



United Kingdom Rescue Organisation Festival of Rescue 2023



Visitor information guide

15–16 September 2023
• Lincoln •

Foreword

The United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) is an annual event hosted by a one of the UK's Fire Services each year. On the 15th and 16th September Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue is honoured to be hosting this year's event, our *UKRO 2023 Festival of Rescue*.

At this event you will see professional rescue and trauma competitors from many UK fire services competing in a range of challenges which include vehicle extrication, rope rescue, trauma care and water rescue. On the Saturday we will also have a Fire Cadets' challenge, showcasing the skills of our young people in relation to casualty care.



For the first time, we will be piloting a canine demonstration/challenge which will see USAR search dogs showing off their skills and giving the public a close look at how they save lives. We are also inviting other working dogs from a number of sectors, including Guide Dogs for the Blind, Police sniffer dogs, Fire investigation dogs, to attend to showcase their skills and provide further interest to spectators.

We last held this prestigious event in 2012 using the University and Brayford area of Lincoln as the location. The main backdrop for this year's challenges will be the historic cathedral quarter of uphill Lincoln. This spectacular range of sites including the Cathedral, Castle, Lawn complex and Water tower will provide what should be a memorable experience for both competitors and spectators. On the Friday, the water rescue challenge will take place in Newark (Swift water) and on the Saturday at the Brayford Pool in Lincoln (more details can be found in this guide).

As well as our challenges we will have a community safety village within the Castle grounds where we will have educational and other activities/stalls. There will also be a sponsor's area at the Lawn complex.

We at Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue look forward to welcoming you to our *Festival of Rescue, UKRO 2023*.

Chief Fire Officer Mark Baxter

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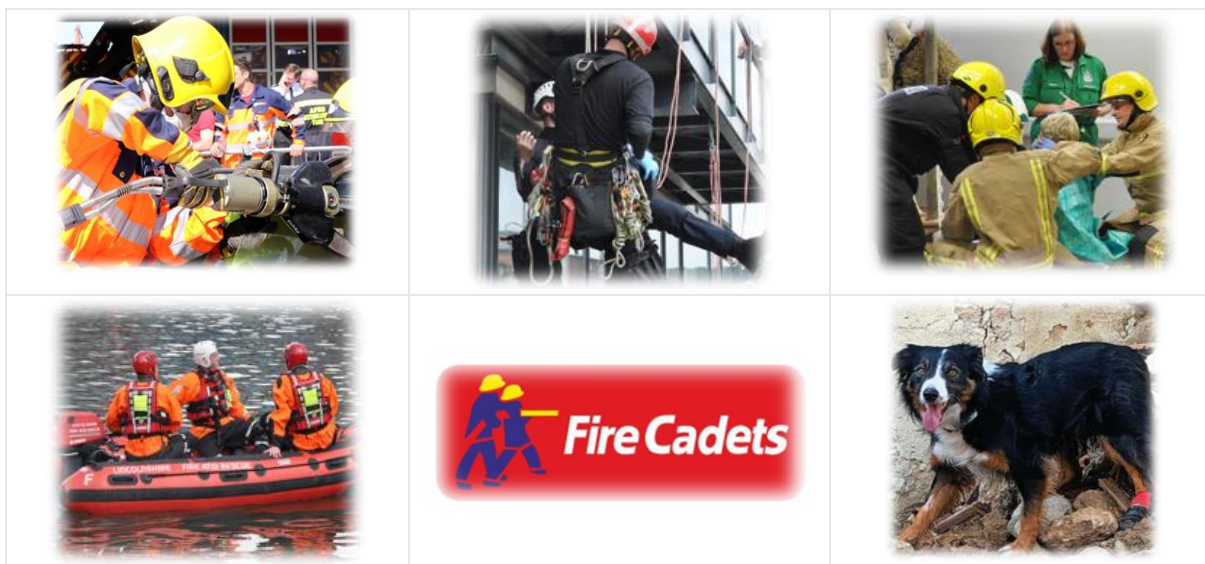


Welcome to UKRO 2023

The Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue UKRO planning team would like to welcome you to our 2023 Festival of Rescue.

All the details in relation to what is happening, where and when can be found in this guide. We have a number of *Information Points* at key locations as well as volunteers at each setting to assist with any queries you may have. Please do not hesitate to approach them for assistance if required.

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue UKRO Planning Team



Who is the UKRO?

For over 30 years, the United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) has, and continues to be, at the forefront of development and innovation in the field of professional rescue, ensuring rescue and trauma professionals both in the UK and internationally, are able to adapt and respond to existing and emerging risks. During this time, UKRO has acquired a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

The UKRO is formed and run by practitioners predominantly from within the Fire and Rescue and Medical sectors with a passion for advancing professional rescue. Both serving and recently retired rescue and trauma professionals, the dedicated UKRO team of volunteers come from across the UK, amassing their knowledge, skills and experience.

Supported by the UKRO Board of Trustees, the UKRO ensures it remains at the cutting edge of rescue developments and that its services and products are as applicable to managing organisational risks, as they are to rescue and trauma professionals putting them into practice at an incident scene.



