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# Winners announced at the Greater Lincolnshire Construction and Property Awards 2020



2020 winners

**BY CHARLOTTE WATSON**

**Waldeck Consulting, EV Camel, YMCA Lincolnshire and Pygott & Crone were just some of the winners at the fourth annual Greater Lincolnshire Construction & Property Awards.**

Nearly 400 people gathered to celebrate the Construction and Property sector in Lincolnshire at the Doubletree by Hilton in Lincoln on February 6.

Guests arrived at these prestigious awards, sponsored by Lambert Smith Hampton and were welcomed by guest speaker, Soccer Saturday star, Jeff Stelling.

Jeff entertained the audience with a slight twist on the well-known heads or tails game and stories of his career.

A special edition to the 2020 awards was the Greater Lincolnshire Ambassador award which recognises individuals in the

construction and property industry who go above and beyond the core of their day job and Gary Headland, Chair of Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce was delighted to award Tim Downing of Pygott & Crone the accolade.

The awards also helped raise over £3,000 for our awards chosen charity, YMCA Lincolnshire.

Simon Beardsley, Chief Executive at the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce spoke about the awards saying:

"It's been another fantastic year not just for the construction and property businesses across Greater Lincolnshire but also for this event, and I would like to firstly say a huge congratulations and well done to all finalists and winners this year.

"A huge thank you also goes out to City

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## THE WINNERS

**Agent of the Year – Sponsored by Willmott Dixon  
Pygott & Crone**

**Apprentice/Young Achiever of the Year – Sponsored by Interserve  
Adrienne Donaldson, Willmott Dixon**

**Consultancy of the Year – Sponsored by Delta Simons  
Waldeck Consulting**

**Development Project (up to £5 million) – Sponsored by Roythornes Solicitors  
Altitude44 by BSP Consulting and LK2**

**Development Project (over £5 million) – Sponsored by Cartwright Communications  
Lincolnshire Blue Light Campus by Willmott Dixon**

**Innovation in Property & Construction – sponsored by Chattertons  
Project Compass by EV Camel**

**Product Supplier of the Year – Sponsored by Wilkin Chapman  
Lincoln Security**

**Residential Development of the Year – Sponsored by Rizk McCay  
Nomad Centre by YMCA Lincolnshire**





## A note from Simon Beardsley CEO of Lincolnshire Chamber

How are we in the third month of a new decade already? Time really does fly!

This month we are showcasing all things construction (with some added extras). There are some great stories in this month's Chamber Matters, including features from Banks Long & Co, Greater Lincolnshire LEP and Lincoln BIG.

There is a lot to be said about the construction and property industry here in our county, and we should all be proud of what we have achieved.

We're a county that embraces its strong heritage and history, and we have a great team of builders, designers, construction workers and engineers all helping to develop our infrastructure – making Lincolnshire a magnificent place to visit, live and work. This issue is a tribute to all of you out there who help make this happen.

February is always a fantastic month for us as we celebrate all that is great in the construction and property industry at our annual Greater Lincolnshire Construction and Property Awards, which saw nearly 400 businesses in attendance at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lincoln.

Make sure you keep up to date with us at [www.lincs-chamber.co.uk](http://www.lincs-chamber.co.uk) Until next time.



Agent of the Year, sponsored by Willmott Dixon. Winner: Pygott & Crone

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of Lincoln Council, Longhurst Group, Viridis Building Services, RG Carter and DoubleTree by Hilton in Lincoln for sponsoring the table wine, programmes, drinks reception, goodie

bags, hard hat and pens and the venue.

"We are already looking forward to planning the next big event in 2021, which is set to take place on Thursday, February 4."

Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, the awards judges and steering group would like

to thank all sponsors for their generosity and everyone else involved who helped.

Head to the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce website to look out for upcoming Construction network events taking place on the third Tuesday of every month.



Apprentice/Young Achiever of the Year, sponsored by Interserve Construction. Winner: Adrienne Donaldson from Willmott Dixon



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Residential Project of the Year, sponsored by Rizk McCay. Winner: Nomad Centre – YMCA Lincolnshire



## Shooting Star pledges support for mental health charity

The Bearded Fishermen Rick Roberts and Mick Leyland have been chosen as award-winning PR and marketing agency Shooting Star's Charity of the Year for 2020.

