



Girlguiding
Lincolnshire South County

Around our county Challenge badge



A fun badge to explore and celebrate
our county: Lincolnshire South

- This challenge consists of 4 parts, each based on a different aspect of our county.
- Each part has a variety of activities making it suitable for all sections from Rainbows through to Trefoil guild and ideas can be adapted if necessary to suit all ages and abilities.
- Although the main objective of the challenge is to get out and about, we realise this may not be possible for all so there are lots of alternative activities to do.
- ***This badge has just one mandatory challenge which is to visit at least one other district or even another division. If your unit is unable to complete this mandatory challenge, you should complete one extra activity from each part of the challenge pack.***
- A detailed description of each division with places to visit is included in this pack-up. If handing out to parents, leaders may wish to advise which district and division they are in.
- Activities can be completed, in any order, remotely by individual members or as part of a unit meeting and/or at a unit, district or division event.
- Badges to be ordered and paid for via leaders/units. Individual orders from parents will be not accepted.
- We have created a Pinterest board [here](#), full of ideas and suggested activities.
- The badge order form can be found on the last page.

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PART 1 – OUR LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE

Lincolnshire is situated in the East Midlands and is mostly made up of farmland, covering 2687 square miles with a population of about 1,095,010. You can find many fields growing bulbs, flowers and vegetables such as potatoes and cabbages; crops like wheat, oil seed and sugar beet and, in greenhouses crops like salad and tomatoes are grown. We also have our own breed of cattle and sheep: the Lincoln Red and the Lincoln Longwool. Lincolnshire has lots of wind turbines and traditional windmills. There are plenty of opportunities in every division to get out and visit the vast fields, rolling Wolds, the flat fens and our picturesque walking routes. If you live in a city or town, try to visit the countryside – a farm, nature reserve, park, woods – somewhere away from the hustle and bustle of traffic and busy streets and into the fresh air!

Below is a list of activities suitable for all ages based around our Lincolnshire countryside.

The minimum number of activities for each section is:

Rainbows – 1 / Brownies – 2 / Guides – 3 / Rangers, leaders and Trefoil guild – 4

No.	Description
1	Grow some seeds – these can be flowers, fruit or vegetables.
2	Collect 5 tins or packets of food and give them to your local food bank.
3	Plant some flowers in a public place or around your meeting venue.
4	Weed a flower or vegetable bed.
5	Visit a farm or a horse riding stable and learn how animals should be kept.
6	Learn and sign <i>Old MacDonald had a Farm</i> or another animal themed song using British Sign Language or Makaton.
7	Find out 5 facts about the Lincoln Red cow – go and visit one if you can.
8	Find out 5 facts about the Lincoln Longwool sheep – go and visit one if you can.
9	Try some Lincolnshire sausages, Lincolnshire plum loaf or Poacher cheese.
10	Create a wrapping paper or a collage using a potato (or other vegetable) print.
11	Make a corn dolly.
12	Take bark rubbings of different types of trees and identify them.
13	Make a flower arrangement and give it as a gift to someone else.
14	Create a play about a farm, wildlife park or zoo with talking animals. Use any props or costumes you like.
15	We have lots of windmills in Lincolnshire – make your own out of paper or card.
16	Make a countryside scene collage using natural resources i.e. seeds, leaves, etc.
17	Do a penny hike around your unit's venue, try to visit a local park or green space.
18	Take part in a scarecrow festival and make your own scarecrow.
19	Make a bird scarer and get permission to put them in a field or allotment.
20	Take part in an activity to learn the countryside code.

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PART 2 – OUR LINCOLNSHIRE TOWNS

Lincolnshire has over 42 cities, towns and villages. So there are plenty of opportunities to get out and visit the ones closest to you. From Welton, our most northern district, to Wittering our most southern, there are lots of Lincolnshire homesteads to visit. Try to visit a village, town or city – perhaps somewhere you’ve never been before. Complete a treasure hunt around the area, or visit an attraction in that village, town or city.