The UKRO challenges

Vehicle extrication	A team complete challenges to safely remove casualties from vehicles that have been involved in collisions. Whilst operations must be delicate to prevent further injuries, the crews must work speedily so that injuries can be treated in the minimum time.	
Rope rescue	Teams will demonstrate skills and solve real life rescue scenarios utilising technical rope rescue. They will be competing against each other using a number of different and challenging locations which include some of Lincoln's many historical buildings.	
Trauma care	A team will work to treat casualties with minor and major injuries which have resulted from a range of accidents and dangerous occurrences. Visitors will be able to see at close hand how realistically simulated wounds and injuries are managed before full hospital care can be given.	
Water rescue	There are two categories within this area – swift water rescue and water rescue. Teams using boats and rescue equipment will face challenging situations where live casualties in precarious positions will require urgent lifesaving action from the competitors.	
Cadet casualty care	Observe our cadet teams competing against each other in the casualty care category. Our youngest competitors are from teams around the UK, many of whom will be taking their first steps to be rescue/trauma professionals	
Canine demonstration	Search and rescue dogs along with their handlers demonstrate the skills used when deployed to earthquake areas to locate those trapped under piles of rubble. Come along to meet 'Colin the Collie' who was recently deployed to the earthquake zone in Turkey.	

Our challenge competitors

Come along and support your team...

Avon Extrication Water Rope	Cornwall Extrication Trauma	County Durham and Darlington Extrication Water
Derbyshire Extrication Trauma (2) Cadets	East Sussex Extrication Trauma	Essex Extrication
Greater Manchester Extrication Trauma Rope	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Extrication Trauma Rope	Hereford and Worcester Extrication Rope
Humberside Extrication Trauma	Lancashire Rope	Leicestershire Rope
Lincolnshire Extrication Trauma Cadets	London Extrication Trauma Rope Water	Merseyside Trauma Rope
Mid & West Wales Water	North Wales Extrication	Northamptonshire Cadets
Northumberland Extrication Trauma Water	Oxfordshire Extrication	Scotland Extrication (3) Trauma Cadets
Shropshire Extrication Trauma	South Wales Extrication (2) Trauma (2) Rope Water Cadets	South Yorkshire Extrication Trauma (3)
Staffordshire Extrication	Suffolk Extrication Water	Surrey Extrication Trauma
Tyne & Wear Extrication	West Midlands Extrication (2) Trauma (2) Water Cadets	Dublin Rope
East Midlands Rope Team Rope	Extrac 78 (France) Trauma	Rope Rescue Romania Rope

Our UKRO Challenges (all locations)

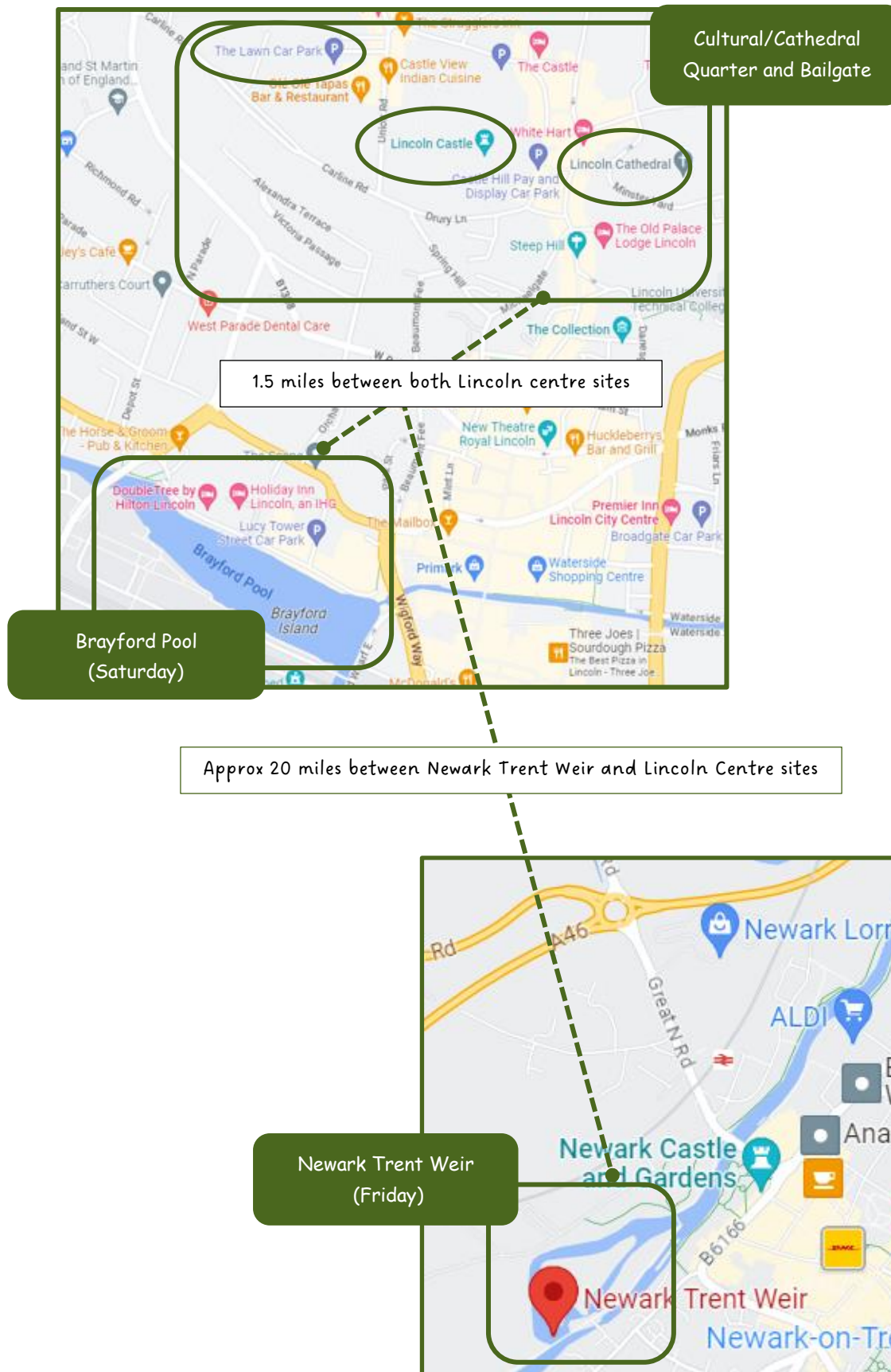
Cultural / Cathedral Quarter, Bailgate (15th & 16th September)