Following their own personal mental health battles, the two keen anglers realised there was a lack of support available and decided to launch their own charity in October last year.

The pair hope that working with Shooting Star over the course of 2020 will enable them to raise the charity's profile and reach more people as a result. The agency will work for the charity on a pro bono basis throughout the year providing them with PR, marketing, online and event support.

"We've got lots planned for the Bearded Fishermen this year," explained Rick. "We're hoping to organise more events, broaden our reach and further expand the services we currently offer."

"We are thrilled that the team at Shooting Star will be supporting us with future events, our first being a black-tie fundraiser we're in the early stages of organising."

The charity also runs a weekly 'befriending' support group at Connexions Community Hub in Gainsborough on a Tuesday evening. Visitors are free to drop in, speak in confidence and get help and advice on a range of issues ranging from depression to financial hardship.



Rick said: "Our dream is to own our own support hub, manned by a number of volunteers, that allows us to offer a safe space. It takes a lot of courage for someone to ask for help, so we want to make ourselves as approachable as possible. Having a space of our own that allows us to offer this is our end goal."

Jez Ashberry, Shooting Star Director, commented: "We had 33 compelling entries this year, the highest number of applications we've received to date! We're delighted to be able to offer the Bearded Fishermen the support needed to help them grow, and most importantly, make a difference."

## Trade counter development gets the go-ahead

More job opportunities are promised for Boston later this year, after the town's planners gave the go-ahead for further industrial development.

South Street Capital, on behalf of private investors, received planning consent for a new trade counter development at the Boston Trade Park in Norfolk Street. The site lies about one mile north of the town centre.

Lincoln-based John Roberts Architects secured the planning consent for South Street Capital and the Lincoln offices of chartered surveyors Banks Long & Co and Lambert Smith Hampton will market the scheme.

The high-quality trade park scheme will comprise 35,000 sq ft of space, made-up of 11 units, ranging in size from 2,750 sq ft to 4,500 sq ft. It will feature two terraces based at the front of the site, next to Screwfix and accessed from Norfolk Street.

Boston Trade Park is already home



to well-known companies, including Screwfix, Rexel, Crown Paints, Edmundson Electrical, Howdens and Euro Car Parts. A number of units within the new scheme are also already reserved for other trade counter occupiers.

Work on the expansion scheme is due to start on site in April.

Banks Long & Co Associate Director James Hall said: "Now planning permission has been granted, our client can commence construction of the trade park. The new units will be ready for occupation this Autumn."

Lambert Smith Hampton Associate Director Andrew France said: "We anticipate a good level of demand for the units, from both national and regional occupiers."

## Game produces a boost for charity



Monopoly players have championed the work of an equine charity with a donation of £700.

Property professionals who took part in the 38th Lincoln Monopoly Championship - sponsored by R W Stokes and Sons and Banks Long & Co - presented the proceeds of their annual game to Bransby Horses.

The welcome funding boost came just weeks after the charity faced exceptional, and unexpected, costs when it was forced to move 42 horses in January to land at Barlings, near Langworth, after its own pastureland was affected by the recent heavy flooding.

The 2019 competition took place at The Lawn. First round matches were played in The Blue Room, with tables kindly loaned

by Ole Ole and the final was held in the Lawn Café.

Five of the six finalists were Chartered Surveyors. They included Rob Maplettoft from the Valuation Office, Jane Hiles from the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, Sam Heathershaw from Lincolnshire Co-op's property team, James Marshall from Kier Consulting and Lincolnshire RICS' spokesman Andy Hey. The sixth finalist was Jonathan Hunter, a senior project manager with the Lindum Group.

The competition was typically cut-throat, but under the calming influence of celebrity banker Malcolm Thompson (Lincoln City Radio) and proving that winning at Monopoly is not all down to luck, the 2019 champion, for a record fourth time, was Andy Hey.

## Beauty BLVD launch in New York



Beauty BLVD, the 'ooh Inspiring' multi award winning cosmetics brand, are super proud to announce their launch into the US market.

Drink Proof, Kiss Proof and Party Proof cosmetics are now ready for launch into the US beauty space with an explosion of glamour & glitter!

