

## L-CAT Lincolnshire Community Assistance Team

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### Who Are We What do We Do

We are a registered charity based in Grimsby, however, we have members all over the Lincolnshire area. We have been a charity organisation for 5 years however operating before then.

We offer trained and co ordinated teams of volunteers in times of emergency situations such as. Flooding, severe weather etc. We are connected with the Local Resilience Forum of volunteer groups linked to Lincolnshire County Council Emergency Planning. We have been called upon in floods in Louth, severe snow and recently, in the threatened tidal surge in January.

We are also, becoming more commonly, asked to assist in individual missing persons searches.

We also have a group of Community First Responders who are trained and called out by East Midlands Ambulance Services.

Our most key asset is that in all these situations we have a 4x4, All Terrain, all weather capability



We have regular training events to keep our responders as competent as possible to respond efficiently and safely in emergency situations.

We train in..

First Aid. CPR and Defribulator awareness. We know what to do to help save a life.

Off tarmac driving techniques. We can safely take our 4x4s onto many terrains to access an emergency situation.

Radio protocol. We have our own radios license and can co ordinate ourselves.

Search and Rescue training. We keep our skills in searching techniques up to date.

We DO NOT, unless absolutely necessary, recover vehicles. We are, however, trained to assist people to safety.

## **So, what is our interest in public rights of way?**

I joined L-CAT through recreational green laning. Because of my interest in public rights of way. I was asked to become the groups Rights of Way Officer. Hence my contact with LCC Countryside Access Department.

L-CAT are trying to establish a list of vehicle rights of way in our area in order to know possible alternative routes in an emergency situation or access to off road areas.

L-CAT is also working towards maintaining a reasonable network. We are about to embark on a lane clearing project next month.

As part of the recreational side of the group, we often do recreational green laning.

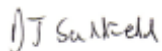
Therefore, as well as the emergency access, we want to do our best to help maintain vehicle rights of way for access to ALL users.

We are completely against any illegal or reckless activity in the countryside and would not hesitate ( indeed have done) to report incidents and offer photographic evidence.

People often join our group because they have a 4x4 and the training gives knowledge into safe all terrain driving along with advice on vehicle public rights of way.

L-CAT would like the opportunity to show the good side of 4x4 use in the countryside and hopefully work along side other users to help maintain a good network.

Thanks



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