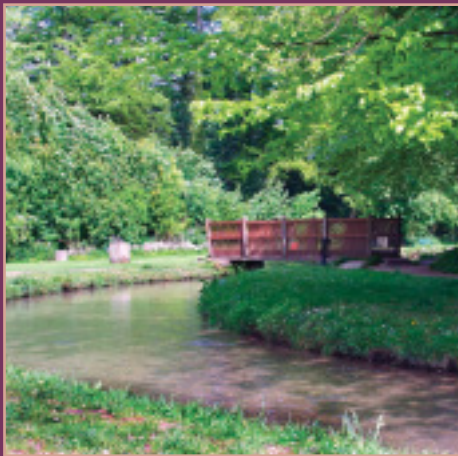




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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO LOUTH

On behalf of Louth Town Council I warmly welcome you to this beautiful town. Whether you are a discerning visitor or you are fortunate enough to live here I know you will agree that Louth has much to offer and is a cornucopia of history, art, culture and entertainment and in this guide you will find a wealth of information, things to do and interesting places to visit.

Louth is one of the most perfectly preserved Georgian Market Towns in England and it is best explored on foot to obtain the greatest benefit from its beautiful brickwork, complex street pattern, its speciality food shops and superb inns. Louth is also the perfect place for walks around the town, or out into the countryside due to its enviable location, nestling at the foot of the Wolds.

I hope you will enjoy this guide. I know you will enjoy and adore 'Lovely Louth'.

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LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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Louth Town Hall



Secretary to the Town Clerk and Mayor, Lynda Phillips

The Council meets in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall around 30 times a year on a Tuesday evening to deliberate and make decisions on local issues such as planning applications, the management of the cemetery and the maintenance of the town's public amenities. The public are most welcome to attend any of the meetings of the Town Council and are invited to address the Councillors on any matter of local concern.

Individual Councillors can be contacted by telephone, or by letter, and the Town Council operates a website at www.louthtowncouncil.gov.uk

The executive function of the Town Council is performed by the Town Clerk, Mrs Linda Blankley who is also the Proper Officer and the Responsible Financial Officer of the Council. She is assisted in her duties by Mrs Lynda Phillips Secretary to the Town Clerk and Mayor.



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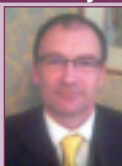


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2007

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20th November			✓	✓	✓	✓
4th December		✓	✓	✓		
18th December			✓	✓	✓	

2008

MEETINGS	RTC	TC	PE	GPF	CEM	PERS
8th January	✓		✓	✓		
22nd January		✓	✓	✓	✓	
5th February		✓	✓	✓		
26th February			✓	✓	✓	
11th March	✓		✓	✓		
25th March			✓	✓	✓	
8th April		✓	✓	✓		
22nd April	✓		✓	✓		
29th April						Annual Town Meeting
6th May			✓	✓	✓	
16th May	✓					Annual Meeting - Election of Mayor

- KEY:** RTC – Robed Town Council
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LOUTH YESTERDAY AND TODAY

THE BEGINNINGS

Louth originated in Saxon times either side of the River Lud where it was crossed by the ancient trackway along the east edge of the Wolds. The name derives from Hlud or Loud, referring to the fast flowing river that powered up to 13 watermills. The Danes left their mark in today's street names, where gata means 'a way': Chequergate, Cisterngate, Eastgate, Westgate and Uppgate. With Christianity came St. Mary's Church, on the site of the Old Cemetery, and the first Church on the site of St. James'.



Louth Market Place

At the time of the Domesday Survey in 1086, Louth had a population of about 600, and was one of the only five boroughs in Lincolnshire and of only fifty markets in England. As lord of the manor, the Bishop of Lincoln created a planned town east of Uppgate with a large open space for a market, now divided by the buildings between Mercer Row and the Cornmarket.

As Louth's importance grew as the trading centre between Wolds and Marsh, by 1300 the population had grown to 2,000 and there were two annual 8-day fairs. Farmsteads were in the town, the two parish hedgeless open fields, North and South, were ploughed in the furlong strips by the oxen and horses, and there was common grazing and meadow pasture by the river east of the town, all controlled by the Manorial Court. This

communal farming system survived until the beginning of the 19th century when Parliamentary enclosure created today's familiar pattern of fields and hedges.

LOUTH PARK ABBEY

The abbey at Louth Park just east of the town was founded in 1139. The Cistercian Order had a reputation as sheep farmers and the income was devoted to building a large cruciform abbey church. Chalk from Louth quarries and sandstone from the Wolds was floated along the Monks' Dyke which carried water from St. Helen's spring in the Gatherums to the abbey fishponds. When completed in the first half of the 13th century, it was nearly as wide as Lincoln Cathedral and 70 feet longer than St. James' Church. The abbey complex housed a community of 66 monks and around 150 lay brethren.

THE BLACK DEATH

East Lindsey in the early 14th century suffered famine and distress from coastal flooding and heavy rains. Then came the summer-time disease born by the fleas of the black rat – the Black Death. The chronicler of Louth Park Abbey wrote: 'In the year of our Lord 1349 the scourge in many places left less than a fifth part of the population surviving'. Among them was the abbot, William de Luda.

WEALTH FROM WOOL

The prosperity of Louth merchants owed much to the long staple of sheep reared on the Wolds and grazed on the 'rich fattening pastures' of the Marsh. This led to the building of the great parochial church in the Perpendicular style. The 13th century church of the St. Herefrith was lengthened and widened in the 1440's, and rededicated to St. James. The Bishop of



St. James' Church

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Lincoln, as lord of the manor, and the rector paid for the chancel, and the people's nave held seven chantries and altars, a three-storey rood screen with an organ, and even an equestrian statue.

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THE LINCOLNSHIRE RISING

The dissolution of Louth Park Abbey in September 1536 brought home to the people of Louth the meaning of what Henry VIII was doing in seizing property. The parish church, then Roman Catholic, had many precious vessels and vestments, and rumour was abroad that the King wished to seize them also. On Sunday 1st October at High Mass and at Evensong the vicar, Thomas Kendall, warned the congregation of an impending visit by the Bishop's steward.

Next morning an armed and unruly mob was about in the town, and two commissioners who were dissolving the nunnery at Legbourne were seized and put in the stocks. The rising or rebellion – for such it was – rapidly spread to Horncastle and Caistor and 30,000 men marched on Lincoln. Their petition to the King was rebuffed with the famous words 'ye rude commons of one of the most brute and beastlie shires in the whole realm'. Some of the rebels were executed in Louth Market Place, but the ringleaders, including the vicar, were taken to Tyburn on the outskirts of London to be hanged, drawn and quartered.