BeautyBLVD - founded in 2013 with the 'Original' Glitter Lips Kit, the most exciting and attention grabbing innovation in cosmetic lip make up, adding much needed sparkle to the lacklustre product selection available in the market at the time.

BeautyBLVD continues to grow rapidly, successfully penetrating and establishing strong, growing retail presence in the UK, Italy, France and most recently the exclusive Dubai marketplace.

Six years on, the brand continues to grow and expand into the cosmetics

market through the launch of their Vegan Mattitude Lip Liquid, Diamond Lip Gloss, and most recently the stunning range of Molten Metal Glitter Eyeshadows.

Major retail stockists such as Boots and Superdrug, along with numerous airlines across the globe, it's no wonder that BeautyBLVD has been nominated and won such awards as Amazon Micro Business of the year, Business Masters Winner 2019 & Start-Up Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2018.

Paula Short, Co-Founder of Beauty BLVD, said: "From our initial idea and sales within our own Hair and Beauty salon, to supplying some of the largest retailers in the world, this has been one of the most exciting, fun and exhilarating adventures of my life. I cannot wait to see what we can achieve in the USA - it's beyond my wildest expectations."





## Shop front restoration project to be completed next month

Work is well under way for the restoration of a prominent row of shops in Sleaford by Lincolnshire-based Duncan & Toplis.

Duncan & Toplis is enhancing one of the approaches to the £1.2m Heart of Sleaford regeneration project.

Northgate forms one of the main commercial streets through the centre of Sleaford and has been on Heritage England's Heritage "At Risk" List since 2014.

Now, the shop fronts of 10-16 Northgate are being restored to a traditional Victorian design to make the area more attractive and to protect the area's heritage.

The buildings, which are owned by Duncan & Toplis, are currently occupied by a laundrette, a nail bar and a barber. Each of these businesses will have their shop frontages remodelled to appear as they did in the Victorian era.

Similar work has been carried out previously at Duncan & Toplis' office at 18 Northgate.

Duncan & Toplis Director, Simon Syddall

who is also a member of the Sleaford Regeneration Group said: "This area has a lot of character and a rich heritage which has been lost a little in recent years. Our Sleaford Shopfront Scheme will bring this row of shops back to its former glory, making Sleaford a more attractive and more appealing place to explore."

"Duncan & Toplis has invested in Sleaford and supported its businesses and community for decades, but we've never been part of a project which could bring about such significant physical change."

The Sleaford Shop Front Scheme is being funded by Duncan & Toplis with the support of grant funding from Heritage England and with the support of North Kesteven District Council and Sleaford Town Council.

Similar work is taking place across 16 historic buildings in the town in total with the support of the Historic Shop Front Grant Scheme. This includes buildings at Market Place and elsewhere along Northgate.

## Local print and design company raises nearly £250 to St Barnabas Hospice

Visual Print and Design, an award-winning print and design company based in North Hykeham, have raised much needed funds for St Barnabas Lincolnshire Hospice as part of their 2019 Christmas campaign.

Due to sales achieved by their '12 Days of Printmas' campaign, where companies could make savings on orders placed during December, Visual Print and Design have been able to make a donation of £247.53 to St Barnabas Hospice, an independent Hospice charity that provides free, specialist palliative care for everyone in Lincolnshire.

All money raised will go towards helping to support more than 10,500 people across Lincolnshire affected by a life-limiting or terminal condition such as funding 49 three-course meal for one

of their patients in their Inpatient Unit or allowing St Barnabas Hospice to care for a patient in their own home for 20 hours.

Caroline Swindin, Corporate & Community Lead of St Barnabas Hospice said: "Thank you to Visual Print and Design for raising money and for choosing to support St Barnabas in this way. We really appreciate this; your donation will help to make a real difference to the care and support St Barnabas provides."

Scott Jones, Head of Operations at Visual Print and Design said: "We're delighted to have been able to raise nearly £250 for St Barnabas Hospice as part of our 12 Days of Printmas campaign. We hope this money can help them continue to do the amazing work they do every single day."



