



Lincolnshire Rural Support Network

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LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Help make a difference to the future of Lincolnshire's agricultural and horticultural communities



Discover WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Lincolnshire Rural Support Network is a trusted resource deeply rooted in the agricultural and horticultural community it serves. We have worked collaboratively to provide support for specific challenges faced by farmers and growers across Lincolnshire since 1999.



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We operate over
30,888
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Our mission is to provide a lifeline to members of the agricultural and horticultural communities and allied industries across Lincolnshire.

By providing personalised and accessible services, LRSN aims to improve these important communities and their ability to live well in the present and thrive and flourish in the future.

Managed by an experienced Board of Trustees and Head of Charity, we have a skilled and dedicated team of caseworkers, nurses and volunteers who operate from the Humber to the Wash. We ensure that we provide robust support and actively engage with those who need our services, regardless of age or circumstance. We operate over 30,888 square miles.

LRSN provides a listening ear and we understand the unique challenges that the agricultural and horticultural communities

face during times of crisis, stress and change. Considering the significant political, economic and social changes now impacting these industries, the need for the work of our charity has never been greater.

From trading issues, succession planning, financial problems, relationship breakdowns, bereavements and a growing sense of feeling overwhelmed, the challenges our industry faces have never been greater.

Over the past five years the number of calls to the LRSN helpline has increased by over 96%. Therefore, your support has never been more needed to help us make a real difference and to enable us to continue to provide our ever more vital services.

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Discover THE CORE SERVICES OF LRSN

Our Helpline — 0800 138 1710

This service, conducted by our dedicated and trained volunteers, operates from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our helpline is entirely confidential and provides crucial support in times of need, as well as being the initial point of access for our one-to-one visits.

Our One-to-One Support

This is a professional, trusted and personalised one-to-one support service for individuals and businesses facing hardships, who need help and guidance or perhaps just a listening ear. Utilising our extensive knowledge and skills, our team works to break down people's problems and create a helpful plan of action they can use for as long as needed. We are committed to walking alongside each person until they confidently feel their needs have been met.

“The unwavering support we offer to Lincolnshire’s agricultural and horticultural communities is a hallmark of LRSN’s unique service”

Every £1
donated to provide
1:1 support generates

£5.04
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Our Health Screening

Our wonderful community service is brought to you by a team of friendly and fully qualified registered nurses who provide free health screening checks. We're here to help with everything from blood pressure and blood sugar checks to cholesterol screenings and a friendly chat about your general wellbeing. You can find us at various locations throughout the county, either in our mobile Health Hut or at our permanent clinics in Louth and Melton Mowbray livestock markets, and Spalding auction, or our mobile north Lincolnshire clinic. We also offer private health screening for many of our agricultural partners. This can be arranged on-site for a designated day, with pricing available upon request.

Every £1 donated
to support LRSN Health
Screening generates

£4.50
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Our Talks, Visits and Training

We offer one-off talks and presentations to raise awareness about LRSN, sharing news about our projects and the support we provide while encouraging listeners to engage in fundraising activities.

Additionally, we can provide comprehensive in-house training on workplace or group wellbeing and strategies for identifying and addressing wellbeing. Gilly Steel, LRSN's Health and Wellbeing Lead, is a qualified mental health professional and an accredited Mental Health First Aid England trainer. We offer a range of training options, from a half-day session to more extensive one or two-day programmes. This presents an excellent opportunity to enhance your skills and knowledge in a nurturing environment. Allow us to assist in equipping you with the necessary tools for success.



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Discover WHO WE HELP

We help the whole agricultural and horticultural industry; farmers and growers, farm workers and their families, or those employed by agricultural businesses such as food processors, agronomists, blacksmiths, vets, landscapers, gamekeepers, forestry workers and people working in many other allied industries and their families. We also create opportunities to increase the resilience of young farming people.



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Discover WHY WE NEED YOU

LRSN relies completely on income received from grant funding, NHS partnerships, individual giving, fundraising events, legacy gifts, corporate partnership donations and income from our healthcare services derived from businesses and other organisations that we go to help.

This income is not guaranteed and varies each year. This is why leaving a gift in your will helps ensure we can continue to provide all our invaluable services and expand our reach throughout the county to as many people as possible.