Below is a list of activities suitable for all ages based around our Lincolnshire towns. The minimum number of activities for each section is:

Rainbows – 1 / Brownies – 2 / Guides – 3 / Rangers, leaders and Trefoil guild – 4

No	Description
1	Lincoln Cathedral is made from lots of carved stone. Carve an angel or gargoyle from a bar of soap or make a model of one using other resources.
2	Lincoln used to be called Lindum Colonia in 48CE! It was an important centre for pottery production. Have a go at making something with any type of clay.
3	Lincoln Castle has a Crown Court and prison inside its walls. Ask a solicitor or barrister about their job and what they have to do in court. Maybe they could visit your unit?
4	The Magna Carta is kept at Lincoln Castle. Find out 5 facts about the Magna Carta and then make or renew your unit’s charter.
5	Make a 3D model of your venue or favourite part of your town using any resources you like.
6	Castles had to sometimes hold out in a siege. If you couldn’t leave your home for weeks or months how would you cope? What things do you think you would run out of? How would you keep occupied with no electricity! Maybe run a no-electricity night at your unit?
7	What towns does the Meridian Line pass through? Draw and show these on a map.
8	Spalding has a flower parade. Make a miniature carnival float.
9	Boston’s most notable landmark is St Botolph’s Church, ‘The Stump’ which is visible from miles away. Make your version of The Stump out of any materials.
10	Deeping St Nicholas, at 6 miles long, is the longest village in England. Challenge your unit to go on the longest walk possible.
11	Grantham is mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086). Make your version of an updated Domesday Book advertising Grantham or your town as a place to visit.
12	There has been a Barrowby fete in various forms since the 1950s and traditionally it includes a tug of war. Hold your own tug of war competition at your unit.
13	Long Bennington was the last place where King Harold of Wessex camped before the Battle of Hastings. He famously died by an arrow to the eye! Have a go at archery.
14	Saxilby’s name is of Viking origin, old Norse ‘Saksulfr’. Make a Viking shield out of any resources or a Viking necklace with your name spelt out in the Viking runes alphabet.
15	Draw a map (individually or as a group) highlighting important aspects of your village or town.
16	RAF Scampton was famously the home of the Red Arrows from 1983 to 1995 and then again from 2000 to 2022. Make your own paper Red Arrows – who’s can fly the furthest?
17	Horncastle still has sections of ancient Roman walls in places. Have a go at making some Roman mosaics which were used to decorate the inside walls and floors of Roman buildings.
18	Saint Tibba, patron saint of falconers lived and died in Ryhall. Find out about falconry today and what birds of prey are used. Perhaps arrange for one to visit your unit?
19	For over 600 years, Stamford was the site of the Stamford bull run, held annually on 13 November until 1839. Make a paper bag bull (cow) puppet or paper plate bull (cow).
20	Make a silhouette drawing or painting of your favourite building in our county.

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PART 3 – OUR LINCOLNSHIRE COAST

Lincolnshire is the proud home of some of the greatest traditional English seaside resorts in the country with Skegness, Cleethorpes and Mablethorpe. This long sandy coast runs for more than 50 miles down the North Sea coast of eastern England, from the estuary of the Humber to the marshlands of the Wash, where it meets Norfolk.

Try to visit the coast: a beach, coastal town or village, somewhere you can smell the fresh sea air and view the horizon so far away! Complete a treasure hunt around the area, or visit an attraction at that beach, coastal town or village. The Pilgrim Fathers had to walk across Lincolnshire to emigrate, perhaps plan and go on a walk to the coast and even go paddling in the sea when you get there!

Below is a list of activities suitable for all ages based around our Lincolnshire coast. The minimum number of activities for each section is:

Rainbows - 1 / Brownies - 2 / Guides - 3 / Rangers, leaders and Trefoil guild - 4