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Only fifteen years later, Henry's successor, King Edward VI, had a different view of Louth. For him it was 'a place most proper and fit for teaching and instructing lads and youth', and in September 1551 he granted the charter to found the Free Grammar School which still bears his name today.

THE GREEN LADY OF THORPE HALL

Tradition has it that a Spanish lady dressed in green haunts the grounds of Thorpe Hall on the outskirts of the town. Who was she? The story goes back to 1596 when John Bolle of Thorpe Hall was knighted for his valour in the defeat of the Spanish navy at Cadiz. During his thirteen days there a high born Spanish lady was assigned his prisoner, and she fell in love with him – but he remained a faithful husband. When Sir John sailed for home the senorita sent gifts for his wife, among them her portrait drawn in green, and then she retired to a convent.

CIVIL WAR AND YEARS OF SLEEP

With the 17th century came the Civil War. The King commanded Sir Charles Bolle to raise eighty troopers, but after a skirmish near Louth, Parliamentary troops subdued the town and took a hundred prisoners. As for Sir Charles, he hid under Ramsgate bridge to avoid capture. Oliver Cromwell on the other hand is said to have slept in Louth before the decisive battle at Winceby near Horncastle.

The 1660's to 1750's are sometimes called the years of sleep in Louth. However, law and order was strictly enforced in the House of Correction, the prison on Eastgate (on the site of the almshouses) with a treadmill for miscreants. The town welcomed immigrants from Europe. And the Corporation built the Assembly Rooms or Mansion House on Upgate for their meetings and where there was also entertainment.

TURNPIKE AND CANAL

Louth had for long been the hub of a network of roads, but it was not until the second half of the 18th century that turnpike or toll roads were established. The most important was the Dexthorpe Turnpike – south to Boston and Peterborough and west to Gainsborough and Bawtry. Other turn pikes were to Lincoln, Grimsby, Saltfleet and Horncastle; the toll house for the last is still there near the bypass.

Coal and timber were imported and corn and wood exported through Saltfleet and Grimsby until the opening in 1770 of the eight-lock Navigation Canal from Tetney to the Riverhead. This became Louth's dockland, separated from the town by green fields. Within fifty years it was an industrial suburb with wool and grain warehouses, maltkilns and breweries, ropery and soapery, woodyard and tannery, fertilizer factories and shipyard. Sloops, billy boys and keels were towed by horses or sailed in from the Humber.

TO MARKET

Louth was – and is – a major market town serving a wide hinterland of Wolds and Marsh. Before the mid-18th century much of the Wolds were open downland and rabbit warrens. Then came rotation of corn and roots and the wide-verged roads became droveways for beasts on their way to Louth Cattle Market. At the west end of the Cornmarket stood the mid-19th century Corn Exchange, and some eighty carriers and their carts from fifty villages converged on Louth for the Wednesday and Saturday markets. The horse was the power on the farm and on the road, and most of the town's inns had stabling and a haystack.



The Cattle Market

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GROWTH AND DECLINE

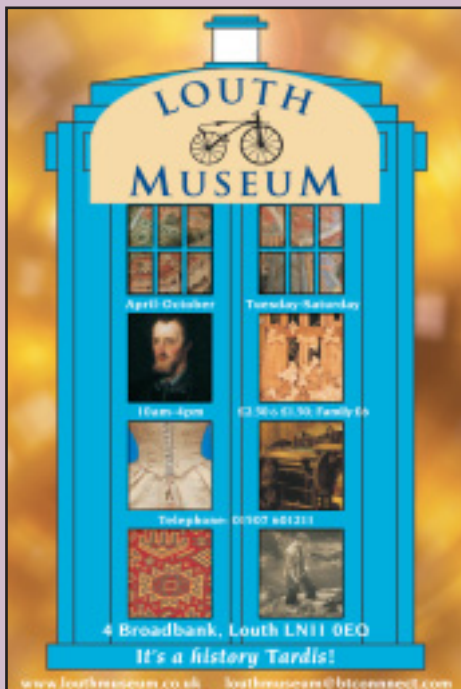
The first sixty years of the 19th century saw dramatic changes in the town. The population doubled to over 10,000 the old Corporation was replaced by the Borough Council, industry expanded with foundries and a carpet factory, and the town was lit by gas. And there were many new public buildings – the first Holy Trinity and St. Michael's churches, six chapels, four Church of England schools, a new grammar school building, a Wesleyan school and the non-denominational Kidgate School. This period also saw the establishment of the Union Workhouse (1837), a new Town Hall (1854) and the Market Hall (1867) which looks like King's Cross railway station.

The railway through Louth opened in 1848 and within thirty years there were branch lines to Bardney and Lincoln (1876) and to the seaside at Mablethorpe (1877). However, the last forty years of the 1800's saw farming depression and emigration to America and Australasia. In fact the town's population fell by nearly a thousand.

CULTURE CAPITAL

Throughout the changing fortunes of the 19th century, Louth became established as the culture capital of east Lincolnshire – in music, literature and the visual arts – a title it still holds today. Thomas Wilkinson Wallis became a nationally acclaimed woodcarver, and in 1844 William Brown sketched the town from the top of scaffolding surrounding the spire of St. James' to create the internationally important Panorama which now hangs in the Town Hall Council Chamber. The artist and architect Thomas Espin built the Priory and his own mausoleum in the grounds. And that most prolific of architects James Fowler was responsible for at least twenty buildings in the town, the design of 26 new churches in Lincolnshire and beyond, and the restoration of many more, including St. James'.

In literature the town is proud to be associated with Alfred Tennyson – through family connections and because he went to the Grammar School here, but, by his own account, he hated



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every moment of it. His only solace it seems were the wild weeds growing (as they still do) on the wall in Schoolhouse Lane, but his first poems were published in Louth and he rose to be Poet Laureate. In music Charlotte Alington Pye, daughter of a Louth Lawyer, took the pseudonym Claribel from the title of one of Tennyson's early poems, and became the country's most successful and prolific ballad composer.



Riverhead Silver Band: Maintaining a musical tradition

TWENTIETH CENTURY

Edwardian Louth saw the foundation of a girls' grammar school on Westgate in 1903, the gift to the town by the Pahud Trustees of Hubbard's Hills as a riverine public park (1907), a museum provided by the Louth Naturalists', Antiquarian and Literary Society (the 'Ants and Nats') in 1910, and electric lighting superseded gas in 1919. Monk's Dyke School opened in 1929 and three years later so did new accommodation for the Boys' Grammar School on Edward Street.