## First class students celebrate accountancy qualification

Forrester Boyd Chartered Accountants are delighted that Ellie Robinson and Emma De Halle have passed the final examination in the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and are now fully qualified chartered certified accountants adding more valuable members to the growing team.

Ellie, a former Humberston Academy student, joined the practice's Grimsby office in 2014 as a trainee. She is looking forward to developing her relationships further with clients and professionals and the opportunity to



take on more responsibility.

During her training Ellie has gained experience in accounts preparation, auditing, payroll, bookkeeping,

management accounts and corporation and personal tax.

Ellie said: "I feel passionate about being able to deliver a helpful service in a timely manner to clients and making myself approachable."

Working in the Louth office is Emma De Halle, another former Humberston Academy student, who joined the practice in 2014.

During her 4 year training programme, Emma has been working within the Agricultural sector with the team in the Louth office developing her skills and knowledge in this area.

Emma said: "I mainly provide services to agricultural clients, however I do also work with a varied portfolio of clients. This includes carrying out audit services where I enjoy visiting clients' premises, meeting new people and understanding how our clients operate."

Forrester Boyd's HR Manager, Chantelle Rogers, said "We are delighted to add another two qualified Chartered Certified Accountants to our exceptional teams. Emma and Ellie have worked extremely hard to get to this point. Both should be extremely proud of this fantastic achievement."



# Studio 11 Architecture continues to successfully gain planning permission across Lincolnshire

Studio 11 Architecture has a reputation for taking on a challenge when it comes to planning from homes in the open countryside and zero-carbon homes to self-build plots outside of the settlement boundary and numerous housing developments all over the county.

2019 saw a significant year of success for Studio 11 Architecture winning two awards, securing planning victories for a number of challenging sites in the county and gaining a Civil Engineer, bringing their vision of a total design solution for all clients to the forefront.

"Having a complete design team in house means clients can be confident of costings during their project and the stress of appointing a number of consultants can be taken away and considered on day one. Planning, Energy assessments, Structural and Civil Engineering, Architectural and technical design can all be taken care of by our in-house team and we are able to collaborate during the design process ensuring the best design and solutions for our clients." Says Director, Kris Baxter.

The Multi-Disciplinary nature of the Practice means whatever the size of your



project or development, it will be in capable hands with the Studio 11 team. Their experience and knowledge allow us to take our clients brief, develop

the design and deliver their project successfully with the level of service our clients expect and deserve.

If you have a project in mind, we

would love to hear from you, get in touch to arrange a complementary consultation today.

[www.studio11architecture.co.uk](http://www.studio11architecture.co.uk)

## Conference will shine a spotlight on skills

To help businesses get ready for the future workplace the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership will stage its first ever Skills Conference on Thursday, March 19 at the Lincolnshire Showground.

The LEP Skills Conference will dispel some myths relating to apprenticeships, provide advice and tips on recruiting staff and help delegates engage with schools, colleges and universities.

The keynote speaker will be employment guru Dr Paul Redmond, Director of Student Experience and Enhancement at the University of Liverpool and one of the UK's leading experts on the graduate employment market.

The conference is focused on the businesses delegate, as well as schools, colleges, training providers, universities, local authorities, career leaders, politicians, civil servants and policy makers.

Its key theme will be delivering skills to businesses to drive economic growth and it will feature keynote speakers, strategic panel discussions and debate, and skills demonstrations in the brand new Skills Showcase.

The panel discussions will cover a range of topics such as employers' skills needs, apprenticeships



Paul Redmond

Recruitment, careers advice and information.

Hosting the conference will be Pat Doody from NatWest, currently Interim Chair of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP.

He will be joined by a range of guest speakers and panellists from the business community alongside skills experts to discuss the hot topics related to the future of skills and how employers can prepare themselves for a changing workplace.

The LEP Skills Conference runs from 8.30am until 1.30pm on Thursday, March 19 and is free to attend. To register your place visit Eventbrite and search for the event.

## HS2 Supply Chain Event



HS2 is creating thousands of contract opportunities in its supply chain and Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce has brought together HS2 and other experts for a unique event.

**26th March 2020**  
**10.00am - 13.00pm**  
**Lincoln City Football Club**

Members FREE  
Non-Members £18.00

To book:  
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# New Larkfleet show home opens at Deeping Meadow

Lincolnshire-based housebuilder Larkfleet Homes officially opened a new show home at its Deeping Meadow development in Market Deeping.