No.	Description
1	Make up a play that tells younger people what to do if they get lost on the beach.
2	Play Go Fish. Perhaps make your own playing cards.
3	Go on a hike to your nearest chippy to try fish and chips.
4	Find out how to avoid getting sun stroke and what to do if you get it.
5	Learn the Slip, Slap, Slop song and design a poster to share it with others.
6	Find out what flags fly on the beach, make your own versions.
7	Make a salt dough starfish or other sea creature.
8	Find out how to get help for someone in difficulty in the sea.
9	Make an origami boat and have a competition to see who's can float the furthest.
10	Learn and sing 5 sea shanty songs such as: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean, What Shall We Do with The Drunken Sailor, Row Row Row Your Boat, We All Live in A Yellow Submarine or even a sea shanty!
11	Learn how to dance a sailor's hornpipe.
12	Visit your local beach – build a sandcastle or have a sand sculpture competition.
13	Go fishing at your local pond or beach.
14	Sutton on Sea used to house its very own Girlguiding beach hut. Design and make your own beach hut model using any resources you like. What would you put in it?
15	Seaside resorts have lots of arcades. Build and play your own arcade games.
16	Mablethorpe has a seal sanctuary. Find out about seals that live in the UK.
17	RNLI Lifeboats are based at Skegness and Mablethorpe – hold a charity night in aid of the RNLI. Maybe have a virtual rowing competition?
18	Gibraltar Point was one of the earliest bird observatories in the UK. Have a go at bird watching. How many different birds did you see – draw a picture of your favourite one.
19	Create a mini seaside diorama.
20	Make a seaside mobile using any resources.

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PART 4 – OUR LINCOLNSHIRE PEOPLE

Some Lincolnshire people are famous around the world, people like Farmer Wink, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Isaac Newton, Guy Martin, Margaret Thatcher, Ella Henderson and many, many more! Try to visit somewhere a famous person is from or visit one of the many blue plaques dotted around our county.

Below is a list of activities suitable for all ages based around our famous Lincolnshire people. The minimum number of activities for each section is:

Rainbows - 1 / Brownies - 2 / Guides - 3 / Rangers, leaders and Trefoil guild - 4

No.	Description
1	Find out about 3 famous people from Lincolnshire and why they are famous.
2	People who are born in Lincolnshire are called 'Yellow Bellies'. Find out why and draw a picture explaining it.
3	Find out about the Lincoln Imp. Make a model of it using any materials you like.
4	Hold a competition to name the Lincoln Imp.
5	Find out who invented the Bouncing Bomb and what it was used for.
6	Sir Isaac Newton was born in Woolsthorpe and educated in Grantham. He is famous for the apple falling on his head. Try some apple party games e.g. apple bobbing.
7	Lincolnshire is well known for its number of RAF bases. The RAF have to have really shiny shoes, learn to clean and polish shoes to their standard or learn to march like them.
8	Make up a poem about Far Far Away, a famous poem by Tennyson.
9	Learn and sing the song 'The Lincolnshire Poacher'.
10	Lincolnshire Day is held annually on 1 October. Celebrate Lincolnshire Day by wearing yellow and having a Lincolnshire Day themed meeting.
11	Jim Broadbent, born in West Lindsey, is a famous actor from the Paddington films. Make a model of Paddington Bear – perhaps even try a marmalade sandwich!
12	Jennifer Saunders, born in Sleaford, has voiced characters in Coraline, Minions and Sing. Put on a puppet show and voice your own characters.
13	Margaret Thatcher, our first female British Prime Minister, was born in Grantham. If you were Prime Minister for the day what would your manifesto be? Present it to the unit.
14	Michael Foale was born in Louth and was the second Briton in space and the first to perform a spacewalk. Build an astronaut or rocket from any materials.
15	Ella Henderson, born in Tetney, rose to fame after appearing on the X-Factor. Hold your own X-Factor or talent show evening.
16	Write a poem, song or short story about your favourite Lincolnshire person.
17	Nicolas Parsons, born in Grantham, was famous for presenting the TV show 'Sale of the Century'. Hold your own Sale of the Century quiz night.
18	Guy Martin, born in Grimsby, is a daredevil television presenter, setting world speed records in a variety of vehicles. Hold your own World Record Breakers night.
19	Colin Dexter, born in Stamford, is an author best known for the Inspector Morse series of novels. Hold your own murder, mystery night.
20	Lincoln City, Boston United, Scunthorpe United and Grimsby town have all had famous footballers playing for them. Hold a football tournament at your unit.