Teatime on Saturday 29th May 1920 saw the disastrous flash flood when, within twenty minutes, the River Lud cut a swathe of destruction through the town and drowned 23 people aged 1 to 82. Yet at the height of the flood, with water lapping an upstairs bedroom, a baby girl was born. Fifty homes were destroyed and another 250 had to be rebuilt. Flood marker stones on surviving buildings are a dramatic reminder of the depth of the flood water.

Two World Wars claimed the lives of 273 servicemen and women, and 15 civilians from bombing in the 1939-45 conflict. Postwar Louth grew slowly in size and prosperity again: a new secondary school was built – Cordeaux (1956), other schools expanded into new buildings, the Workhouse which had become the hospital from 1938 was extended, and next to the railway station there appeared (1951) a new high-rise and high-tech concrete maltkiln (now disused). Sadly the town finally lost its rail services in 1970, but the A16 bypass (1991) brought traffic relief to Uppgate, and light industry spread on the Fairfield Estate on the north side of the town.

PRIDE OF PLACE

Today the unspoilt town centre, with its medieval street pattern, brick Georgian and Victorian buildings, inns and restaurants, independent shops and thrice-weekly street market, is a real tourist attraction. In a friendly town of 15,000 we have a thriving repertory theatre, a multi-screen cinema, swimming pool, golf course, indoor bowls and improving facilities for other sports. The range of cultural activities includes choral and orchestral concerts, art exhibitions and an art trail, Blue Plaques on historic buildings, and a new museum. Louth can also boast of being on the line from which the world time is measured – the Greenwich Meridian of 0 degrees longitude, marked by plaques and pavement strips on Eastgate, James Street and Kidgate.



Louth Museum

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LOUTH – THE FUTURE

Louth continues to retain its historic character but there is a strong determination in the community that the town will look forward to an equally bright future.

There have been huge investments of European and other funding in the town already, which have financed the prestigious Playgoers' Riverhead Theatre, Louth Museum, and the country's first Rural Media Centre at Monks Dyke Technology College as well as the highly successful Fairfield Industrial Estate on the northern outskirts of the town.



Riverhead Theatre

The industrial estate has proved so successful that the district council is already on the look out for more land. East Lindsey District Council runs the estate and the council's active Economic Development Department is keen to attract new businesses, whatever their size. With nearby links to the port of Grimsby and the M180, the town is well placed for growth.

An exciting new development on the estate, The Fairfield Enterprise Centre will provide 36 modern office units alongside conference room facilities and intensive business support for pre-start, start-up and spin-out companies in East Lindsey. The project is expected to cost in the region of £1.6million and has secured over £1.2million of partner investment from the East Midlands Development Agency, Lincolnshire Enterprise, Lincolnshire County Council and the European Regional Development Fund. Additional investment and resources will be provided



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King Edward VI Grammar School

On the east of the town the Louth Navigation Trust has adventurous plans to re-open the Louth Navigation, the waterway which brought great wealth to the town when it opened in the 18th century. The Trust has recently commissioned a feasibility study which members will now use to attract £30m investment to open up the canal to craft once more – and using the North Sea could link the town with central Europe! Louth will be the hub of the new facilities and it is planned that the villages along the route will provide exciting stop off for visitors where they can enjoy traditional Lincolnshire fare and locally brewed beers and walks in attractive open countryside.

It is not all work and no play in Louth. The town is in the process of finalising the plans for a £12m state of the art Leisure Centre, which will feature a new swimming pool with a special learner pool, gyms, squash courts, outdoor and indoor tennis, football, cricket and numerous other

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The future looks very rosy for Louth and with the town boasting three specialist schools – King Edward VI Grammar School is a specialist science and maths school, Monks Dyke Technology College was one of the country's first technology colleges to be created and now also boasts vocational and training school status, and Cordeaux School with Engineering School status – the town is confident Louth will maintain its economic edge, making it a very pleasant place to live and work.



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Beautiful Hubbard's Hills

One of the best ways to discover the countryside is to pick up a leaflet for one of the great walks in the area – some are shorter, others are for the more energetic.

Louth has its own set of walk leaflets, all starting in the town centre and guiding you into the countryside and back to the town. Each map has a route map and clear directions to ensure you don't lose your way. There are also points of interest described to make your walk even more enjoyable.

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before dropping into South Elkington and returning to Louth. For a longer walk, try the 7½ mile walk 'Vales and Views' which explores the wooded Welton Vale. If you are after a flatter walk, 'Two Churches and a Canal' has a choice of either a 6 or 8½ mile walk from the town leading out along the old Louth Canal.

For the really energetic there is the 14 mile 'Round Louth' walk. This walk circles the historic town, following footpaths and tracks over fields offering great views of St James' spire from every direction. If you don't want to walk 14 miles in one day, there are links back to the town in several places.

So why not pick up some leaflets from the Tourist Information Office or from the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service. Alternatively, have a look at www.lincswolds.org.uk where all walk routes can be downloaded.

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LOUTH AS A VISITOR DESTINATION

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- Louth Museum – extended and refurbished
- Hubbard's Hills – Picturesque steep sided valley formed by glacial melt waters. Beech clad sides, grassy floor, river Lud flows through. Public parkland since 1907. Much loved and used for recreation and study.
- Westgate Fields – Public amenity area along south bank of river Lud.
- Louth Golf Club – Well established (c.30 years).
- Westgate – A road of fine Georgian houses parallel with the river.
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- Louth Art Trail
- Meridian Line – Plaques mark where Greenwich Meridian passes through Eastgate, Louth.
- Riverhead Theatre
- Riverhead and Canal – A restored warehouse at the canal basin, a Louth Navigation Trust Heritage Centre. Towpath walk.

The west-east linear street plan of Louth reflects its position alongside the river Lud. Flood markers of the catastrophic flood of 1920 are in Bridge Street, James Street, Eastgate and on Louth Museum on Broadbank.



