



*Housing with Care*

# LACE Matters

Summer Edition

## Welcome to the latest edition

### Small but Mighty

Welcome to this extended Summer edition of LACE Matters.

I write at a time when we are experiencing temperatures towards 40 degrees, a reported sign of things to come! This, together with other challenges associated to Covid 19, the cost of living and the ongoing situation in Ukraine (to name but a few) means that these are undoubtedly worrying times for us all.

Whilst many of the challenges are outside of our control, we are working hard to manage and, where possible, minimise the impact upon our residents without compromising the standards that have become valued by everyone. This is becoming increasingly difficult, but I wish to reassure you that we are doing all that we can and to thank you for your support and understanding.

Despite the above challenges this edition of LACE Matters embraces and recognises the inspiring work of so many who go above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of others. I am so proud to be associated with LACE Housing and privileged to work alongside some truly amazing people. We may be a small, not for profit, charitable organisation but we are achieving big things and I wish to most sincerely thank you all for making this happen.

For those of you hoping to get away this summer, I very much hope that you have a lovely holiday. In the meantime, very best wishes and thank you,

*Nick Chambers*

Chief Executive Officer



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# Ermine Junior School visit Roman Gate Court

We were delighted to welcome Children and Staff from Ermine Primary Academy, Lincoln, to our construction site off Nettleham Road in Lincoln during July.

During their first visit, children were informed of the importance of building site safety, the skills needed to construct a building such as Roman Gate Court as well as turning their hand to bricklaying.

The visit was led by members of staff from LACE Housing and Lindum Construction who together provided an insight into the importance of building affordable homes and meeting the needs of older people within their local community.

Following a busy day children left the site with LACE goodie bags.

Nick said: *"We were delighted to be able to welcome children and staff from Ermine Academy to Roman Gate Court, our development site in Lincoln. It was wonderful to witness the children's interest and engagement during the visit and we wish to thank Ermine Junior Academy staff for supporting this opportunity. We look forward to their next visit in the new year as we near completion."*

Lindum Group MD Edward Chambers said: *"We had a wonderful time meeting the children and showing them around our construction site. They were so interested in the project and were really keen to find out as much as they could about the work we are doing. We were impressed by their knowledge of construction and how well they answered the questions we asked them."*

*"Our Health and Safety advisor Jack talked to the children about the dangers posed by construction sites and explained how they can stay safe when building work is going on in their community. Our subcontract bricklayer Mick helped the children to build a wall, which they loved."*

*"Each class was given a tour of the site too and I'm very grateful to our employees and subcontractors who gave up their time to host the visit. At Lindum we always say that 'the difference is our people' and fantastic events like this wouldn't be possible without the willingness of our team and LACE Housing, which organised the day."*

*"Once complete, this building will be an important feature of their local community so it's great that they've been involved in its progress. Several youngsters even said they now want to work in construction when they grow up, which is brilliant to hear."*



# Lincolnshire Show 2022

We had a fantastic time at this year's 137th Lincolnshire Show. It was reported that over 55,000 people attended the show, and our stand was a hive of activity.

The Lincolnshire Show not only allows us to showcase the work we do within Greater Lincolnshire, but it also provides us with a great opportunity to work alongside our colleagues at Age UK Lincoln & South Lincolnshire, St Barnabas Lincolnshire Hospice and Lincolnshire Housing Partnership. Together we form Lincs Independent Partnership.

Our LACE Frisbees were a great success, as they transformed into fans, helping visitors to cool down in the heat!

Next year's Lincolnshire Show is planned for the 21st and 22nd June 2023.



# Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

It was wonderful to be able to share in the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Our Support and Hospitality+ teams worked alongside volunteers and residents to host as many Jubilee events as possible over the June bank holiday and thank you for the wonderful feedback:

*"You all did so much to make it a grand weekend for all of us. Many thanks to each and every one of you"* Residents from Olsen Court.

*"Thank you to all the LACE people (both visible and invisible) who pulled out all the stops for us. They were kind, courteous and generous with their precious time."* Resident from The Burrows.

*"Thanks for yesterday, it was great barbeque and everyone was extremely happy."* Resident from Brighton Place.

It was great to hear that the celebrations were a fitting tribute of a remarkable achievement by Her Majesty the Queen.