Boston Division

Boston is our smallest division with just 116 girls and 50 volunteers although they cover a large rural area. Boston has their own campsite and building at Wings Meadow which is used for weekly meetings by local units and other community groups:

Boston North West district (Old Leake)

3 Rainbow units, 3 Brownie units, 1 Guide unit and 1 Ranger unit

Boston South district (Kirton and Wyberton)

2 Rainbow units, 2 Brownie units and 1 Guide units

Boston is a small port and market town with an incredibly rich and significant history. There are a wealth of family-friendly attractions and activities in the town from wildlife parks to historic buildings. St Botolph's Church or 'The Stump' is widely thought of as the town's most notable landmark, being the largest church in England and visible from miles around.

Places to visit and things to do in Boston division include:

Boston Central Park was a private deer park in the late eighteen century. The park was purchased for public use in 1919 and is now one of the focal points of the town where many people and families enjoy the open space. The park has a bird aviary, children's play area and a skate park.

Boston Woods Trust is a local independent charitable trust established in 2001 and includes the Sir Joseph Banks Country Park, Fenside Woods and Dion's Wood Nature Reserve.

Frampton Marsh is primarily wetlands, reed beds, freshwater scrapes and wet grassland. There is a visitor centre, 3 bird hides with 360-degree views and 3km of accessible footpaths. Gain access to close-up views of avocets, redshanks, skylarks and whimbrels in the summer and thousands of duck species in the winter months.

Freiston Shore is a special protection area that benefits wintering, passage and nesting birds and allows the public excellent views. Up to 5000 black-tailed godwits spend the winter in this part of the Wash. Knot birds start to arrive in June and by late summer can number 16000 birds. Oyster catchers often gather in large numbers for the high tide.

Hussey Tower was once the impressive manorial home of Sir John Hussey, a member of the court of Henry VIII. The tower was constructed entirely of handmade red brick produced using local clay and was originally part of a large manor house, including a great hall, servants' quarters, kitchens, stables and a large gatehouse. The tower was reserved for the Lord and his family.

St Botolph's Church is in of the largest parishes in England. St Botolph's (also known as Boston Stump) has one of the tallest medieval towers in the country. The nickname, Boston Stump or simply The Stump, is often used as a reference to the whole church building or for the parish community housed by it.

For more things to see and do in and around Boston, go to the Visit Lincolnshire website [here](#).

Bourne Division

Covering Bourne and The Deepings, Bourne division is made up of 272 girls and 77 volunteers. They are an active and welcoming division and meet in a variety of venues. The division aims to offer the fun of Guiding to all girls with the support of their adult leaders, volunteers and Trefoil Guild:

Bourne district (Ingoldsby, Morton, Pointon and Thurlby)

4 Rainbow units, 6 Brownie units, 3 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Deeping district (Deeping St James and Market Deeping)

1 Rainbow unit, 4 Brownie units, 2 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Bourne is a delightful market town which sits on the eastern side of the South Kesteven district, bordering the Fens. The town dates from Anglo Saxon times and was built around a series of natural springs in what is now the Wellhead Gardens.

The Deepings is the collective name given to a group of historic villages in South Kesteven comprising Market Deeping, Deeping St James, Deeping Gate, West Deeping and Deeping St Nicholas. The Deepings owes its architecture and character to the merchant wealth flowing from the ancient River Welland and the former Deepings to Stamford canal.

Places to visit and things to do in Bourne division include:

Bourne Abbey and the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul is a grade one church in Bourne. The building remains in parochial use, despite the 16th-century dissolution, as the nave was used by the parish, probably from the time of the foundation of the abbey in 1138.

Bourne Woods is a quiet, atmospheric ancient woodland, home to an abundance of broad leaf and coniferous trees. Catch a glimpse of herons and kingfishers by the ponds or discover walking trails, cycling, plus horse riding routes and designated picnic areas.

Deepings Lakes Nature Reserve is a wetland nature reserve with lakes and pools, noted for its wildfowl and waterbird communities making it ideal for birdwatching. Explore the bird hide that looks over the lake or follow the path and discover the wildflower meadow.