St. James' Church

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Other Visitor Destinations Within 5 miles of Louth:

- Red Hill Nature Reserve
- Cadwell Park Road Racing Circuit
- Kenwick Park 18 Hole Golf Course and Leisure Centre (Membership only)
- Ludborough Railway Station, operating base of Lincolnshire Wolds Railway
- Rushmore Country Park, North Cockerington

Within 15 miles of Louth:

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Hubbard's Hills

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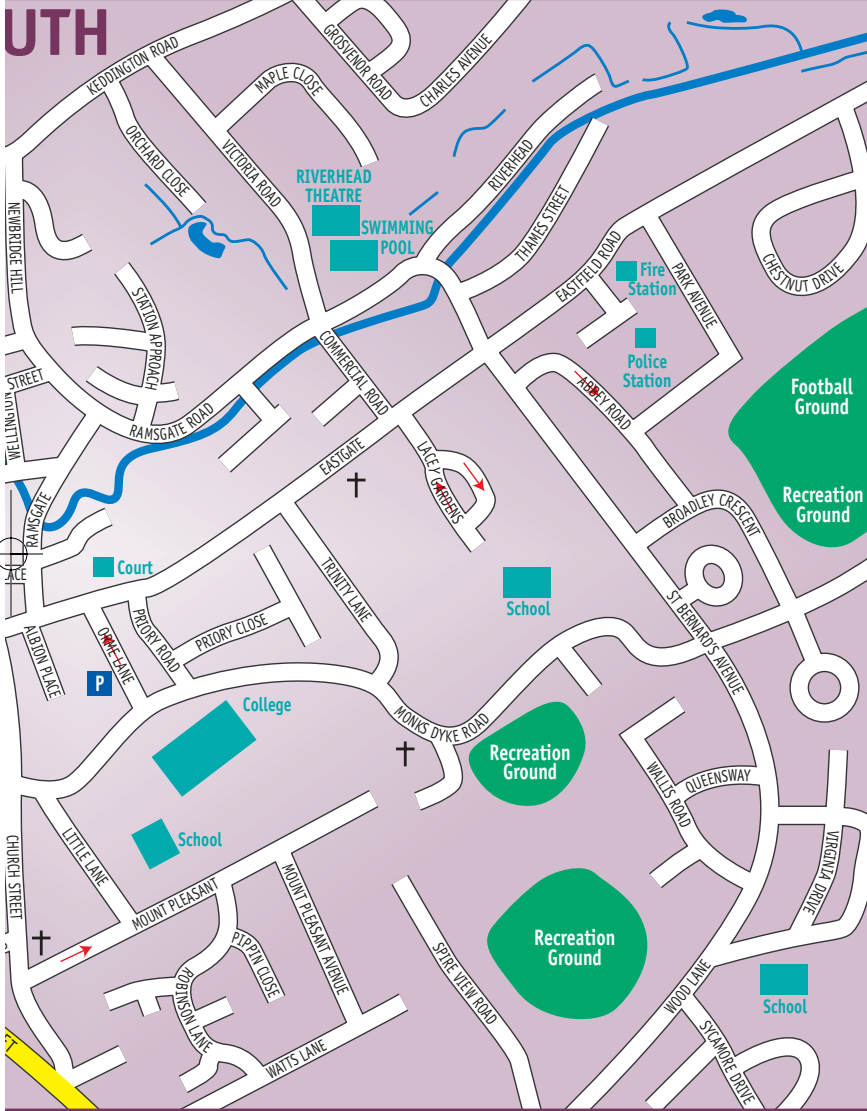
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LOUTH'S UNIQUE TOWN SIGNS

As we travel in and out of Louth we take little notice of the attractive roadside signs at the seven entrances to the town. Familiarity...

But to the discerning visitor they are a welcome reminder that his destination is near, as well as acquainting him with our religious, historic and agricultural back-ground. They have braved all weathers from 1967 when they were erected and we owe their origin to the then Town Clerk, Norman Rudd.



He had admired town and village signs in Norfolk, the work of Harry Carter, a schoolmaster and skilled wood carver. Through Mr. Rudd, and with the approval of the Borough Council, Mr. Carter was commissioned to extend his art form to Louth. The cost was met by generous local donations.



Let us do a circular tour of the town, and refresh our memories. The sign on Brackenborough Road shows St. Herefrid to whom our Parish Church was probably first dedicated. Certainly his comb was one of its proudest possessions before the Reformation.

At St. Mary's Lane junction stands St. James, patron saint of pilgrims.



The parish church, for many centuries dedicated to St. James, figures on the Horncastle and Grimsby Road approaches.



Our closeness to Mother Earth is represented by the charming farming sign, a ploughman and his pair, on Legbourne Road.



One of the most historic dates in the town's history, September 21, 1551, was King Edward VI signing the Charter which graces both London Road and Eastfield Road.



In granting the Charter, the King recognised Louth as a place of learning. It established a Corporation of one Warden and six Assistants to govern the ancient Grammar School, and Bedehouses, and to manage the market and fairs.



On each of the signs is a reminder that Louth is twinned with the French town, La Ferté-Bernard. What of Louth's own coat of arms which tops every sign?

Although the Wolf Rampant had been used for centuries by the Corporation, it was not until 1954 that the armorial bearings were officially granted. The Council applied for the grant in commemoration of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The wheat sheaves and plough were added to show the association with agriculture.

So next time you enter the town, have a look at our impressive signs.

By Gordon Webb

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SHOPPING IN LOUTH

Louth has a style of shopping that has disappeared from too many towns. Local people, taking it for granted, are not fully aware just how rare their daily shopping experience is in the rest of the country. Louth's centre escaped the re-developers vandalism that wrecked so many towns in the 1960's and 70's and it has fought off an out of town supermarket of the kind that has drained the life out of small High Street shops elsewhere.

Although it has a few multiples, one of the features that strikes the first time visitor is the names of the shops. These are not national chain names that make so many shopping centres as uniform as airports. They are local names painted in elegant scripts on wooden fascia boards above the traditional fronts of Georgian and Victorian shop buildings. Terraced along streets whose pattern still reflects medieval origins, they jostle next to each other, each one distinct, individual step in the organic growth of a town over the centuries. A travel writer discovering Louth said nearly every roof is a different height. They are occupied by shopkeepers with individuality, independent retailers, proud of running their own businesses, offering friendly, personal service.

There was a moment during the lengthy supermarket battle which crystallised everyone on what Louth would lose if a large store on the edge of town sucked most of the businesses from its heart. At one of the two major planning inquiries, the inspector asked a consultant when he had last seen a town with so many butchers, bakers, greengrocers, grocers and fishmongers. The consultant lost his smooth professional articulation for the first time and could only



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stammer that he could not think of anywhere. (A young colleague once told me that Louth was the first town he had known which reminded him of those old 'Happy Families' cards.)

