



# Newsletter

North East Lincolnshire

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Community Safety Partnership

## Congratulations to Creative Start



Congratulations to Creative Start who have won the Investors in People Excellence in Building Purpose Driven Impact award for 2025. This new category celebrates organisations driven by purpose rather than profit, and Creative Start were honoured to be recognised in what was a very competitive category.

The awards brought together over 750 attendees, with 300 nominees representing more than 250 employers internationally, making this recognition even more meaningful.

Sarah Lumley, public health programme manager (substance use) said "I'm filled with pride, excitement for what lies ahead, and genuine awe at the energy and inspiration of the evening. It was a powerful reminder of the impact we can create when we lead with purpose."

Creative Start is changing how recovery is both perceived and achieved in our area. They continue to prove that some of the most stigmatised people in society can become the most valued, setting high ambitions and surpassing them. They stay committed to their mission, roll up their sleeves and get on with it.

This win belongs to Creative Start, to our recovery town, to the wider community of North East Lincolnshire, and to everyone who believes in chances, hope, and the power of creativity to transform lives. Thank you for everyone who has supported and continues to support the vision of recovery in NEL.



# New Lottery-Funded Football Sessions Kick Off Across the Borough

October marked the exciting launch of a new Lottery-funded football provision for young people aged 8–16, designed to support health and wellbeing through free weekly sessions.

Previously known as Fairplay, the programme's future name is currently under consultation, with young people themselves being the decision-makers to ensure the identity reflects their views, providing the voice of the child.

The programme offers age-specific groups:

- 8–12-year-olds
- 13–16-year-olds, with the older group enjoying the added opportunity to compete in quarterly tournaments.

Sessions are available at multiple venues, including: Cleethorpes Community Sports and Education (Trin), Fusion Centre, YMCA Kent Street, YMCA Clee Fields, and Oasis Immingham, West Marsh Community Centre, and Shalom Grant Thorold Park, supported by Grimsby Town Football Foundation coaches.

The launch night was a huge success, bringing together eight teams for a thrilling competition. After an intense penalty shoot-out, Oasis Immingham Team 1 claimed victory, narrowly beating Fusion to become the first winners of the year.



## New Health & Wellbeing Support for Young People (Ages 17–24)

North East Lincolnshire Council is excited to announce a new funded initiative designed to help young people aged 17–24 improve their health, wellbeing, and life skills.

This provision offers five hours of weekly support, including:

- 2 hours of physical activity
- 1 hour focused on health and hygiene
- 2 hours dedicated to functional skills

While an initial cohort has already been identified, there is scope to expand to any person aged between 17–24. Delivery partners include YMCA, Fusion, and Cleethorpes Sports and Education (Trin).

For more information email [spocfairplay@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:spocfairplay@nelincs.gov.uk)



## VANEL engages with local communities

Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire (VANEL) has been busy connecting with residents through community safety stands at recent local events.

In October, VANEL hosted an information stand at the Older People's Advice Day at Cleethorpes Memorial Hall, offering guidance and resources to attendees. Later that month, they joined the Pumpkin Family Fun Day at the Grange Community Centre, organised by Lincolnshire Housing Partnership (LHP). Working alongside the Police, Fire Service, and South Ward Councillors, VANEL provided advice, discussed community concerns, and handed out free safety items such as alarms.

Early November saw VANEL organise a larger Community Safety Event at their Grimsby Road offices. Sponsored by Sidney Sussex Ward Councillors, the event brought together partners including Victim Support, local Police, and Neighbourhood Watch to share advice and engage with residents. VANEL also continues to host regular Police drop-in sessions at 82 Grimsby Road to support the community.

For more information visit <https://vanel.org.uk/vanel/>



## Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Partnership welcomes Chief Superintendent Sharon Philpott to the role of Divisional Commander and the chair of our board. We also record our appreciation to Superintendent Paul French who has moved to a new role.

This quarter we received an update on Grimsby's Horizon Youth Zone which is due to launch in February. The Youth Zone is supported by the wider borough youth offer – working in partnership with local statutory and voluntary organisations to deliver a huge array of activities and support to our young people.

We also heard about Humberside Police's response to tackling serious violence, knife crime and anti-social behaviour, through high visibility foot patrols to engage with our communities and offer reassurance.



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### How you can be involved

- My CommunityAlert is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, and Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, giving you live information about incidents happening in your area. Sign up at <https://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk/>
- ShedSolve is a website that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without going in your neighbourhood. This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism. As well as this, you can also report a crime or a safety issue by submitting a report online. Visit <https://www.shedsolve.co.uk/> to report a crime or a safety issue.
- Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme for fighting major crimes, residents and communities across North East Lincolnshire together in ways that strengthen our local communities and make them safer and stronger. Join a Neighbourhood Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, or other local watch group by visiting [www.neighbourhoodwatch.co.uk/](https://www.neighbourhoodwatch.co.uk/)
- Follow the Community Safety Partnership on Twitter @NECPolice or on LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/northeast-lincolnshire-community-safety-partnership/>. You can also contact us via email at [neecp@neecp.org.uk](mailto:neecp@neecp.org.uk)
- Please note that these are non-emergency methods of communication. For an immediate response where life is in danger, when someone is being used or threatened, or when a crime is in progress, use 999. For all other non-emergency police matters please call 101.

And finally, our new strategic plan is in the design phase – look out for the final version in the next newsletter!





## Fire safety in action

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service prevention team and firefighters have been out in the community to raise awareness of FireStoppers, where your information can make a real difference.

FireStoppers is a UK initiative run by the charity Crimestoppers that allows people to anonymously report information about deliberate fire-setting or arson to help prevent harm and keep communities safe

If you have any information about deliberate fires, report it anonymously to FireStoppers:

0800 169 5558

[www.firestoppersreport.co.uk](http://www.firestoppersreport.co.uk)



## Cleethorpes 999 day

Humberside Fire & Rescue Service was proud to be part of Cleethorpes 999 Day, joining fellow emergency services to connect with the community and celebrate the incredible work they all do.

Prevention Advisors Georgia and John had the pleasure of meeting the Lincolnshire High Sheriff, David Chambers DL, and Dave Cave of Humberside Police, the organiser behind the event.



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## Volunteer with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner



The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Humberside has announced a recruitment drive for volunteers to join the Independent Custody Visitor (ICV) scheme in North East Lincolnshire.

Becoming a custody visitor allows you to contribute to your community by providing independent oversight of police activities. As a ICV you would visit the police custody suite in Grimsby to check on the welfare of detainees and ensure their rights are upheld. The scheme aims to promote transparency and public confidence in policing.

Anyone can apply, the OPCC is looking for individuals from all backgrounds. Training will be provided.

For more information visit

<https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/volunteering/independent-custody-visiting-scheme>

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