Priory Church in Deeping St James was originally a Benedictine priory which dates back to 1139. And just around the corner is the Market Cross lock up of 1819, capable of housing 3 criminals.

Grimsthorpe Castle is a majestic structure, the final masterpiece of Sir John Vanbrugh, architect of Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard. Discover the 3 species of deer roaming the 3,000 acres of wood parkland. Spot the red fallow, muntjac and other British mammals and enjoy a variety of beautifully kept gardens and large expanses of lawn where children can play.

Wellhead Gardens is a beautiful parkland based just outside Bourne town centre. Admire the wildlife, go for a walk, or just sit and chill in picturesque surroundings. This is also the site of St Peter's Pool - an ancient pond filled by seven underground springs

For more things to see and do in and around the Deepings, go to the Visit Lincolnshire website [here](#). For Bourne, go to the Visit Lincolnshire website [here](#).

Grantham Division

Around 332 girls, 94 volunteers, 3 districts plus a division Ranger unit make up Grantham division:

Grantham North district (Barkston, Barrowby, Foston and Long Bennington)

4 Rainbow units, 4 Brownie units, 3 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Grantham Rural district (Bottesford)

1 Rainbow unit, 2 Brownie units and 2 Guide units

Grantham district (Grantham and St Wulfram)

4 Rainbow units, 4 Brownie units and 1 Guide unit

Grantham is an attractive and industrial market town that sits on the border of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire and is home to a number of Lincolnshire's incredibly picturesque historic houses, castles and buildings. Grantham began as a small Saxon village that grew into a market town during the eleventh century.

Places to visit and things to do in Grantham include:

Belton House is a grade one listed National Trust country house located in the parish of Belton. With 1300 acres there is a wealth of beautiful formal gardens and wild ancient, wooded parkland to explore.

Belvoir Castle is one of the UK's finest regency castles. The ancestral home of the Duke of Rutland with an unbroken line for almost 1000 years. Enjoy exploring this fine Regency castle and grounds.

Grantham Museum aims to educate, inform and inspire visitors with the stories of Grantham and the surrounding area. Bringing the collective heritage to life through physical and digital exhibitions and experiences.

Munston Meadows National Nature Reserve is one of the finest lowland meadows in England. The meadows are rich in plant life, with 33 types of grass and over 100 other species of flowering plant. The reserve is most notable for its colony of over 10,000 green-winged orchids.

Woolsthorpe Manor is the birthplace of Isaac Newton. Visit the historic house, the famous apple tree associated with Isaac Newton and gravity or the science centre.

St Wulfram's Church is an ancient site of prayer and pilgrimage with a living heritage today. The church is dedicated to St Wulfram, a seventh century missionary born in 650AD near Fontainebleau, south of Paris.

Wyndham Park lies on the banks of the River Witham just to the north of Grantham town centre. The main features of the park are the riverside walk, toddlers play area, visitor centre, tennis courts, sensory garden, cycle hire, bowling green, playing fields, tea rooms and paddling pool.

For more things to see and do in and around Grantham, go to the Visit Lincolnshire website [here](#).

North Lincoln Division

Our most northern division, North Lincoln has 328 girls and 131 volunteers:

Lincoln North West district (Bailgate, Ermine, Monks Road, Newport and Saxilby)
4 Rainbow units, 7 Brownie units, 4 Guide units and 2 Ranger units

Welton Rural district (Cherry Willingham, Dunholme, Nettleham, Scampton and Welton)
4 Rainbow units, 5 Brownie units and 3 Guide units

Places to visit and things to do in North Lincoln (including the city of Lincoln) include:

The Arboretum is owned and managed by the City of Lincoln council. It is a park of grade 2 historic importance and was originally designed and laid out between 1870 and 1872 by Edward Milner, one of the most celebrated Victorian gardeners of his time.

The Collection Museum is a spectacular hub for history and art located in the heart of Lincoln. Discover vast and diverse permanent collections as well as temporary spotlight events, talks and exhibitions throughout the year.

Greetwell Hollow Nature Reserve is an interesting wildlife haven and geological site. At one time mined for ironstone and quarried for limestone, there is still an extensive quarry face to the east of the nature reserve.