A little while later a retail expert from Leicester University toured Louth with Civic Trust chairman Ian Knight, who said afterwards, "he was amazed and excited. He told me: 'I can't remember when I was last in a town with so many small independent retailers. You really have something very special here'"

Many first-time visitors have echoed that sentiment. One, a much-travelled retired United Nations official who lives in Devon, said: "It's charming. It's in a 1930's time warp."

He meant, of course, its delightful, old world character, a "hello" sort of town where you can't walk down a street without stopping to talk to friends and there's time to chat with the shopkeepers or their assistants.



The Woolpack and other hostelries provide a traditional welcome

He was not referring to what's available in the shops, which are all well stocked with the latest products. For example the town is very well served by shops selling the most up-to-date electrical equipment, from vacuum cleaners to mobile phones, and cameras sold by people who can give you sensible advice without high pressure salesmanship. You can walk along a cobbled street to buy just-out computer games.

The fashion conscious of both sexes of all ages can go on buying sprees in Louth whatever their price limit. Grannies can find traditional elegance while the younger set can maintain their wardrobe's rapid turnover without falling behind with the times. A friend, after her first wander round Louth described it as "fantastic, lovely", then confessed she had bought four pairs of shoes in one shop, the first time she had ever found four that fitted her perfectly.

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There are so many small shops in Louth that I can't mention them all, so it would be unfair to pick out a few.

That is particularly true of the food shops. Louth is a meat-eater's paradise with an array of butchers, not only selling high quality locally reared meat, but a splendid variety of prize-winning prepared products including pies, pasties, Lincolnshire specialities like haslets and superb sausages, from the traditional Lincolnshire recipes to the most imaginative mixtures of all sorts of delicious ingredients.

There are three fishmongers, one in a shop, two with stalls on market days, including one on a wide corner of pavement, known as the Fish Shambles, who sell fresh fish straight from the Market at Grimsby, half an hour away.

Colourful displays of fresh fruit and vegetables on the pavements entice you into the greengrocers and a specialist shop concentrates on a huge array of cheeses. Health and wholefood shops supply the body conscious.

Perhaps there are two shops no-one would mind me naming: Eve & Ranshaw because, founded in 1781, it represents a remarkable continuity from the Georgian era, when so many of Louth's beautiful buildings were erected and, as the last survivor of three traditional departmental stores that were once in the town, it maintains traditional standards of high quality and personal service; and McLeods because it is just outside the town centre, in the shadow of St. James' Church, in Bridge Street, supplying the residents of what could be called the 'posh' end of town with all the international ingredients and wines they could need for gourmet dinner parties.

Returning from Bridge Street you walk up to Ugate where you can buy fishing tackle, expensive men's clothes or furniture and will also encourage you to explore the fascinating streets that spread off Mercer Row, Eastgate and the Market Place, such as Aswell Street, Queen Street, Pawnshop Passage, Vickers Lane, Northgate and Little Eastgate.

There are also carpet shops, furniture shops, hardware shops, card shops, newsagents including two that have developed an ample books section, one of which hangs its name sign upside down! All the owners offer a specialist service in a niche they know well. Even Louth's multiples are long-established companies who still believe in staff who serve you. The two supermarkets on the fringe of the town centre are medium sized and a frozen food store fulfils a role appropriate to the town. Several charity shops have their function as an outlet for those clear-outs we all have to make at home and as a source of some very smart 'throw-outs'.

Most of all, though, Louth is a market town. It is busiest on market days, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, when the Market Place and Cornmarket are filled with stalls, selling all kinds of goods and vegetable sellers' cries ring out. On Wednesdays the auctioneer calls the bids on the traditional street auction of game, plants and assorted goods, spread beside the pavement.

The old Victorian Market Hall, now home to a single trader, is worth a visit for its 'railway station' architecture, while the new indoor market under a glass roof has found its own character and bustle round a café and children's play area.

Like Eartha Kitt's Englishman, the shopper in Louth needs time; let the hectic pressures of modern life be washed away by the historic perspectives of an ancient town and refresh your energies by drink or tasty food in lovely old pubs and tea rooms you pass at regular intervals.



Market Day at the Cornmarket

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Look for Taste of Lincolnshire signs in Louth and you will be assured of high quality local produce. For some traditional products, such as Lincolnshire plum bread, it is accepted that the dried fruit and spices come from further afield. It's the way it's made that makes it special.

The Lincolnshire fens are famous for the finest potatoes and a wide range of green vegetables from cabbage to asparagus. Cattle on the sheltered valley pastures of the Wolds supply milk for the popular Poacher cheese, one of several handmade cheeses being produced near Louth. There is also ewe's milk cheese, and farmhouse ice-cream and yoghurt made from sheep's milk.

Bakeries offer homemade breads, cakes and pastries, and the spicy fruit-filled loaf known as Lincolnshire plumbread where each baker has a closely guarded recipe. Very tasty when eaten with Poacher cheese.

When it comes to meat, some of the country's finest can be found in Louth butchers' shops and on the stalls of the regular farmers' market as well as on the menu of eating places in the town. Free range poultry, game, local lamb, venison and ostrich or Lincoln Red beef all go well with local vegetables, not least when washed down with one of the increasing varieties of local beers.

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 Toilets are also available in Louth Library, Louth Museum, The Cemetery and Somerfield Supermarket.

RADAR keys are available from Louth Tourist Information Centre.

Social Housing

East Lindsey District Council 601111
 New Linx Housing Trust, Gresley Road 355000

Registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Town Hall, Eastgate
 (by appointment) 01522 782244

Postal Services

Post Office, Northgate 600424
 Sorting Office & Parcel Collection, Eastgate 602777

Brackenborough Road
 Sub-Post Office 602717
 Newmarket Sub-Post Office,
 161 Newmarket 602982

Information Services

Blue Badge Guide 604717
 Louth Library, Northgate 602105
 Louth Museum, Broadbank 601211
 Louth Navigation Trust Warehouse,
 Riverhead Road 610539
 Louth Tourist Information Centre,
 The New Market Hall,
 off Cornmarket 609289
 Citizens' Advice Bureau,
 Queen Street 08701 224422
 (open Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-12.30pm)
 Louth Chamber of Business
 Inland Revenue, Chequergate 0845 302 1449
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Doctors Surgeries

Kidgate Surgery, Queen Street	602421
James Street Family Practice, James Street	611122
Newmarket Medical Centre	603121

