

Where I Live

Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire

There is more to Grimsby and the surrounding area than the excellent fish and chips we like on a Friday tea time. Family walks can be taken from nearby woods; there are bluebells and many wild flowers to be seen in spring, plus fields of corn and other colourful crops just on the edge of town.

We have a recently restored park with a large pond and plenty of ducks to keep the young duck lover happily feeding them with their carefully carried bread. Weelsby Woods has also benefited from a makeover and amongst other things now has a splendid play park for the children. Further afield we have the lovely Lincolnshire Wolds, all a delight on the eye, and do not believe all you hear about how flat the land is because actually there are many stretches that test the legs and lungs.

We have long lost canals to explore along with the remains of huge lock gates and dead straight cuts to walk beside. The villages that we pass through are places to linger, with churches to visit and interesting houses to see. We can grow taller in an instant when the ground is wet, Lincolnshire mud is renowned for its sticking capabilities alongside its ability to nurture many different crops.

The small town of Louth is just 30 minutes away by car, nearby you can visit Hubbard's Hills a long time favourite for a family picnic and its shallow river is a magnet for all who enjoy paddling. It's clear cool waters tempt all on a hot day no matter what age.

Take a stroll along the prom in nearby Cleethorpes, admire the well planted gardens and the long stretch of clean beach that comes alive with the sounds of happy children on a fine summer's day. Keep walking to admire the wildlife on the lake, pass alongside the mud flats and reed beds. In any season a great variety of birds can be seen and heard, take a welcome break at one of the many cafes while keeping a look out for the ships that wait for the Pilot to guide them into the docks at Immingham. Nearby further down the coast is Donna Nook where in November there are seal pups to admire, a real treat indeed.

Can you describe your area in up to 500 words? Take the challenge and send your copy to the Editor.



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