Museum of Lincolnshire Life includes a large and diverse collection of historically significant items housed and is located in the Victorian Barracks built for Royal North Lincolnshire's Militia in 1857. Learn all about the rich history of Lincolnshire with interactive galleries and around 250,000 objects to explore, including an authentic World War One tank.

Nettleham Woodland Trust was founded in 2006, it was formed with the long-term objective of providing the people of Nettleham and the neighbouring villages with a much-needed amenity for recreational purposes, including walking, bird watching, horse riding, cycling and education and at the same time encouraging a greater diversity and richer variety of wildlife in the local environment.

Woodside Wildlife Park is one of Europe's leading wildlife parks. Discover an array of fascinating tropical species, mammals and predators from around the world. Enjoy exciting displays, take part in interactive handling sessions and learn fascinating facts.

For more things to see and do in Lincoln, go to the Visit Lincolnshire website [here](#).

South Lincoln Division

South Lincoln is the county's largest division and made up of 556 girls, 148 volunteers, 42 units and 5 districts. They offer a varied programme and opportunities to everyone, and hold many events and trainings for their girls and leaders:

Hykeham district

2 Rainbow units, 3 Brownie units, 2 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Lincoln East district (Branton, Heighington and Washingborough)

2 Rainbow units, 3 Brownie units, 2 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Lincoln South East district (Bracebridge Heath and Waddington)

3 Rainbow units, 4 Brownie units, 1 Guide unit and 1 Ranger unit

Lincoln South West district (Birchwood and Skellingthorpe)

3 Rainbow units, 5 Brownie units, 3 Guide units and 2 Ranger units

Witham, Bassingham and Brant Broughton district

2 Brownie units and 1 Guide unit

Places to visit and things to do in South Lincoln division include:

Hartsholme Country Park is situated in the southwest of Lincoln, adjacent to Swanholme Lakes local nature reserve, approximately 3 miles from the city centre. The site comprises Victorian landscaped gardens, a large reservoir, woodlands and grasslands. Many features, both natural and built, survive from the original landscaping of the 1860s.

Doddington Hall and gardens is an Elizabethan manor house with Flemish tapestries and walled gardens displaying a pageant of colour all year round. Their annual pumpkin picking season is highly recommended.

International Bomber Command Centre is the only place in the world where the devastating losses of the Bomber Command unit during World War II are commemorated. Uncover the stories and histories of those involved and take time to reflect.

Skellingthorpe Old Wood is an ancient woodland with a fascinating history and was once a haunt of the Vikings. Brimming with diverse flora and fauna and with an extensive network of trails that are perfect for walking, cycling or horse riding.

Whisby Nature Park is a beautiful landscape near Lincoln, full of wildlife, walks and trails. Once barren and lifeless, this amazing place now abounds with wildlife. The park was created by quarrying for sand and gravel, but nature has reclaimed the pits and bare sand, creating habitats for many species.

Sleaford Division

'Has a fantastic bunch of leaders and volunteers who are all committed to giving their 311 young members a fantastic experience in their units'. Sleaford division commissioner

Sleaford North district (Billinghay, Leasingham, Metherringham, Ruskington and Scopwick)

3 Rainbow units, 1 joint unit, 4 Brownie units, 2 Guide units plus 2 joint Guide and Ranger units

Sleaford West district (Cranwell, Heckington and Quarrington)

4 Rainbow units, 4 Brownie units, 3 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Sleaford is a charming town with a rich history. There are lots of things to do, from exploring its vibrant shops and cafes, to walking along one of the many trails that take in some lovely views of the countryside. The Hub, a national centre for craft and design is a particularly popular attraction because it is the UK's largest exhibition space dedicated to craft and design. For aviation enthusiasts, there's Cranwell Aviation Centre and RAF Digby operations room.

Places to visit and things to do in Sleaford division include:

Bloxholm Wood is an ash-dominated semi-natural woodland in the arable south-west Lincolnshire landscape.

Cogglesford Watermill dates back to Saxon times and is the only Sheriff's watermill still in operation in England. The Mill lies 30 minutes south of Lincoln in a picturesque setting on the River Sleas.