Chemists

Birminghams,(Alliance Pharmacy) 96 – 98 Eastgate	603527
Boots, 26 Mercer Row	602578
Lincoln Co-Op Chemists, 52 Eastgate	603130
Herbal Medicines – Fabian’s – Mercer Row – Louth Wholefood Co-Op, Eastgate	

Dentists

Broadbank Dental Surgery, 2 Broadbank	606506
Eastgate House Dental Centre, 129 Eastgate	602936/600099
Louth Family Dental Practice, 23 Queen Street	603200
NHS Direct (emergency)	0845 4647

Opticians

GJ Drew & Partners, 136 Eastgate	603280
Stephen J Hewitt, Mercer Row	607276
Louth Vision Centre, Market Place	609499
Specsavers, 22 Mercer Row	351050

Chiropodists

Louth Foot Health Centre, 35 Queen Street	603927
Louth Foot Clinic, 150 Eastgate	600704

Chiropractors

Louth Chiropractic Clinic, 49 James Street	610007
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Osteopaths

Stella Arden Associates, 11 Broadbank	608166
Debbie Watt, Newmarket Medical Centre	603121

Homeopath

Annie Hall	608166
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Physiotherapists

Louth Physiofirst Centre	602323
Peter Jellett	604924
Robert Cook	604758
Weena Wilson	605550

Counselling

Chris Evans	602150
Jigsaw, 35 Eastgate	608020
Relate	01522 524922

Funeral Directors

Kettle Ltd, 110 Kidgate	600710
V Walker & Son, Queen Street Place	603519

Veterinary

Black Sheep Veterinary Surgery, Belvoir Way	609929
Cook & Timson Veterinary Centre, James Street	602828
Rase Veterinary Centre, 17 Newmarket	607718

Schools

Playgroups & Nurseries

Greenwich House Kindergarten, 106 High Holme Rd	609252
The Limes Play & Learn, Westgate	609199
Louth Pre-School Playgroup	610728
Busi Bodies, 68 Keddington Road	601224
Minnows	603580
St. Michael's	606887
Town & Country Kiddies, James Street	601100
Riverside Playgroup	606038
Holy Trinity Parent & Toddler Group	605803

Primary Schools

Eastfield Infant & Nursery School, Lacey Gardens	603376/608900
Greenwich House School, High Holme Road	609252
Kidgate Primary School, Kidgate	603636
Lacey Gardens Junior School, Lacey Gardens	602082
St. Michael's C of E Primary School, Monks' Dyke Road	603867
After School & Holiday Club – Lacey 4-11's Kids Club	610728

Secondary Schools

Cordeaux School, North Holme Road	606555
King Edward VI Grammar School, Edward Street	600456
Monk's Dyke Technology College, Monks' Dyke Road	606349

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Special Schools

St. Bernard's School, Wood Lane 603776

Further Education

Louth Area Lifelong Learning 609685
 First College, Milford Court,
 Warwick Road 601122
 Lincolnshire Rural Activities Centre,
 Kenwick Park 608855
 Workers' Educational Association 601072
 U3A 602130

Library

Louth Library, Northgate 602105

Employment Services

Job Centre, Eastgate, Louth 632100
 Connexions, New Street 603377

Youth Services

Louth Youth Centre, Park Avenue 602868
 Nichols Youth Project, 2 Nichol Hill 608532

Places of Worship

Louth Parish Community Worker,
 Parish Office 610752
 Orthodox Christian Church 358487
 St. James' Parish Church, Westgate 610247
 Louth Parish Office,
 Church House, Upgate 610247
 St. Michael & All Angels,
 Church Street 610247
 Holy Trinity, Eastgate 610247
 St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Upgate 603390
 Methodist, Nichol Hill 603402
 Eastgate Union,
 (Baptist & URC) Eastgate 602692
 Salvation Army, 13a Church Street 354366
 Louth Christian Fellowship 354048
 Jehovah's Witness,
 19 Monk's Dyke Road 605122
 St. Aethelheard Antiochian
 Greek Orthodox 358487

Banks & Building Societies

Abbey National, Market Place 0845 765 4321
 Barclays Bank plc,
 64 Eastgate 0845 755 5555
 HSBC plc, Cornmarket 0845 740 4404
 Lloyds TSB plc,
 24 Mercer Row & Eastgate 0845 300 0000
 NatWest Bank plc,
 Cornmarket 0845 600 2803

Bradford & Bingley,
 Bridge McFarland, Cornmarket 605883
 Halifax Building Society,
 15a Cornmarket 630404
 Nationwide, c/o Peter Mountain,
 Cornmarket 603366
 Norwich & Peterborough,
 33 Mercer Row 604726
 Nottingham Building Society,
 22/23 Market Place 600944
 Yorkshire Building Society,
 MJR Financial Services,
 11 Mercer Row 604550

Solicitors

Bridge McFarland,
 Haddon Owen, Cornmarket 605883
 John Barkers, Upgate 604773
 Scammell & Braithwaite,
 25 Northgate 600610
 Wilkin Chapman, 17 Cornmarket 600015

Estate Agents & Auctioneers

Broadgate & Thompson,
 Cornmarket 603101
 DDM, 7 Cornmarket 604712
 Halifax Property Services,
 13 Cornmarket 604424
 John Taylors, Cornmarket 603648
 Masons, Cornmarket 350500
 Nottingham Property Services,
 Market Place 600944
 Peter Mountain, Cornmarket 603366
 Turner, Evans & Stevens,
 Cornmarket 601633
 Patricia Williams (letting agency)
 Louth Letting Agency,
 21 Mercer Row 605444

Markets

Market Stalls Supervisor (ELDC) 601111
 Louth Livestock Market 350500
 Louth Market Auctioneers 602102

Accountants

Atkinsons, 5 Eastgate 609933
 Chattertons, 20 Eastgate 601964
 Duncan Topliss, 15 Chequergate 604841
 Forrester Boyd, Eastgate 606111
 R Mandal & Co,
 Church House, 6 Upgate 603232
 Weaver Wroot,
 Pawnshop Passage 605281

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Local Media

Louth Leader/The Citizen Cornmarket	617400
Louth Target, Cornmarket	600200
Grimsby Evening Telegraph	01472 360360
Lincolnshire Echo	01522 820000
BBC Radio Lincolnshire	01522 511411
Lincs FM	01522 549900
Spire Hospital Radio	600609

Transport Services – (See also under Taxis)

Call Connect	0845 234 3344
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Traveline	
(Public Transport information)	0871 200 2233
National Express Enquiries, (Louth TIC)	609289
Voluntary Car Scheme, The Porters Lodge,	
Louth County Hospital	609535
Wolds Community Mini Bus (Mr S Fisher)	01472 398664
Humberside Airport	01652 688456