## Circular Walk

Despite a cool easterly breeze, the sun shone brightly on our first circular walk of the year, held in April. Nick was joined by members of the Board of Management, Staff and their families.

Beginning and ending in Market Rasen, the walk included breath-taking views from the Ramblers Church in Walesby where a welcome stop and packed lunch were enjoyed.

Here are just a few comments from those who took part in the walk:

*"Such a lovely walk. I loved it!"*

*"A lovely way to get to know people"*

*"a great walk"*

Our second walk took place on a very warm and sunny day in July and once again was led by Nick. The walk began at St Andrews Church, Donington on Bain, and following a small climb through woodland, joined a bridleway with colourful views of the countryside.

A welcome rest and bite to eat, in Gayton le Wold prepared everyone for the next stage of the walk along the Viking Way, across the site of the ancient village of Biscathorpe and along the river Bain before returning to the village.

The walk concluded with a refreshing drink at the Black Horse Inn before home.

The next walks for 2022 are planned to take place in September and November 2022.



## Bob hands over to Bob

Following our Annual General Meeting in June, Mr Bob Walder step down from his role as Chairman.

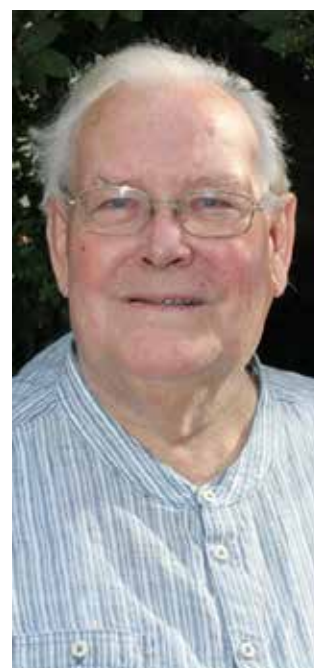
The Board thanked him for his amazing service since being appointed in 2017 and presented him with an engraved glass and a bottle of wine. We are delighted to welcome existing Board member, Mr Bob Livermore, as our new Chair from June. Bob brings a wealth of housing experience which will be of immense value and support in the delivery of our plans for the future.



## Mr Philip Hutchings, Honorary President

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Mr Philip Hutchings, a past Board member and our Honorary President.

Philip served the Association for over 20 years and will be greatly missed. We most sincerely thank him for his service and send our very best wishes to his family at this time.



# Annual Celebration Evening

We held our first Annual Celebration Evening since 2019 at the Double Tree by Lincoln in June. The evening was dedicated to our amazing team of Staff and Volunteers and provided us with an opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support throughout what has been a difficult time for everyone.

During the evening, Nick said *“The purpose of this evening, this our first get together, is to recognize and record our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Tonight, there are no individual awards for outstanding achievement, there is no one person who stands out above all others. Tonight, we celebrate the outstanding achievement of you all and thank you for your energy, for your enthusiasm, for your dedication and for your determination to get us through what has been an incredibly difficult time since we last met here on the 29th November 2019.*

*Despite the challenges we faced, you reached out in kindness and in care and following the lifting of restrictions, you have brought LACE back to life, with events and activities enabling and encouraging social interaction once again, supporting fundraising and food banks across the county, celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee and tonight’s event. You are all truly amazing.”*

During the evening we recognised staff and volunteers for their Long Service and Qualifications gained during that time.

Congratulations to the following volunteers and members of staff who celebrated their Long Service with the Association during 2022.

## Voluntary service:

Chris Smith	15 years
John Lingard	12 years
Ann Lingard	12 years
David Brown	23 years
Julie Brown	15 years
John Ellis	8 years
Elliot Chambers	7 years
Ian Rumbold	9 years
Denise Temple	7 years
Scott Studd	7 years
Carol Bateman	6 years
Eric Kealey	5 years
Mary Brown	5 years

## In recognition of Long Service:

David Brown	20 years
Sharon Brown	20 years
Philip Wilks	10 years

The evening concluded with a Buffet and Disco.



# 40 new homes start on site

During April we formally marked the start of building work on site in Scunthorpe and Lincoln. Together they will provide 40 new homes for older people.



Collinson Court, previously the home of The Riddings Methodist Church, is located close to a wide range of amenities that will support independent living. Local contractor TG Sowerby Developments Limited has been appointed to complete works by Spring 2023.

