



Annual Report by Stuart Bray for 2020 – 2021

I would like to thank all the people who re-elected me as County Councillor for St Mary's Division in the recent elections – with an increased majority. I am here to serve all people in the electoral division irrespective of whether you supported me or not.

I believe keeping my constituents up to date every month through my regular Focus Newsletter which is more useful than producing one report a year. These newsletters are delivered to every house in my division and are paid for by myself and not public funds.

These contain a mixture of local issues I have taken up on behalf of residents and news from both the Borough and County Councils.

Any resident who has any issues they want me to take up on their behalf please contact me directly.

Some of the issues I have raised over the past 12 months include:

Hinckley Town Centre Residents Parking – I have passed on to the Highways Department many of the concerns expressed about the scheme as proposed. The County Council is currently re-consulting with residents who haven't previously responded to the consultation. I would urge all residents to have their say so any decisions reflect the wishes of the community.

St Peter's School – I have raised numerous times the issue about the lack of a crossing at St Peter's School on London Road. I have asked the new Cabinet member to look at this once again.

Poor pavements – Thanks to the residents who have raised with me the state of the pavements in Cowper Road, Lucas Road and Springfield Road. Officers are arranging repairs on Springfield Road and I am pressing for response on Cowper and Lucas Road.

Weeds and grass cutting – I have been contacted by numerous residents about weeds growing in gutters in various streets including Hurst Road, Priesthills Road, Thornycroft Road, Princess Road. I have also been contacted about the frequency of the grass cutting which is an annual problem since the County Council reduced the frequency of cuts. I continue to raise this when I get the opportunities.

Speeding traffic – Speeding remains a problem throughout the area. I have raised with Officers issues in Hill Street, Southfield Road, Park Road, Brookside, Outlands Drive and Rugby Road. In addition residents in Westray Drive about the removal of the ineffective speed bumps in the area which I have sent on to highways officers.

Children's Home, Southfield Road – I have forwarded concerns and made representations to the Planning Department about the proposals for a children's home in Southfield Road. This will be reported the County Council's Development control board in due course.

Flooding, Park Road – I was sad to hear that people in Park Road have suffered flooding once again. I have written to the County Council on the matter.



Proposed development on Cadent site – I written to the Chief Executive of Hinckley and Bosworth Council about the developer consultation for part of the cadent site. I share concerns by residents in the St Georges Avenue, Linden Road and “Poets” area about the proposed access. A better solution in my view would be for a masterplan for the whole site once the future of Cadent in Hinckley is finalised.

Brookside – I have raised with HBBC problems with the untidy land at Brookside both adjacent to 269 Brookside which is privately owned and the area adjacent to Castle Court Car Park. These are both being looked in to.

Westfield School Parking – a number of disabled people have raised with me problems caused by inconsiderate parking near the school and the problems this causes for people in wheelchairs and scooters. It is perfectly understandable for parents to want to be able to drop their children off as near to the school entrance as possible but please be considerate to other people when parking. Parking enforcement is now operational in the private car park at Westfield Court and people not authorised to park there could receive a ticket.

Anti-social behaviour Clarendon Park – The Council is working with the police to ensure our local parks can be enjoyed by all users.

Health Spokesman – Since the election I have become the Lib Dem Health Spokesperson and have joined the Health Scrutiny Committee. I will be using this position to continue to press for the NHS improvements that people in Hinckley and Bosworth been repeatedly promised but so far haven’t been delivered including a walk-in facility in the town centre.

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