Newark Trent Weir (15th) and Brayford Pool (16th)



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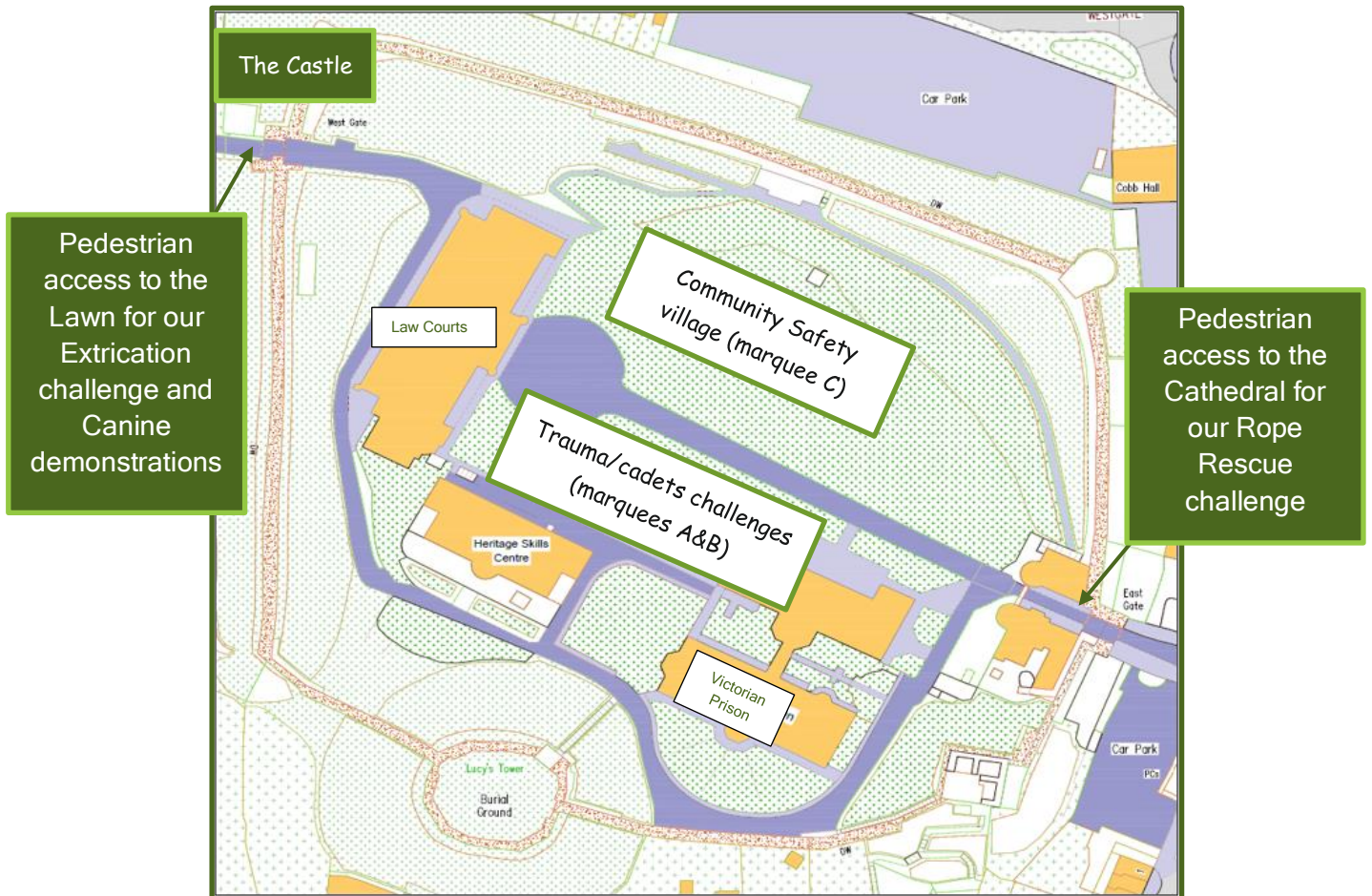
Challenge and locations

Extrication Challenge Canine demonstration The Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln



Challenge and locations

Trauma Care and Cadet Casualty Care Challenges Community Safety Village Lincoln Castle, Castle Square, Lincoln, LN1 3AA