The opening of the show home opened on Friday, February 14 where the ribbon was cut by Larkfleet Homes CEO Karl Hick. The public were invited to join local dignitaries at the opening celebrations and to take a look at the house.

The show house will give prospective buyers the opportunity to experience a 'real life' version of their potential new home and includes features such as family rooms, open plan living areas, luxury dining, bathrooms and spacious bedrooms.

Deeping Meadow is a brand-new

## LarkfleetHomes

development of 2, 3 and 4-bedroom houses on the edge of the Lincolnshire market town of Market Deeping. It will provide 67 new homes, including 23 affordable properties developed in partnership with Legal and General Affordable Homes Ltd. A unique selling point for this new development is the combination of the charm of rural living with easy access to all the amenities that the bustling market town has to offer.

The official opening gave local estate

agents, solicitors, mortgage advisors and potential customers a chance to see for themselves the quality and finish of Larkfleet Homes' newest development.

Karl Hick said: "We are so pleased with the finish of the show home and view home at Deeping Meadow. This development ticks so many boxes. Not only are there four good-sized bedrooms but there's an en-suite, an open plan kitchen and dining room, a separate living room with en-suite to the master bedroom, and a downstairs toilet.

"Many of the homes on this development have already been reserved off plan. There are 3-bedroom homes ideal for first time buyers and 4-bedroom properties to suit second time movers;

family housing available for sale starting from £241,995 with new releases imminent.

"We continue to deliver high quality homes that meet the urgent need for new housing that will enable people to 'get a foot on the property ladder' or move on up to larger properties".

Deeping Meadow is set on the outskirts of the historic town of Market Deeping, providing a unique atmosphere while maintaining good transport links to the city of Peterborough. The East Coast main line runs through Peterborough and London is just 50 minutes away by train.

Following the official opening the show home will be open seven days a week between 10am and 3pm.

## Help your local air ambulance with an overseas charity challenge

The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance is offering supporters the chance to take part in one of two incredible overseas challenges to help raise money for the life-saving service.

Adrenaline junkies can choose to take on either the Moroccan 3 Peaks Challenge, or the Kili 2 Coast cycle challenge.

The awe-inspiring trek across the Moroccan 3 Peaks, which will take 5 days to complete, will see participants reaching breath taking heights that host some of the most spectacular views.

Avid cyclists are encouraged to take on the Charity's Kili 2 Coast cycle challenge, which will see riders take on the 430km route over 6 days. Participants will begin their journey from the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, before heading out towards the tropical paradise of the Indian Ocean.

Karen Carter, Area Fundraising Manager at the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, said: "Our overseas challenges for 2020 offer our supporters the chance to do something

amazing and an experience that they'll never forget.

"The Morocco 3 Peaks Challenge and Kili 2 Coast cycle challenge are both once-in-a-lifetime opportunities... Who knows what you will see along the way? What is even more special about taking part in a challenge like this is the people you'll meet and the life-long friendships you will form.

"As a Charity, we receive no direct Government funding, so challenges like this are truly valuable in helping us raise vital funds."

Rob Fillmer, Paramedic at Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, added: "I am so proud to be part of the LNAA, we are only here because of our incredible supporters who take on challenges like these to raise the funds we need to keep our helicopter in the sky."

To find out more, visit [www.ambucopter.org.uk](http://www.ambucopter.org.uk), call 01522 548469 or email [challenges@ambucopter.org.uk](mailto:challenges@ambucopter.org.uk).



Rob Fillmer

# LIVES. SAVING LIVES FOR 50 YEARS

LIVES is celebrating 50 years of responding to 999 emergencies and helping to save the lives of thousands of patients across Lincolnshire

We don't want to imagine our county without the expertise of our volunteers and medics, and that is only possible with your support. LIVES has grown a

great deal since 1970, where two local doctors realised a need to support our rural communities; but when minutes matter, 50 years later they are still there. Their skilled volunteers can be there in those first golden minutes, attending a wide range of emergencies from Cardiac Arrest to Road Traffic Collisions.