Haverholme Park is just outside Ewerby going towards Anwick and is a peaceful lake seemingly in the middle of nowhere.

Heckington Windmill is an impressive windmill, grinding flour for over 200 years using grain from local areas. Uncover the history of the mill, learn stories of power and engineering

Metherringham Airfield Visitor Centre was operational between November 1943 and Spring 1946. It was home to 106 Squadron RAF during the whole of this period; in the autumn of 1944 they were joined by 1690 Bomber Defence Training Flight. The Museum is located on the old airfield.

Navigation House is a grade 2 listed canal company office with interactive exhibits detailing the history of travel and trade by canal. Perfect for all ages, you can see the history of the building, as well as full footage, which is perfect for those interested in the history of trade and transport.

Sleaford Museum is home to artefacts and stories that portray fascinating aspects of the town and area's unique past. Exhibitions in its colourful interior change frequently and visitors are united in their praise.

Recommended by Sleaford's division commissioner:

- ❖ Crazee Bongos Play Centre, Sleaford – owed by a Guider so subsidised.
- ❖ Billinghay – outdoor pool in the summer.
- ❖ Lots of great walks around Scopwick Park – good for picnics and has a playing park and field.
- ❖ Cranwell aviation museum and the Pottery Painting café in Sleaford.

South Holland Division

Located in the south east of the county, South Holland division is made up of 351 girls and 106 volunteers:

Eaudyke district (Donington)

1 Rainbow Unit, 1 Brownie Unit and 1 Guide Unit

Holbeach district (Holbeach and Moulton)

2 Rainbow units, 2 Brownie units and 1 Guide unit

Long Sutton district

2 Rainbow units, 2 Brownie Units, 2 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Spalding district (Cowbit, Crowland, Pinchbeck and Spalding)

4 Rainbow units, 6 Brownie units and 4 Guide units

Spalding is the largest town in the district of South Holland, situated on the River Welland and has an incredibly rich history. In the 6th century, long after the departure of the Romans, the Spalding tribe settled in the area, and the town takes its name from the tribe. The town expanded on either side of the River Welland as it makes its way to The Wash. Due to its connections with The Wash, Spalding was as an international port for centuries.

Places to visit and things to do in South Holland division include:

Ayscoughfee Hall provides a fascinating glimpse into Spalding's past. The 5 acres of gardens beautifully complement historic hall and museum and feature a Yew Tree walk dating back to the 1720s. The Ornamental Lake is headed by a grade one listed war memorial, while hidden to the rear of the gardens is the old kitchen ice house.

Baytree Owl and Wildlife Centre is one of the longest-running owl and bird of prey centres in Lincolnshire, providing family days out for over 30 years. Their collection, which now includes native British wildlife, boasts over 100 birds.

Crowland Abbey was a monastery of the Benedictine order in Lincolnshire, 16 miles from Stamford. It was founded in memory of St. Guthlac early in the eighth century by Ethelbald, King of Mercia, but was entirely destroyed by the Danes in 866.

Holbeach Bunker was the Royal Observer Corps underground monitoring post. Their war role had been to spot and identify incoming enemy aircraft and later they staffed nuclear bomb monitoring posts.

Willow Tree Fen is situated between Baston and Spalding and is a relatively new nature reserve, transformed from arable land to a more traditional fenland landscape. In 2020, with the extra solitude created by lockdown, cranes returned to the Lincolnshire Fens.

South Lindsey Division

Geographically, South Lindsey covers the largest area and is made up of 444 girls and 121 volunteers covering 4 main districts.

Alford district (Alford and Mablethorpe)

2 Rainbow units, 2 Brownie units, 2 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Bain and Witham district (Coningsby, Horncastle, Tattershall and Woodhall Spa)

3 Rainbow units, 4 Brownie units and 3 Guide units

Burgh, Skegness and Spilsby district

3 Rainbow units, 4 Brownie units, 3 Guide units and 2 Ranger units

Alford has lots to see and do for those with an interest in history. Quaint streets lined with thatched roof cottages and plus Alford Manor House which dates from 1611 and weekly outdoor markets.