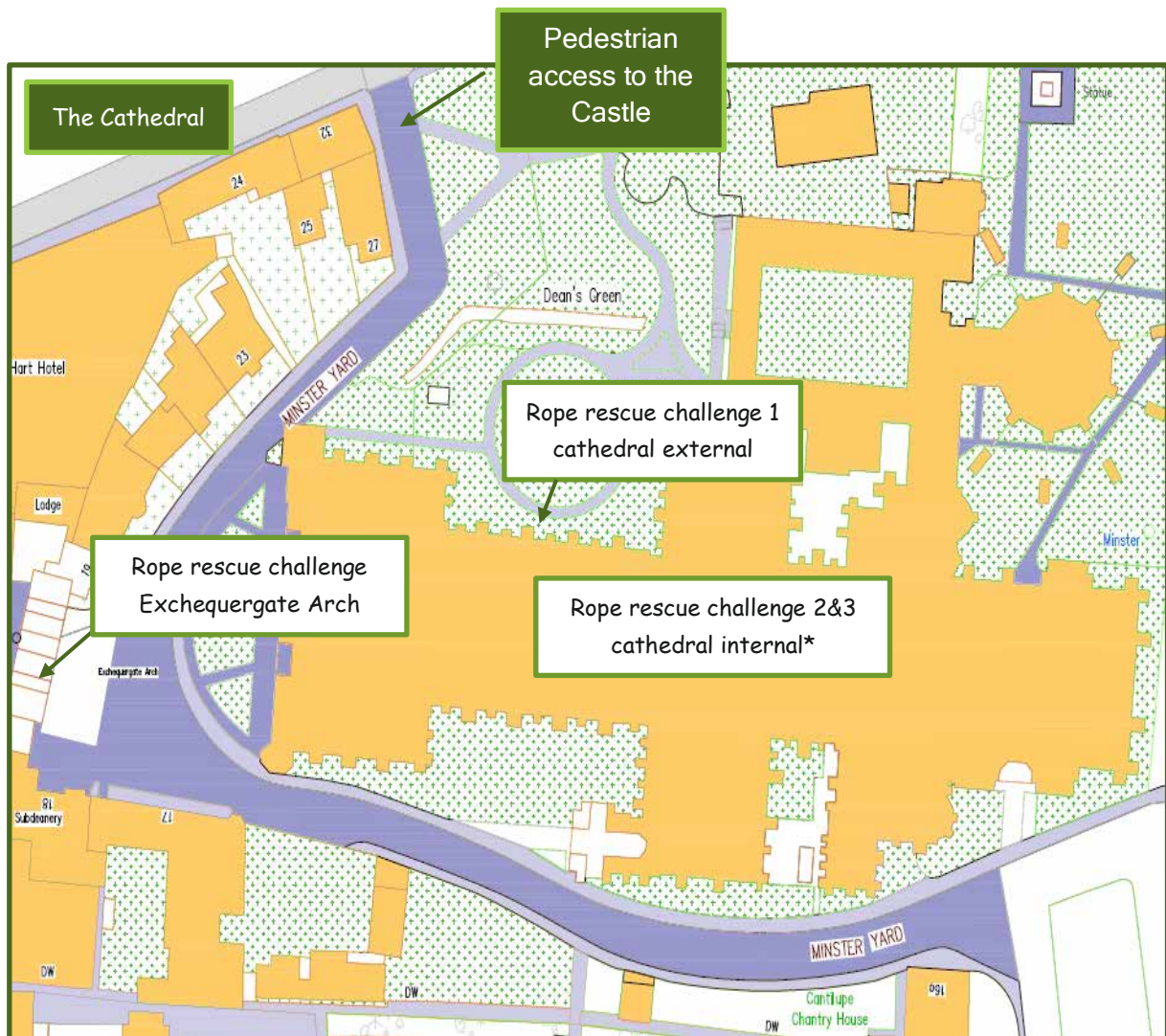


On the Saturday as well as our Community Village and activities, there will be an open day at the Law Courts in the Castle grounds. Also, our local farmers market will be open in Castle Square for visitors to browse and buy local produce.