It is only through public donations that LIVES is able to provide this service and fund the training and equipment for the army of Community First Responders and Medics across Lincolnshire. We're asking everyone to help support our 50th Anniversary by volunteering to become a Community First Responder, taking part

in a fundraising event, spreading the word about LIVES your local community or by making a donation.

You can contact the fundraising team on [fundraising@lives.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@lives.org.uk) or call 01507 525 999

We've saved lives for 50 years, together we can save more.



## Make An Entrance to Support YMCA Lincolnshire in 2020

Lincoln-based doormat specialist Make An Entrance has chosen YMCA Lincolnshire as its Charity of the Year for 2020 – and is pledging to donate all the money it raises from a series of fundraising events this year to the charity.

Historically, members of the team have all taken part in individual fundraising activities, but this will be the first time that the whole company has committed to supporting a Charity of the Year.

This year's official partnership will support the YMCA with vital funding for the services and facilities that it delivers within Lincolnshire, including 24-hour emergency overnight accommodation, housing, day care, youth work and training.

Caroline Killeavy, Chief Executive Officer at YMCA Lincolnshire, said: "We are so grateful to Make An Entrance. As a charity, we rely heavily on donations to run our services and facilities such



Caroline Killeavy, Chief Executive Officer of YMCA Lincolnshire (left) with Samantha Burlton, Director of Make An Entrance (right)

as the Nomad Centre, which is the only permanent direct-access homeless provision in Lincolnshire."

Samantha Burlton, Director at Make An Entrance, said: "Giving back to worthy causes and supporting our local community is an important part of our business."

"It boosts team morale and helps staff to see the rewards of their hard work throughout the year."

"We've been so impressed by the facilities that are provided at the new Nomad Centre that we've made it our aim to raise enough money to eventually be able to sponsor a room."

"We've already signed up to take part in various activities throughout the year to raise our target including YMCA's Sleep Easy in March, the Lincoln 10K, the Great North Run and the 2020 Lincoln Santa Fun Run later in the year."

To donate to their fundraising efforts visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/make-an-entrance](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/make-an-entrance)

## Announcements for the senior management team at Ringrose Law Solicitors

Paul Cooper, Senior Partner and Christine Pickwell, Partner at Ringrose Law have both announced their retirement from the firm from April 30, 2020.

Partner and Head of the Personal Injury & Medical Negligence Team, John Knight, will be stepping up to the role of Senior Partner effective from May 1, 2020.

The changes mark the end of an era, with Paul Cooper and Christine Pickwell having both been Partners in the firm since the 1980s.

Paul was made a Partner of Ringrose Law in 1986 and has taken on management responsibilities ever since. He has been Head of the Family Department and an accredited Family Mediator for many years with past accreditations for Mental Health Tribunal work and Personal Injury.

Christine has also established an excellent reputation in the County in the Family Law and Family Mediation arena. Christine has been practising in Family Law since the early 1980s and was the first female Partner since the merger of Adie Pickwell & Ringrose & Co in 1989.

As the firm wishes good luck to Paul and Christine, it also looks forward to the appointment of John Knight as Senior Partner.

John Knight comments: "I would like to add my personal thanks, and those of the rest of the Partners, to both Paul and



Paul Cooper and Christine Pickwell with John Knight, centre.

Christine for the tremendous amount of service they have given to Ringrose Law over the years. Their contribution to the success of the firm has been invaluable."

John joined the firm in 2003 and soon became Partner and in due course Head of the Personal Injury and Medical

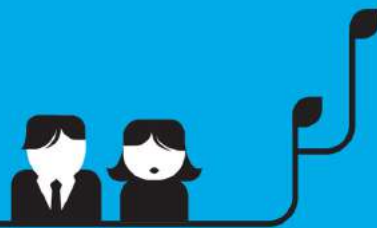
Negligence Teams.

As well as his management role, John acts for clients with complex and serious injuries, alongside taking a very active Trustee role with the Charity Headway Lincolnshire, supporting survivors of Brain Injury.

As well as the appointment of John to Senior Partner, the firm is also delighted to announce further promotions to the Partnership and welcomes Solicitors Richard Teare, Costa Kyriacou, Kelly Langworthy, Amanda Green and Emma McGrath to the Partnership with immediate effect.



