Skegness, puts local people at the heart of decision-making, giving residents a direct say in how their town grows and develops over the coming years.



Photo by John Fielding

We are absolutely delighted that this funding has been announced, opening up another chapter of investment in the area, building on the significant work that has already taken place through the Towns Fund.

More details will be shared in the coming months. You can find out more about the programme [here](#)

National Trust Sandilands work progressing

The foundations have now been poured for the new café and welcome building at **National Trust Sandilands** as work moves forward on this new facility which is supported by the Towns Fund. The reinforced concrete raft has been carefully designed to suit the sandy coastal ground where the former



Clubhouse once stood and in the coming weeks and months, the new Sandilands café will start to take shape.

Campus for Future Living thriving

The **Campus for Future Living** is thriving as a community hub for the area, offering a range of services and playing host to a number of activities and groups. Work is also getting underway on the new community garden, with local people invited to get involved in the build.



Station Leisure and Learning Centre introduces inclusive swims

The **Station Leisure and Learning Centre** continues to be a popular and busy resource for the town, and has recently introduced inclusive swims as part of its offer. These are open swim sessions that aim to meet different needs so that everyone can make the most of the pool. Find out more [here](#)

Events programme at Seaview Colonnade

The **Seaview Colonnade** has been running a programme of events and activities since it opened its doors this summer. This has included arts and crafts, yoga, special 'eagle vision' sessions from the balcony, and a wellness day planned for November. Find out all about what's happening on the Seaview Colonnade Facebook page [here](#)



The circus at Seaview Colonnade

Town Centre Transformation in both towns

The **Town Centre Transformation** projects in Skegness and Mablethorpe are coming to an end and there will be further updates about the individual projects. In Skegness projects have transformed shops from Alisons near the train station to the Clock Tower. In Mablethorpe a significant project with balconies being added to the High Street that have enabled Empire Amusements, the Coffee Lounge and the Gift Shop to create great new outdoor space in the heart of the town.



Star Pizza and Kebab in Skegness and The Gift Shop in Mablethorpe

Lincolnshire Wolds Culture and Heritage Programme

The steel frame has arrived on site for the new function room at **Alford Manor House**.

Once the framework has been erected, the team will be able to begin laying bricks, completing the roofing.

During the construction of the new function room, the Manor House remains open for visitors.





Meanwhile, essential roofing works have begun at **Spilsby Sessions House**. These repairs will help weatherproof the building into winter to regulate temperatures throughout the building and stop further damage.

You can find out more about the works at Alford Manor House and Spilsby Sessions House [here](#)



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