Challenge and locations

Rope Rescue Challenge

Lincoln Cathedral, Minster Yard, Lincoln, LN2 1PX

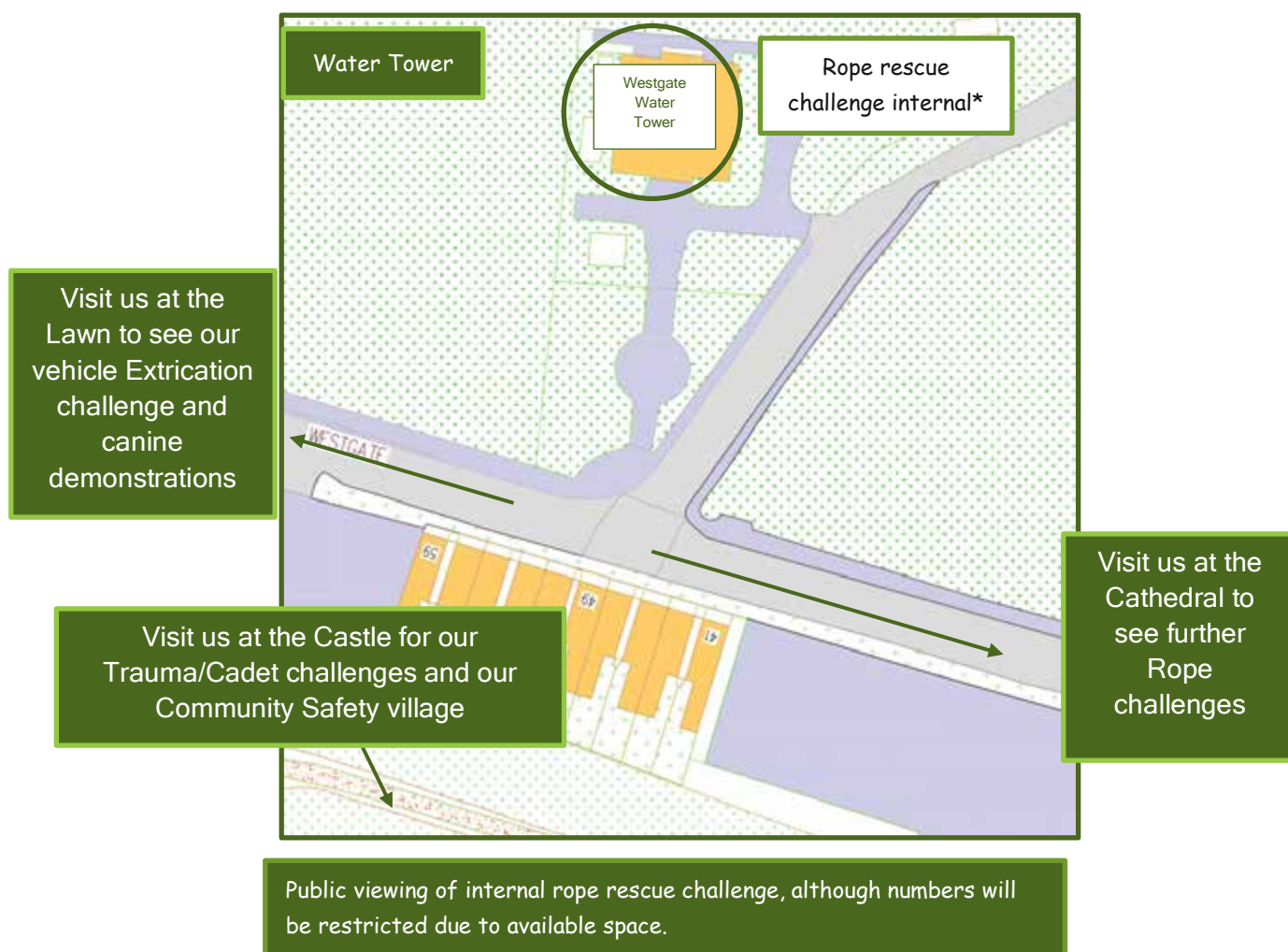


* please note public viewing of some of the internal rope challenges will not be possible due to location or timing

Challenge and locations

Rope Rescue Challenge

The Water Tower, Westgate, Lincoln, LN1 3AZ

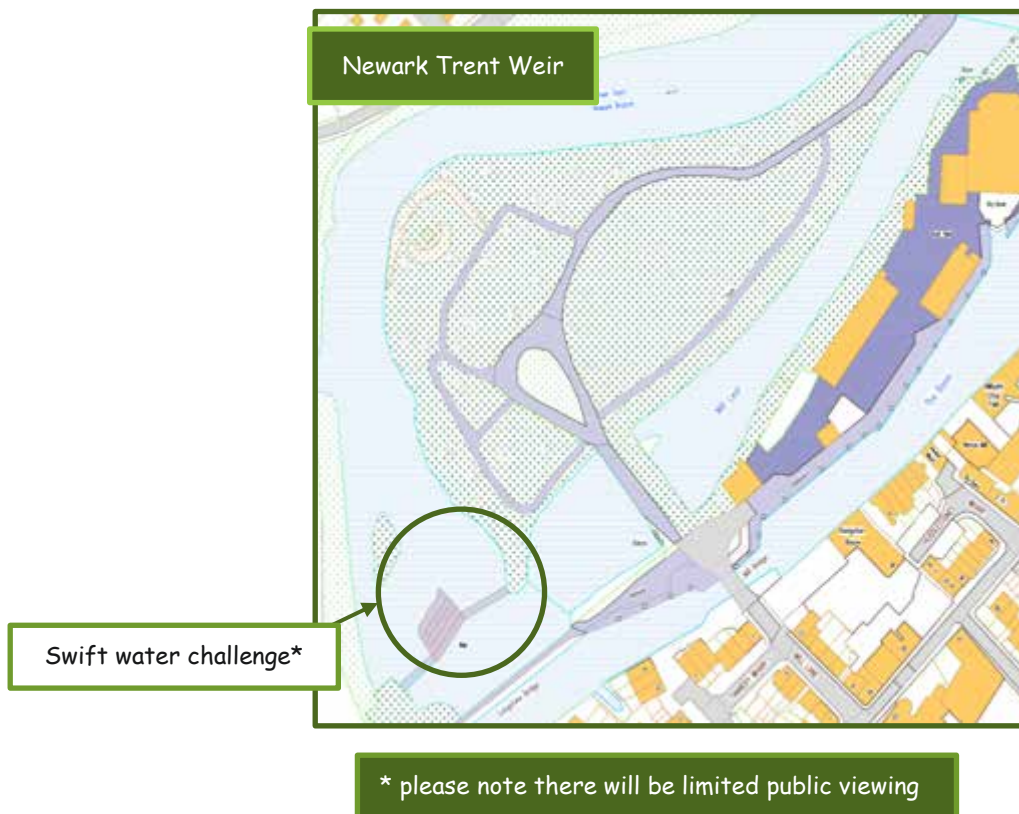


As well as viewing our rope rescue challenge, there will be a unique opportunity to view the inside of the famous Westgate Water Tower.

Please note if stepping inside, for your safety you will be provided with a hard hat and safety glasses. Numbers will be restricted inside the Tower for safety reasons.