# Welcome to our new members



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## Experts advised business leaders at local climate change panel

We need to 'reboot our thinking' and 'influence change' were two of the key messages to be delivered at a local climate change expert panel in Lincoln on January 15.

Hosted by the Chair of Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, Gary Headland at the recent Lincolnshire Business Expo, the panel provided the audience with academic, business and local authority perspectives.

The panel discussion, titled 'As business leaders, are we leading the fight against climate change?' was the first event hosted by Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce and consisted of panel members:

Panel Chair – **Gary Headland**, Chair of Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce.

**Professor Libby John**, Pro Vice Chancellor/Head of College of Science & Engineering at University of Lincoln.

**Richard Jones**, Managing Director of EV Camel and Amelio Energy and Chamber Assembly ambassador for a low carbon future.

**Steff Wright**, Chief Executive of Gusto Group.

**Councillor Ric Metcalfe**, Leader of the City of Lincoln Council.

Professor Libby John, a specialist in plant ecology, made reference to Eunice Foote, the first scientist being to discover the warming effect created by an increase in Co2 in 1856, after reinforcing the message; "We are lucky to live here on this amazing planet, there is no planet B - trouble lies ahead....fires, droughts and extreme weather – we need to mitigate and adapt."

Richard Jones, Chamber Assembly ambassador for a low carbon economy, said we want to work with businesses and the City of Lincoln Climate Commission to



raise awareness of this vitally important topic.

Addressing results found from a recent survey, Richard explained "Reducing printing, online meetings, digitising archives and digital only workspace are the top four measures being undertaken by businesses across Lincolnshire, but these are really simple behaviours that we can implement and there is so much more that WE can be doing to influence change for the future."

Steff Wright, Chief Executive of Gusto Homes shared his journey from starting out to the company's first low energy home in 1999 through to where they are today – creating homes for the future.

Highlighting the booming beef industry in Brazil, Steff said: "It's a lifestyle change which may present business threats but also opens up business opportunities and we need to capitalise on those."

"It's about innovating, joining the dots and utilising the different technology - we are taking our commitment to sustainability even further with the creation of our latest development – 'Home of the Future'."

Finishing off the expert panel was Leader of the City of Lincoln Council, Ric Metcalfe, commenting "As a council we have declared a climate emergency and we expect to achieve economic savings by 2030 - we are all responsible, we need to 'change our habits'."

Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce are asking for support from its members and wider business community to support the Commission to avert a catastrophic climate change.

If you are interested in being involved in a task force group, sharing opinions and views, please get in touch via email: [marketing@lincs-chamber.co.uk](mailto:marketing@lincs-chamber.co.uk)

## Events

### Spalding Business Network

5th March

Time: 7.00am – 9.00am

Cost: £14.40

Location: Woodhouse Farm Hotel &amp; Spa

### Post EU Exit – Building your Business Resilience

10th March

Time: 7.30am – 10.30am

Cost: FREE

Location: Brackenborough Hotel, Louth

### Start-up and Grow

12th March

Time: 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Cost: FREE

Location: The Showroom, Lincoln

### The Lincolnshire Chamber Golf League

13th March

Time: 8.00am – 4.00pm

Member Price Team of 4: £275 + VAT

Non-Member Price Team of 4: £350 + VAT

Location: Sleaford Golf Club

### Lincolnshire Construction and Property Network

17th March

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Member Price: £13.20 incl VAT

Non-Member Price: £24.00 incl VAT

Location: Windmill Farm, Lincoln

### Five Pillars of Successful Growth for Small Businesses

18th March

Time: 8.45am – 4.30pm

Cost: FREE

Location: New Life Conference and Events Centre, Sleaford

### Bank of England Breakfast

19th March

Time: 7.30am – 9.30am

Cost: FREE

Location: Commerce House, Lincoln

### Post EU Exit – Building your Business Resilience

24th March

Time: 7.30am – 10.30am

Cost: FREE

Location: Belton Woods Hotel, Grantham

### HS2 Supply Chain Event

26th March

Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Members Price: FREE

Non-Members Price: £18.00 incl VAT

Location: Lincoln City FC, Legends Lounge

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