Located off Harpers Road on the outskirts of Lincoln, Roman Gate Court will consist of 24 one-bedroom apartments with communal facilities and will complement the neighbouring development.

Lincoln firm Lindum Group has been appointed to build Roman Gate Court. The site boasts a wide range of amenities nearby including the Nettleham Fields shopping centre, supermarket, fitness centre and places to eat and drink.

Nick said: *"we are delighted to be investing further in new homes for those in need within Greater Lincolnshire. This could not have been achieved without the invaluable support of contractors, the local authority, Homes England and members of the local community who are actively engaged with these exciting new development opportunities."*

Steve Sowerby, Managing Director of T. G. Sowerby Developments said: *"We're delighted to have been awarded the Contract to build these sixteen apartments for LACE Housing in Scunthorpe."*

*We are a local company and we specialise in this type of work and this project will keep our team busy for the next year. The job is only just over a mile from our offices, so it couldn't be more convenient. It will create at least two new apprenticeships and plenty of other opportunities for students at the local College we work with to be involved in*

*a real construction project. We're really looking forward to this build"*

Lindum Group MD Edward Chambers said it was great to be on site to see work progressing on Roman Gate Court.

*"Lindum Group is really pleased to be working with LACE Housing once again," he said. "Together, we have already delivered several successful schemes around Lincoln which have resulted in excellent accommodation for people aged over 55."*

*"All the developments are located within established communities, allowing residents to continue living full and vibrant lives in safe and comfortable surroundings."*

*"We would like to thank the residents and businesses around the site for their patience and understanding while construction takes place."*

## Funding secured for new homes in Market Rasen

We are delighted to announce that we have secured funding in support of the development of 33 new homes for rent and shared ownership in Market Rasen.

Work will begin on site in January 2023. Further information will be included in the next edition of our newsletter 'LACE Matters'.

## Green fingered Residents lend their hand at Brighton Place

The garden at Brighton Place continues to flourish, thanks to the support of two residents, Mr Norris and Mrs Little.

Both have kindly given up their time to carry out some weeding, turn the soil in the flower beds and to plant out some tubs, adding an additional splash of colour and variety to the garden for everyone to enjoy.



## Thank you so much

Following our Annual General meeting in June, and having served their term, we were sad to say goodbye to two of our Board members, Mrs Barbara Fowler and Mrs Karen Seddon. Together, they have been of immense support during what has been a difficult time and we thank them both so much.

Karen has been actively involved in resident engagement and served on our Residents Involvement Group. Replacing her is Mrs Carol Liggins who joined our Board in February.

We are also sad to announce that Nick's PA, Mrs Marie Vardy, is leaving the Association for Lincolnshire County Council. Marie has served the Association for over 12 years and will be greatly missed. Thank you so much Marie and we wish you every success in your new role and for the future.

## Getting Involved:

Our Resident Involvement Group (RIG) provides a real opportunity for residents to come and work with us. Your support will help us to continuously review and improve our services, enabling us to offer Value for Money to all our residents.

If you are a current resident and would like further information regarding the Resident Involvement Group or would like to discuss other ways that you may be able to get involved then please contact our Specialist Housing Manager Emma Ward on **01522 514444** or email [eward@lacehousing.org](mailto:eward@lacehousing.org)



Mrs Barbara Fowler



Mrs Karen Seddon



Mrs Marie Vardy

# Financial support

Did you know that there are lots of organisations offering support for anyone feeling the effects of the current economic climate?

If you are worried and would like to speak to someone, or would like to check if you could be entitled to some additional support, here is a list of organisations that you may wish to talk to.

## Citizens Advice:

Phone: **0800 144 8848**

Visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

## Gov.UK:

Benefits: [www.gov.uk/browse/benefits](http://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits)

Wellbeing: [www.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/mental-health](http://www.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/mental-health)

## Entitled to:

Visit [www.entitledto.co.uk](http://www.entitledto.co.uk)

## Wellbeing Lincs:

Phone: **01507 601111**

Visit [wellbeinglincs@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinglincs@e-lindsey.gov.uk)

## Age UK Lincoln & South Lincolnshire:

By phone: **03455 564 144** (Between 9.00am and 4.00pm)

Email: [info@ageuklsl.org.uk](mailto:info@ageuklsl.org.uk)

Visit [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

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