



Key News from



New this month:

The Carnival is coming...

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Money matters

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July 2017

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Tweet your pictures to #OngoCarnival



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To find out more about shared ownership with Ongo, visit the website www.ongo.co.uk



Fire safety

How can you help to protect yourself from a fire?

It is important that all communal areas are kept clear at all times. This includes things like prams and bikes as well as fly-tipping.

We are currently looking into the potential fire risk posed by the storage of tenants belongings in cupboards that open into communal areas in blocks of flats and retirement schemes and will be updating our Sterile Communal Policy to reflect any changes.

Money matters

Northern Lincolnshire's not-for-profit credit union (NLCU) has launched a new service to help families to manage their money by combining affordable credit with a safe and handy savings account.

With the new **Child Benefit Loan and Savings Plan**, families can apply immediately for a loan of up to £500.

Once the loan is approved, they simply arrange for their Child Benefit to be paid regularly into their Credit Union membership account. When the Child Benefit starts to hit the account, the member signs their Loan Agreement and receives their loan.

The loan repayments are painlessly taken care of, straight from the Child Benefit. But the member decides what to do with their left-over funds. They could save some in a safe Credit Union Saver account to help with Christmas or other big spends, or transfer funds to a Classic or other big spends, or transfer funds to a Classic VISA card for shopping.

With a legal cap on its interest charges, the Credit Union is well-known for offering the cheapest small loans. A £500 Credit Union Loan over 50 weeks costs £12.00 per week, and has a total repayment of £591.95.

So, as an example, a family with one child receiving £20.70 per week in Child Benefit could build up savings of £8.70 on top. By the end of the loan, they will have a lump sum available of £435.00.

A family with two children, getting Child Benefit of £34.40 per week, could build up £22.40 a week in savings, or a lump sum of £1,120, by the end of the loan.

John Smith, of NLCU says, "Many of our members like to combine their saving and borrowing to cope with those big spending events like Christmas, holidays, school trips and family celebrations, so we know this Plan would prove really popular. With the Credit Union people know that we only seek to cover our costs, not make money out of them, and their savings are looked after completely safely."

The first £85,000 of Credit Union savings are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme just like savings in a bank or building society.



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If things are getting to you

Talk to us any time you like, in your own way, and off the record – about whatever's getting to you.



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