Recent demand for our services is increasing, from teenagers to pensioners and business owners and people from all walks of farming life. We are now working hard to enhance our offering to more people in need than ever before, and the costs of providing such a crucial support network sadly continue to rise.



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A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

Leaving a gift to a charity in a Will, often known as charitable bequest, is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact on causes, people and communities that matter to you. It allows you to support the missions and values you care about beyond your lifetime, helping to create positive change for future generations.

Whether it's a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate, or even valuable assets, a charitable bequest is a flexible and powerful gesture. This type of gift in a Will can also offer certain tax benefits, potentially reducing the overall estate tax burden for your heirs. By including a gift to LRSN in your Will, you not only honour your legacy but also contribute to building a better future for Lincolnshire's agricultural and horticultural communities, ensuring that your generosity continues to make a difference long after you're gone.

We are now working hard to enhance our offering to more people in need than ever before, and the costs of providing such a crucial support network sadly continue to rise. Any gift – no matter how large or small – makes a lasting difference and, if you like, you can choose to leave your gift to the areas of our service that matter most to you.

Thanks to the generosity of people who have left a donation in their Will to us, we are able to maintain and expand our services and keep pace with the growing demand for our support.

People leave a gift to us in their Will for many reasons, sometimes because they have experienced how our support can make a real difference to their lives or perhaps because they have witnessed through others, just what we can offer when we have the resources. Whatever your reason, leaving us a gift will most certainly mean the money from your lifetime will do something amazing for others.

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“ Our lives changed forever when our youngest colleague took his own life in one of our fields. This was a case so very close to home for many of us, the response from LRSN was immediate. Support to our bereaved team was instant with LRSN being on site in less than 24 hours to support us all. The support has been ongoing since it happened and has been a huge help to us all in our coming to terms with the situation. We could not have dealt with our grief without LRSN. ”

Ian Watson

Supported by LRSN

Whilst farming and living in the countryside can be seen as an idyllic way of life, it is important to recognise the tough times and the pressure that modern farming places on individuals and families. Mental health is one of the biggest hidden problems facing farmers today, with the UK farming industry suffering one loss of life to suicide every week of the year.

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YOUR GIFT

Leaving a gift in a Will is a personal choice. The legacy we leave behind is about the values we have in life, the experiences we go through and our hopes for future generations. Therefore, leaving a gift in a Will is a powerful way to continue to support those values and communities even after we are gone.

Every person who leaves a gift to LRSN does this for their own personal reasons, however they all have one thing in common: they want to support the future of Lincolnshire's agricultural and horticultural communities.

We are so incredibly grateful to the individuals and families that provide this financial support to our charity. With your help we can make sure that everyone that asks for support is able to receive it.

OUR PROMISE

Every gift, no matter the size, makes an extraordinary difference to our community and those families, individuals and businesses we support.

We promise to use your gift to keep walking alongside those in need and provide support, far into the future, to the agricultural and horticultural communities and allied industries in Lincolnshire.

GIVE BACK TO LRSN

LRSN's income is not guaranteed and varies from year to year. Your support helps us to make a real difference and to be able to continue the vital services that we provide.

We rely on grants, fundraising and donations to operate, so leaving something in your Will is one way that you can help us to continue our work. We can ensure that the gift in your Will provides lasting value to support the agricultural and horticultural communities in Lincolnshire.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We are always happy to help with any queries you may have about leaving a legacy and take your privacy seriously, your personal details are safe with us.

Anyone considering leaving a gift in their Will should take independent legal advice from a reputable solicitor.

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Thank you

“ Our passion for our agricultural community is driven by our own experience and skills, and the desire to help from “within”. The health screening allows those working in farming to access health checks and advice when they may not otherwise have the time or motivation to see a medical practitioner. Our nurses often come across people in need of medical care and their vital intervention has saved lives.

Our caseworkers all offer a variety of skills, from business and financial support and physical and mental health support, to advocacy and major farming issues such as bovine TB or flooding.

We understand farming is not “just a job” but a complete way of life, and if those in our farming and horticultural businesses are unable to look after themselves then we can step in and support. The stresses experienced in our industry mean that agriculture is identified as being one of the professions at highest risk of suicide. At LRSN we aim to help reduce these stressors where we can, making both individuals and our agricultural and horticultural communities healthier and more resilient. ”

Matthew Phillips

LRSN Chair of Trustees



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