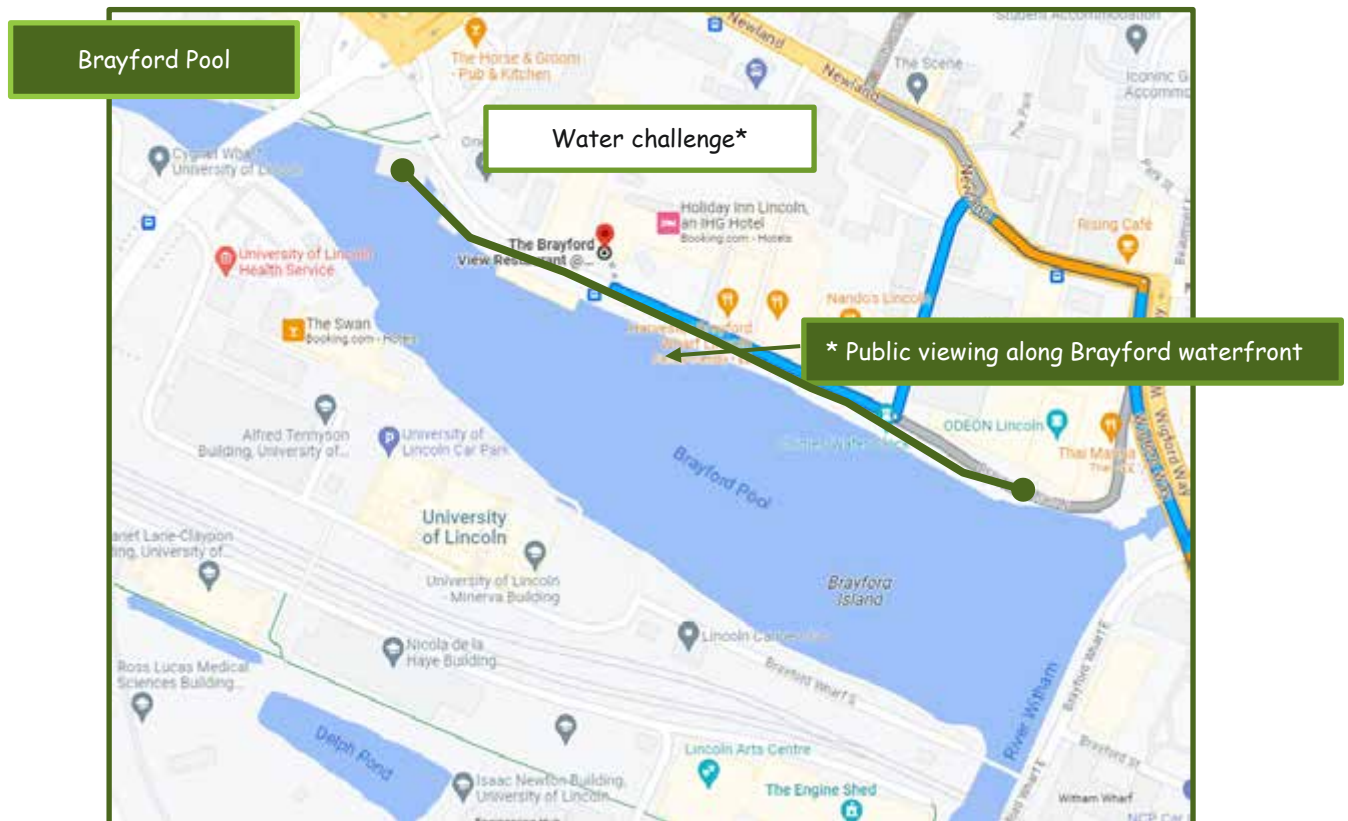
Challenge and locations

Swift Water Rescue Challenge (Friday, 15th only) Newark Trent Weir, Coopers Yard, Newark, NG24 4UH



Challenge and locations

Water Rescue Challenge (Saturday 16th only) Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln



Challenge timetable

Friday, 15th September 2023

Date/time	Event	Venue
Friday, 15 September		
0900 hours	Event opens to the public (Unless otherwise specified below)	All locations
0900-1700 hours	Vehicle extrication challenge	The Lawn (car park)
0900-1700 hours	Rope rescue challenges	The Cathedral (1 - external) The Cathedral (2 - internal)** The Cathedral (3 - internal)* Exchequergate Arch The Water Tower**
1000-1700 hours	Trauma care challenge	The Castle (marquee A)
1000-1700 hours	Cadet challenge	The Castle (marquee B)
0900-1700 hours	Water rescue (swift water) challenge	Newark Trent Weir **
0900-1700 hours	Canine demonstration/challenge	The Lawn (West Lawn)
1000-1700 hours	Community village	The Castle (marquee C and lawn area)
1000-1700 hours	Trade stands	The Lawn (between Stokes and Charlotte House Hotel)
1700 hours	Event closes to the public	All locations

* No public viewing of these challenges

** Limited public viewing

Challenge timetable

Saturday, 16th September 2023

Date/time	Event	Venue
Saturday, 16 September		
0900 hours	Event opens to the public (Unless otherwise specified below)	All locations
0900-1700 hours	Vehicle extrication challenge	The Lawn (car park)
0900-1700 hours	Rope rescue challenges	The Cathedral (1 - external) The Cathedral (2 - internal)** The Cathedral (3 - internal)* Exchequergate Arch The Water Tower**
1000-1700 hours	Trauma care challenge	The Castle (marquee A)
1000-1700 hours	Cadet challenge	The Castle (marquee B)
0900-1700 hours	Water rescue challenge	The Brayford Pool
0900-1700 hours	Canine demonstration/challenge	The Lawn (West Lawn)
1000-1700 hours	Community village	The Castle (marquee C)
1000-1700 hours	Trade stands	The Lawn
1700 hours	Event closes	All locations