Residential Homes

The Beeches, 28 South Street	603862
Crowtree House, 39 Crowtree Lane	602653
The Elms, Elm Drive	350100
Fir Close Care Home, 2 Westgate	603882
The Haven, 266 Eastgate	604197
Link Community Trust, Ramsgate Road	608311
Madeira House, 129/131 High Holme Road	607452
Northolme Court	606485
Northern Life Care, 90 Brackenborough Road	600590
Stewton House, Stewton Lane	602961

Sheltered Accommodation

Elizabeth Court, Church Street
Maxe Court, James Street
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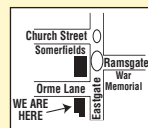
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Recreation & Leisure Facilities

Sports

Louth Angling – (Senior) 338540
Louth Angling – (Junior) 353831
Louth District Angling 605835
Louth CAWAC (Angling) 608125
Aquacise (Louth Swimming Pool) 604738
Louth & District Disabled
Archery Club 600319
Louth Athletic Club, London Road 338252
Louth Sports Association 608068
Louth Indoor Bowls Club,
Birch Road 609227
Louth Silverdale (Bowls) 605212
Louth Eastfield Bowling Club
(outdoors) 604168
Charles Street Bowling Club 601623
Louth Westgate Bowling
(outdoors) 602688
Louth Boxing Club 477963
Louth Bridge Club 450663

Louth Duplicate Bridge Club 604764
Louth & District Canoeing Club 605070
Covenham Sailing Club 363709
Louth Chess Club 603947
Charles Street Recreation Ground,
Charles Street 603362
Louth Cricket Club
Louth Taverners Cricket Club 601007
Louth & District Cricket
Coaches Association 601007
Cycle Hire – Louth Cycle Centre 607447
Louth & Dist. Open Darts League 606793
Belly Dancing – Media Centre,
Monks Dyke College 606349
Egyptian Belly Dancing 327260
Louth Dance Club 604972
Nickels & Dimes Line Dancing 462782
Morris Dancing
(World Famous Alford Morris) 605385
Louth Tea Dance 01472 690218
Louth Modern Sequence Dance 604115
Studio 2000 (Ballet School),
Cannon Street 610000
Fencing Club,
Sports Hall, Tedder Hall,
Manby 01472 841926

YOUR LOCAL GP SURGERIES

Louth:

The James Street Family Practice
49 James Street 01507 611122

The Newmarket Medical Centre
Newmarket 01507 603121

The Kidgate Surgery
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Louth Old Boys Junior Football Club	0779 874 2199	Cottage Gardens & Allotment Society	
Louth Town Mariners (football)	606540	Fellowship of the Services	606253
Louth United Football Club, Park Avenue		Friends of St. James' Church	
AFC Kai's Football Club –		Historical Association	
Simon Beeton	601111	League of Friends (Hospital)	600376
Lincolnshire Gliding Club, Strubby	463726	Lincolnshire Rural Activities Centre	608855
Louth Golf Club, Crowtree Lane	603681	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (Louth Branch)	
Kenwick Park Golf Club,		Lincolnshire Wolds Railway Group	363881
Kenwick Park	605134	Lindsey Patchworkers	343764
Louth Ladies Hockey	607292	Lindsey Scribes	602968
<i>Martial Arts:</i>		Louth Beekeepers	605783
Self Defence (Focus)	01205 363344	Louth Bellringing (St. James' Church)	603998
Kickboxing/Kung Fu	01529 309280	Louth Naturalists, Antiquarian & Literary Society	601211
Jujitsu	343837	Louth Branch of Lincs. Family History	606062/354597
Kung Fu	01529 461570	Guiding Association (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides)	600828
T'ai Chi	01790 763 487	Louth Classic Car Show	606574
Ying Yang	0705 011 7066	Louth & District Dog Club	327612
Lynx Tae Kwon Do	07917 602506	Louth & District Gardening Society	605399
Yom Chi Tae Kwon Do	327056	Louth Embroidery Group	605385
Flyers Netball Team	604219	Louth Film Club	607677
Brook House Farm Riding School,		Louth & District Flower Lovers Club	01472 388108
Scamblesby	343244	Louth & District Fuchsia Society	01673 844561
Market Rasen & Louth Rugby Club	01673 843152	Louth Ladies Luncheon Club	
Morris Dancing	603585	Louth Lions	603622
Louth Squash Club, Crowtree Lane	603681	Louth Methodist Ladies Club	
Louth Sports Association,		Louth Round Table (James Laverack)	603648
London Road	608068	Louth Sign Language Group	602543
Riding for the Disabled (LRAC), Kenwick	608855	Magical Mummers Group	451131
Louth Swimming Pool,		Millers Art Group	610771
Riverhead Road	604738	Louth Navigation Trust	604624
Louth Dolphins Club (swimming)	604317	Louth Photographic Society	01472 399862
Louth Disabled Swimming Group	602373	Louth Playgoers Riverhead Theatre	600350
Louth Spire Motorsports Club	603500	The Paintbox Theatre Club (Juniors) (Sat)	600350
Louth Lawn Tennis Club	605472	Youth Theatre – Wharfingers (Thurs)	600350
Tennis Buddies	01526 354004	Louth Playhouse Cinema,	
Grimsby & Louth Ramblers' Association	01472 509396	Cannon Street	603333
Lincolnshire Walkers	01522 682834	Louth Probus II	604437
Lincolnshire Vikings (Walking Group)	327285	Royal Air Force Association	327741
Louth Table Tennis Association	605605	RSPB	01522 820232/804799
Louth Weightlifting	604976	Royal British Legion	0845 772 5725
Riding for the Disabled (LRAC), Kenwick Hill	608855	Louth Rotary	610882
		Society for Lincs History & Archaeology	01522 521337
Clubs & Societies			
Air Cadets 1228 (Louth)			
Squadron ATC	606397		
Lincolnshire Cadet Force	01522 528109		
1st Louth Boys Brigade	607812		

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St. John's Ambulance, Gospelgate
 St. James' Guild
 2nd Louth Scouts
 (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) 602543
 Louth Twinning Association
 Town & Country Club, Cannon Street 602896
 International Women's Association
 606629/607296/600832
 Lincs North Fed of Womens' Institutes,
 Lee St 602174
 New Dawn WI
 (Holy Trinity Church Centre) 608364
 Louth Writers Circle 466813