Horncastle is surrounded by the beautiful countryside of the Lincolnshire Wolds. The market town is steeped in history, and dates back to Roman times. Enjoy a stroll around Horncastle's quaint, cobbled streets, spot thatched houses and eighteenth and nineteenth century architecture.

Mablethorpe and Skegness are both the home of the traditional seaside holiday experience with amusement arcades, quintessentially British seaside eateries such as chippies and doughnuts.

Spilsby is one of Lincolnshire's smaller market towns, nevertheless, there is still so much to see and do. It's stone streets have been well preserved from the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Woodhall Spa is a beautiful former spa town set amidst magnificent 19 acres of pine woods owned by the Woodland Trust. Woodhall Spa is famous for its peaceful and relaxing atmosphere.

Places to visit in South Lindsey division include:

Bollingbroke Castle's remains can be found within the picturesque village of Old Bolingbroke, located on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Gibraltar Point is a dynamic stretch of unspoilt coastline running southwards from the edge of Skegness to the mouth of the Wash. Known for its impressive views and diversity of wildlife.

Gunby Hall is full of character with gardens, lawns, flower borders, veg gardens and wild flowers.

Hubbard's Hills is an area of natural beauty, directly west of Louth. It is a highly unique glacial overspill channel formed as a result of the last ice age, over 40,000 years ago.

Ostlers Plantation has it all, from towering trees to hidden war bunkers and an array of wildlife. Ostlers Plantation provides a world of exploration opportunity for all generations!

Tupholme Abbey is in the area of the Witham Valley and you will come across amazing survivals of the 9 monastic abbeys built in the early medieval period.

Woodhall Spa spy mission treasure hunt is about 1.5 miles long which allows for plenty of opportunities to stop and enjoy the surroundings. Plan on 1.5 hours if you focus purely on the Trail.

Welland Division

As a division, Welland own their own HQ. The land was gifted to them in 1931 and a wooden building stood on the site until 2004 until it was no longer fit for purpose. An ambitious plan was then made to replace the building with a brick-built hall. It took several years and a couple of false starts but was completed and opened officially on 14 April 2012! As a small division of just 178 girls plus 52 volunteers, Welland are looking forward to growing their membership and enabling more units to enjoy Guiding outdoors:

Welland district (Burghley, Essendine, Ketton, Ryhall, Stamford and Wittering)
5 Rainbow units, 7 Brownie units, 5 Guide units and 1 Ranger unit

Stamford has a unique blend of history, niche shopping and stunning Georgian architecture. Proclaimed by Sir Walter Scott as 'the finest stone town in England'; it was declared a conservation area in 1967 and has over 600 listed buildings of mellow limestone including 5 medieval churches. The popular town trail takes you through Stamford exploring quaint passageways, main thoroughfares and market squares.

Places to visit and things to do in Welland division include:

Stamford sights and secrets tours is a 90-minute stroll around the beautiful, unspoilt town. Find regular guided walking tours of the stunning and historic Stamford, bringing the past to life for all ages. During this guided walk, you'll discover Stamford's cobbled streets, its gorgeous Georgian buildings and hear all sorts of tales of the great and not so good of this ancient town - it is people and their stories that make a place interesting!

Burghley House is one of the largest surviving sixteenth century houses. Conceived by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I. Burghley is a testament to the ambition and vision of the most powerful Elizabethan courtier.

Browne's Hospital is a late medieval alms house and guild hall. It was founded by William Browne, a very rich wool merchant, with his wife Margaret in 1475 and granted charters by the King in 1485, 1494 and 1610 - in effect it is a Royal Hospital.

Sacrewell Heritage Farm and Country Centre has plenty to keep you entertained, with animals to meet, outdoor spaces to discover, a recently restored 18th century watermill and a large indoor soft play centre.

Stamford Shakespeare Company is one of Europe's finest theatre venues. Toletorpe Hall is home to the Rutland open air theatre and the Toletorpe Youth Drama which provides full, immersive programme of drama and acting training for 5-18-year-olds.

For more things to see and do in and around Stamford, go to the Visit Lincolnshire website [here](#).