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Community safety village

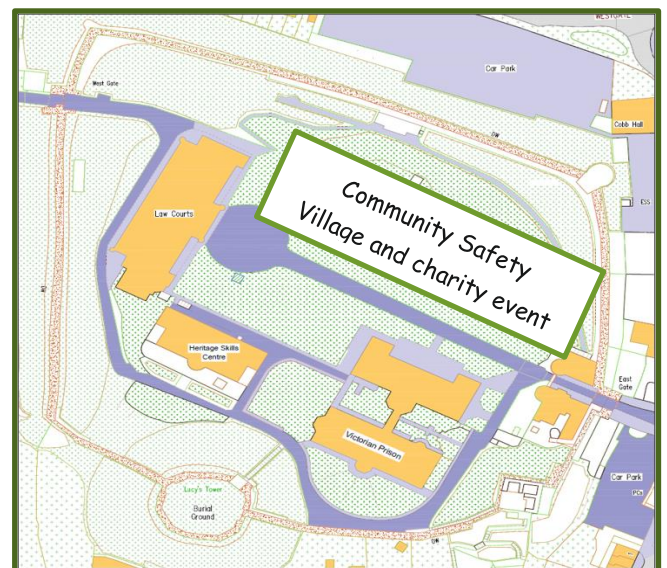
Join us at the community safety village, also located in the grounds of Lincoln Castle, where you will find Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue's community safety team and partners on hand to chat about all things safety. The team will focus on how you can keep yourself safe in your homes and offering the opportunity to work through the on-line self-assessment in partnership with the NFCC and SaferLincs.

Partnership working is a key part of LFR's service delivery, and we are proud to have a number of partners supporting the event, with the following organisations represented over the two days:

- Police
- Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance
- Lincolnshire Integrated Volunteer Emergency Service (LIVES)
- Lincolnshire Lowland Search and Rescue (LLSAR)
- Fire and Police Arson Task Force
- Safer Lincolnshire Partnership
- Lincs Adults Safeguarding Board
- OneYouLincolnshire
- Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Volunteer Group

The teams will be looking to engage, offering information and advice throughout the event. We will also have a number of static displays that everyone can enjoy, showcasing some of the latest technology in use across the Service. Displays will also offer a look back at some of the historic equipment used within the fire service.

Please pop along and spend some time within the community safety village and learn about how we, and our partners, look to keep our communities safe and well.



For your safety

For the safety of all our visitors and competitors we would ask that you...

- Keep a safe distance from challenge site activity by remaining behind the barriers and keeping to the pedestrian/public areas.
- Do not enter any areas which have been fenced/cordoned off.
- Adhere to any safety instructions provided by event team staff members.
- Keep dogs on leads at all times whilst visiting any of the challenge sites.

In addition, should you wish to view the rope rescue challenge taking place inside Westgate Water Tower, you will be asked to wear a hard hat and safety glasses prior to entering the building.

Please note there will be a drone flying over the event which will be providing imagery of all the action taking place to a screen at the Lawn complex and also for our social media and event communications.



Guidance for our visitors

Cultural/Cathedral quarter

Assistance	Information points provided at key challenge locations to help you navigate around our event. You will also find event team members in each challenge area. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance if required.
Becoming separated	If you become separated from your family/party or if a child/vulnerable person has gone missing or been found, please contact a member of the event team. We have a professional team based in the Castle grounds who will assist any search (Lincolnshire Lowland Search and Rescue). (Lawn, Cathedral and Castle areas).
First aid	If you, or anyone you see, requires medical assistance, please contact a member of the event team. We have a first aid team based in the Castle grounds (Aurora) who will assist. (Lawn, Cathedral and Castle areas).
Refreshments	There are places within the Lawns, Castle and the Cathedral to purchase refreshments. In addition, the surrounding areas of all our challenges have a wide variety of cafes and restaurants.
Personal safety	We have Stewards and Marshals at each key location. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you have any concerns. We would suggest sensible footwear is worn when visiting the challenge sites and of course come prepared with sunscreen in the hope that the weather is kind to us 😊
Health and safety	Please help us keep everyone safe by adhering to the health and safety guidance provided.
Parking	There is no dedicated parking for visitors within the challenge sites, but a number of public car parks are available.
Transport	Lincoln bus station is located next to the train station with buses running regularly to the Bailgate area. The Lincoln Walk & Ride bus service links the Cathedral Quarter with the rest of the city and runs throughout the day.