Music

Allegro Appassionato,
 Conoco Room, Louth Library 601425
 Louth Chamber Choir 605254
 Louth Male Voice Choir 605071
 Louth Choral Society 600295
 Louth & District Concert Society 609901
 Louth Folk Club – Every 2nd & 4th
 Tuesday at The Masons Arms 327741
 Louth People's Orchestra 609016
 Louth Recorder Group 603998
 Ludensian Singers 602467
 Mostly Music 609901
 Riverhead Silver Band 607513/490472
 Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship 602289
 South Wold Jazz Club,
 Queen Street (New Orleans) 602114
 St. James' Choir 605254
 St. James' Church Summer
 Lunchtime Concerts 343736
 NE Theatre Organ
 Preservation Society 01472 812490
 Withern Singers 450138
 Young Musicians Competition 600308

Meeting Places

Ayscough Hall, Lee Street 355000
 Royal British Legion Hall,
 Northgate 602104
 Conoco Room, Louth Library 602105
 Louth Town Hall 601111
 Monks Dyke Media Centre 606349
 St. James' Church House 603157
 St. Michael's Church House 603513

Charities/Charity Shops

Age Concern, 103 Eastgate 609642
 Arthritis Care 01472 230891
 Hedgehog Care 450221

Home-Start (Louth & Dist.),
 Garrod House, Manby Pk 327321
 Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust 526667
 Lindsey Blind Society,
 Bradbury House, Ramsgate 605604
 Louth & Dist. Alzheimer's Society,
 13 Upgate 608800
 Louth & Dist. Hospice, Eastgate 602934
 Louth & District Parkinson's
 Disease Society 602031
 Louth & District Jumbulance 466908
 Louth Area Voluntary Centre,
 Meridian House
 Louth & Mablethorpe Cat
 Protection League 601492
 The Princes Trust 607607
 Relate 01522 524922
 Renew (Living Well) 604174
 RNLI (Louth) 327588
 British Heart Foundation, 44 Eastgate 609438
 Cancer Research, 20 Market Place 600547
 Help the Aged, 54 Eastgate 600971
 Oxfam, 19 Market Place 601616
 Salvation Army, 13a Church Street 608659
 Scope, 25 Market Place 609496
 St Andrew's Childrens' Hospice 604675
 St Barnabas' Hospice, Eastgate

Taxis

Acorn Taxis 604321
 Arrow Taxis 354407
 Burty's Taxi 608999
 Dalton's Private Hire 609757
 Elite Taxis 610737
 Garry's Taxis 603864
 Garry's Private Hire 606538
 M Goys Taxis 605606
 Grahams Taxis 606690
 Hudson's Private Hire 354265
 Louth Private Hire 07707 875080
 Mason's Taxis 603672
 Queen Street Cars 609629
 Phoenix Taxis 600165
 SLS 603246
 Streets Private Hire 608831
 T's Private Hire 602452
 TC Mini Coaches 603624
 Thornley Taxis 602255
 R & S Pet Taxi 604194
 07711 501797

Petrol Stations

Newmarket Service Station, Newmarket 604592
 John Darkes, Grimsby Road 603451

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Places to Eat

Antalya Restaurant, 34 Upgate	602822	Scoffs, Queen Street	
The Baker's Oven, Market Place	605264	Sorrentos, 12 Vickers Lane	602060
Beaumont Hotel, Victoria Road	605005	St. James' Church	
Beverley's Café, 39 Eastgate	354193	Tony's Plaice (formerly Moby Dick's Fish & Chip Restaurant), 105 Eastgate	
The Boar's Head, Newmarket	603561	Tai Pan Chinese Restaurant, 138 Eastgate	602332
Bowling Green Restaurant, Louth Indoor Bowling Club, Birch Road	604250	Thai Silk Restaurant, 6a Mercer Row	354900
Brackenborough Arms, Cordeaux Corner	609169	The Turk's Head, Aswell Street	605588
Chuzzlewits Tea Room, 26 Upgate	611171	Via Italia, Upgate	608464
Cobbles Bar, New Street	606699	The Wheatshaf, Westgate	606262
Greyhound, Upgate	604685	The White Horse, Legbourne Road	
Helal Tandoori Restaurant, 1a Mercer Row	607960	The Woolpack, Riverhead	606568
Hubbard's Hills Café, Hubbards Hills	605347	Wyvale Garden Centre, Legbourne Road	605381
Hurdles, The Newmarket Inn, 133 Newmarket	605146	Ye Olde Whyte Swanne, Eastgate	601312
Istanbul (Turkish BBQ)	600880		
Jay Dees Family Restaurant, 3 Cornmarket	611110	Take-Aways	
Kai's Bar, Pawnshop Passage	609090	Bracken Fish Shop, Brackenborough Road	606293
Kenwick Park Hotel, Kenwick Park	608806	Bracken Fish Shop, Park Avenue	
The King's Head, Mercer Row	602965	Deedar's Indian Tandoori, Aswell Street	602558
Lincolnshire Poacher, Eastgate	603657	Chicken Express, Aswell Street	608686
Lord Tennyson Inn & Brook Restaurant, North Holme Road	603555	Coral House, Upgate	605119
Louth Golf & Squash Club, Crowtree Lane	611087	Golden Wheel, Queen Street	604819
Lucy's Café Bar, Queen Street	606889	Helal Tandoori, Mercer Row	607960
Marquee Café, The New Market Hall, off Cornmarket	609635	Lee's Chinese, Aswell Street	608676
Masons Arms Hotel, Cornmarket	609525	The Lunch Box, Queen Street	605252
Miller's Daughter, Northgate	608904	Marmaris Pizza, Aswell Street	354800
Melanie's, 37 Upgate	609595	Milano's, Eastgate	610685
Mr Chip's Restaurant, Aswell Street	603756	Mr Chips, Aswell Street	603756
My Father's Moustache, North Holme Road	607796	Parkinson's, Eastgate	604435
Odd Cocks Arts & Lifestyle Café, Aswell Street		Pizza Paradise, Eastgate	606066
The Old Warehouse, Little Butcher Lane	610101	Raj Mohal Tandoori, Aswell Street	608227
Oliver's Wine Bar, Aswell Street	610023	Turkish Grill, Aswell Street	
Jaseys Wine Bar, Eastgate	603848	Turkish Delight, Aswell Street	602684
Parkinson's Fish & Chips, 111 Eastgate	604435		
Perkins Pantry, Mercer Row	609709		
Raj Mohal, 23 Aswell Street	608227		

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