



Chair's update, December 2025

Hello,

2025 has been a busy and successful year for both our towns with Skegness College, the Campus for Future Living, Seaview Colonnade, and the new Travelodge on Skegness foreshore all opening their doors this year. Plus, the improvement works at the Embassy Theatre were completed, offering theatre goers an even better experience, and the new visitor hub at National Trust Sandilands has started coming out of the ground and is progressing well.



Looking ahead, we have further opportunity to make a big difference for both towns through the Pride in Place funding, with both Skegness and Mablethorpe set to benefit from up to £20M each over a ten year period. The Pride in Place plans for Skegness have now been submitted to government, and we have a clear idea of next steps for Mablethorpe after it was announced this autumn that the town would also receive the £20M funding. We have much to look forward to in 2026, and beyond, along our connected coast.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your interest, feedback, and support in 2025 and on behalf of the Connected Coast Board, wish you a merry Christmas and happy new year.

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 Pride in Place Plans Submitted to Government

Plans for the multi-million pound Pride in Place funding in Skegness have been finished, approved by East Lindsey District Council Executive, and submitted to government.



Consultation was carried out in the Hildred's Centre this autumn

These plans – which include an exciting ten-year ambition for the town as well as themes for the funding for the first four years – have been directly shaped by feedback from local people. Over 1,200 consultation responses from different sources as well as many conversations have shown what really matters to people.

The plans set out themes for the funding of **Safe and Well**

Skegness; Skilled and Working Skegness; Connected Skegness; Leisure and Culture Skegness, and Natural Skegness. Together these will work to achieve an ambition for Skegness as *‘a place that works for its residents all year round’*.

The plans and the funding are being overseen in the town by Skegness Neighbourhood Board which brings together members from the public and private sectors, all with a shared commitment of working together for Skegness.

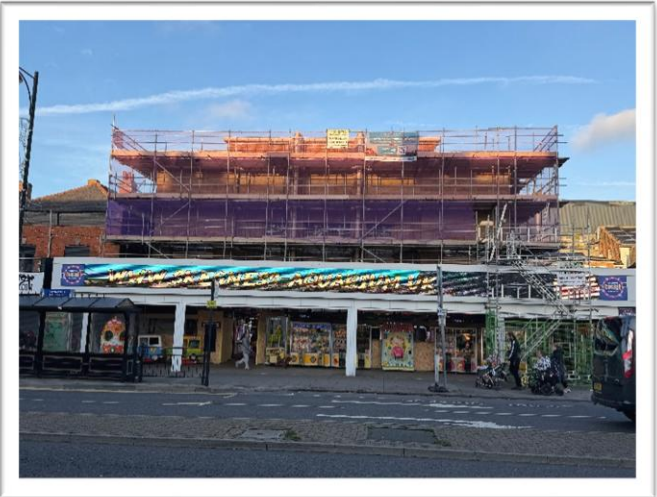
- Read the submission to government [here](#)
- Find out more about the consultation [here](#)
- Find out about Skegness Neighbourhood Board and its work [here](#)
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Tower Cinema improvements begin

Work to the exterior of Skegness' historic Tower Cinema is now taking place, supported by a grant through the Town Centre Transformation programme that is funded by the Towns Fund.

The cinema has been on Lumley Road for over 100 years and the improvements that are being carried out will make it more appealing and also highlight the arcade that is also part of the property.



The works that are taking place focus on the repair of the wall of the building that faces Lumley Road and will include repointing, repair of the windows, and improvements to the entrance and canopy.

Along with the revamp to the outside of the building, improvements are also being carried out and funded by owners Teen Spirit. All of the works taking place will mean an even better experience for cinemagoers.

Town Centre Transformation

The Town Centre Transformation programme is continuing to make an impact in the town. Along with the Tower Cinema works, funding for shopfront improvements to over 30 local businesses has been agreed. All of the first phase of projects have been completed and the next phase are due to start on site in the next month, so keep an eye out for scaffolding on Lumley Road.



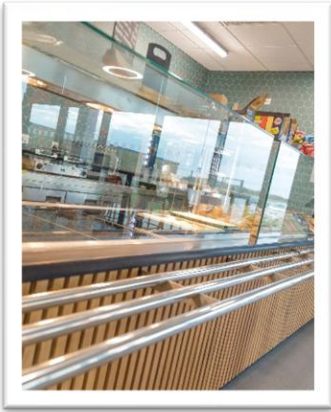
Alisons is one of the businesses on Lumley Road that has benefitted from the Town Centre Transformation programme

Skegness College

The brand new Skegness College campus opened on 6th October and is proving a hit with students who are enjoying the extensive facilities including modern learning spaces, relaxing chill-out areas, a fully equipped learning resource centre, a professional hair and beauty salon, a welcoming refectory, a dedicated wellbeing room,



and much more. We are looking forward to joining staff and students to mark the official launch of the new campus in January.



News from Mablethorpe

Pride in Place

In our last update, we let you know the great news that Mablethorpe has been awarded £20 million of investment through the government's Pride in Place programme. This funding will be invested in Mablethorpe over ten years from April 2027.

We've now had some more information about the funding and the timescales from the government.



Picture credit: John Fielding

In the next year, work will take place to set up a Mablethorpe Neighbourhood Board to oversee the funding and the plans, working with East Lindsey District Council. Also, a really important focus in the coming year will be finding out local people's views and ideas to shape the plans for this funding. The community is at the heart of how this money will be invested in Mablethorpe and there will be more information on how people can get involved in this exciting opportunity for the town in 2026. The plan for Mablethorpe has to be submitted to government by 28th November 2026. Watch this space – we'll keep you posted!

National Trust Sandilands

Work on the new visitor café building at National Trust Sandilands is moving forward well with the timber frame now in place and the services and utilities being prepared. This will be a space designed to welcome visitors and offer a place to pause and enjoy the stunning coastal views, a hub that celebrates nature and community.



Seaview Colonnade

A busy and varied programme of events is being run at the new Seaview Colonnade, including a number of Christmas elf workshops taking place to entertain and involve local people. You can follow the Seaview Colonnade on Facebook to keep up to date with all the events and activities being offered for the community: [Seaview Colonnade Facebook](#)



Campus for Future Living

The Campus for Future Living is also offering a range of events and activities for the community, focused on different themes. You can keep up to date with everything that's happening by giving the Campus a follow on their Facebook page [here](#)



Station Leisure and Learning Centre

There are also things to do this Christmas at the ever popular Station Leisure and Learning Centre too! The centre is offering a variety of swims and 'MagnaTag' gaming experience. Find out more [here](#)

Lincolnshire Wolds Culture and Heritage Programme

Works are progressing well on the new function space and workshop at **Alford Manor House**.

The works will create an event space which will allow a year-round use for the Manor House in providing a function space for at least 100 people. Alford Manor House remains open during the construction works.



Students from King Edward VI Academy visited **Spilsby Sessions House** this month to view the work which has been progressing. These students have expressed an interest in construction and trades work so were excited to see the progress of the works during their tour of the site. The improvements taking place will mean Spilsby Sessions House can thrive as a multi-purpose arts and culture facility.



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