We hope you have a fantastic time

Thank you to our sponsors

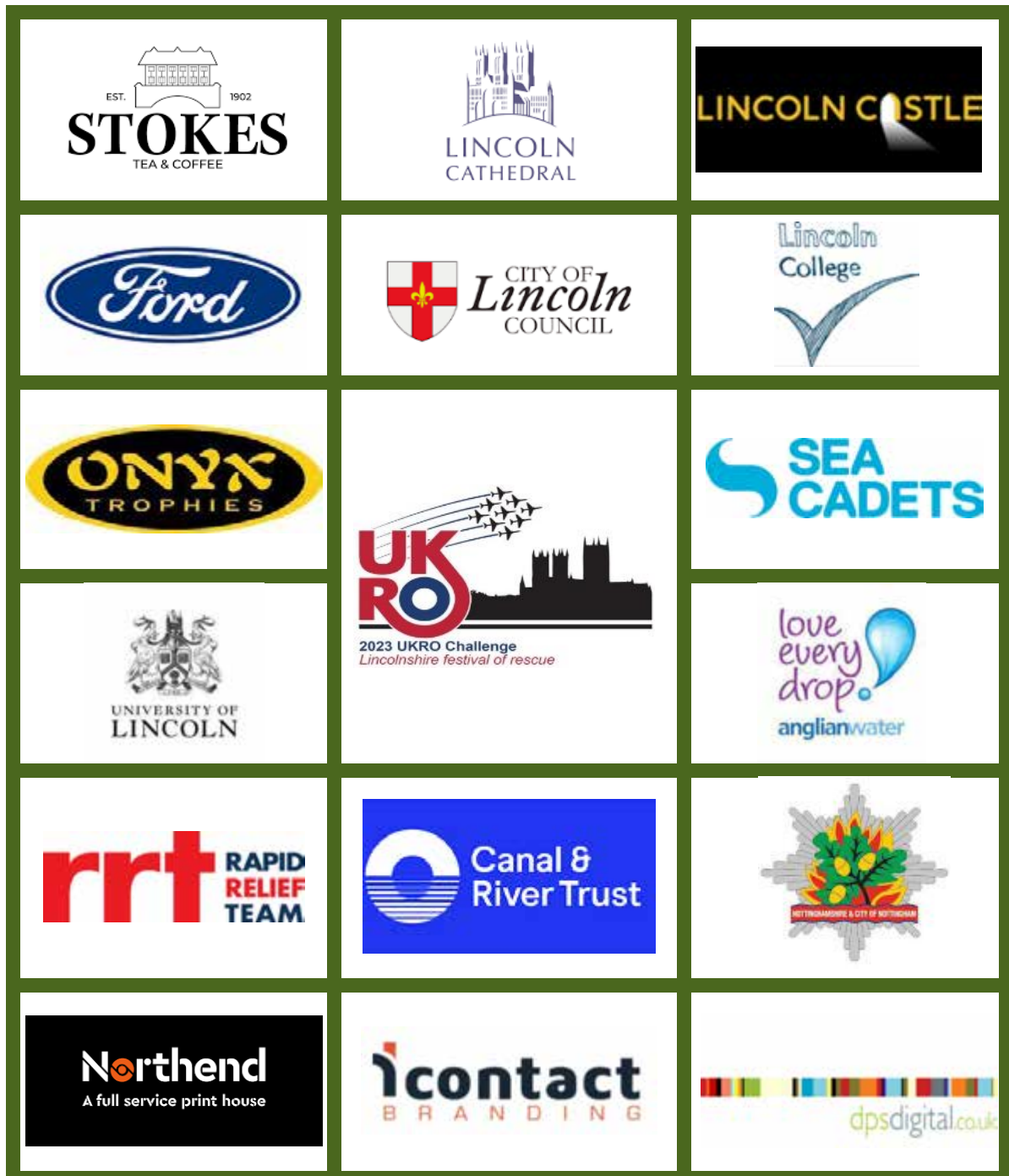
The UKRO Festival of Rescue is not only a fantastic competition and opportunity for our competitors to display their expertise and skills, but also about sharing knowledge and more importantly to develop and improve rescue standards throughout the UK.

However, without the generosity of our sponsors, both local and national, we would not be able to host this event and for this alone we must thank all those who have committed their support to us.



A further thank you....

In addition to the kindness of our Sponsors, the United Kingdom Rescue Organisation and Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, would also like to thank and recognise all those who have supported our plans to make this event one to remember:



In support of our charities

Finally, as part of the UKRO ethos, we are raising awareness of two charities which are a vital part of our Service and our Community; one is The Fire Fighters Charity which has supported UK fire staff and their families for over 80 years. The second is Lincolnshire Lowland Search and Rescue (LLSAR). In these difficult times, LLSAR is a vital resource for our County in the search for lost, vulnerable or missing people.

Visit us in the Castle Grounds where a team of firefighters will be demonstrating both their skills and endurance with a view to raising funds for both these fantastic causes. Please come along and provide some encouragement and in doing so support the work of these Charities.

The Fire Fighters Charity

The Fire Fighters Charity has been supporting the mental, physical and social needs of the UK's fire services community since 1943.

2023 sees The Fire Fighters Charity celebrating their 80th birthday. With your help, we can ensure The Fire Fighters Charity is still supporting us for the next 80 years.



Lincolnshire Lowland Search & Rescue (LLSAR)

LLSAR is one of 35 Lowland Rescue teams nationwide, dedicated to assist the emergency services in the search for, and rescue of, missing vulnerable adults and children. LLSAR is on-call 24 hours a day to respond across Lincolnshire and neighbouring areas.

As a registered charity, LLSAR receives no funding from government or the emergency services. All members are volunteers, with no reimbursement for time, fuel or expenses.



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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE,
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Also joining us.....

Lancaster Bomber (Battle of Britain Memorial Flight)

We are honoured to have a flypast of the Lancaster Bomber on Saturday 16th September over our event in the Cultural/Cathedral Quarter of the city. This is expected around 1445 hours but will depend on weather.

The Avro Lancaster is the most famous and successful RAF heavy bomber of World War Two. There are only two airworthy Lancasters left in the world, 7,377 were built.



Red Devils (British Army Parachute Display Team)



We are delighted that the Red Devils will be making an appearance over the Brayford Pool, again on Saturday, 16th, subject to weather conditions.

The Red Devils are the Parachute Regiment's parachute display team. The team wears the distinctive maroon beret.

The Red Devils are regular serving paratroopers from the four battalions of the Parachute Regiment who have volunteered to serve on the display team

**Thank you to all our visitors from
United Kingdom Rescue Organisation
and
Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue**



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Our [Online Home Fire Safety Check](#) takes you through your home one room at a time helping you spot fire risks, offering tips and advice on the steps you can take to reduce those risks.

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