



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – August 2021

The lifting of restrictions is a significant milestone, but we need to remain cautious as the pandemic is far from over.

We should also remember those who have lost their lives. My thoughts are with the families affected.

Full County Council Meeting – 7th July

The meeting of the County Council was held at the Leicester Racecourse due to social distancing still being in place.

There was a full agenda.

- The Leader made his statement.
- Position statements from members of the cabinet:
- The Lead Member for Children and Family Services made her statement.
- The Lead Member for Equalities, Community Engagement and Rural Partnerships made her statement
- The Lead Member for Highways and Transport made his statement.
- The Annual Report 2020/21 of the Overview and Scrutiny was presented.
- The Report of the Constitution Committee was presented.
- The Report of the Corporate Governance Committee was presented.
- Changes to the Highways and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Environment and Climate Overview and Scrutiny Committee was agreed.
- A notice of motion moved by Mrs Hack and seconded by Mr O'Shea regarding improving the local highway environment was passed.

The statement from the Lead Member for Highways mentioned a new Member Highway Fund will provide each Member with a budget of £25,000 to use on small scale highway and environmental improvement works in their own divisions. Over the next couple of months, I will have a dedicated Project Manager to offer support and guidance with examples of effective and affordable scheme options with estimated costings and timescales for delivery.

Leicestershire Count Council Recycling & Household Waste Sites

From Monday July 19th the waste sites reopened without the need to book appointments. But vans, pick-ups and cars with trailers, and any vehicle bringing asbestos, chemicals or liquid paint, must have a waste permit.



Advance notice of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following locations: Iveshead Road, Charley Road, Abbey Road to undertake works to renew the High Friction surfaces at the cross roads.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 2 days commencing on the 23rd August.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB122751172>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Leicester Road to allow Leicestershire County Council undertake Gully installations and other drainage works. The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 2 days commencing on 4th October.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB122825932>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Market Place, Brook Street and Cheapside. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Fitzgerald Contractors to undertake site investigatory works in the car parking areas on Market Place, Brook Street and Cheapside.

The TTRO will incorporate a temporary suspension of parking whilst these works are in progress. Please note that not all parking bays will be closed off at the same time.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 10 days commencing on the 9th August.

The above works is the next step in progressing the Public Realm works for the Market Place area. This work will involve digging nine trial pits and taking some core

samples at various carefully selected locations in and around the Market Place. The results will also be fed back to the utility companies in order for them to be able to confirm whether any of their assets will need diverting as a result of the proposed designs and provide a cost estimate for the work.

A small number of trial pits will be dug close to both of the disabled parking spaces in the Market Place. The work will be done on separate days, but unfortunately it will mean parking will be temporarily suspended in the bay when the work is being carried out. The aim is to only suspend parking in the northern most disabled bay for one day and the southern bay for two days,



Information on the proposed works will be communicated through the appropriate media channels by Charnwood Borough Council's Comms Team. Information will be provided to the local businesses in the area so they are aware of what is happening and discuss with them any regular delivery times so that each trial pit can be scheduled to minimise any disruption.

The web page for the project on the Borough Council's website has recently been updated to reflect the changes in the design for the Market Place. You can view the site at:

www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/shepshed.

Heritage sites get top marks following Visit England Inspections

Two of Leicestershire's top visitor attractions have received glowing reports following inspections by the national tourism body Visit England.

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and the 1620's House and Garden at Donington le Heath, which are both managed by Leicestershire County Council, received high marks – bettering their already high scores from the last inspections in 2019.

The inspector, who visited both sites, made particular mention of the website and social media, the extend of the information available to visitors, the impressive range of food available in the Barn tearoom and its excellent quality and presentations, and the depth of knowledge of the guides.

The fact that the inspector singled out the exceptional levels of cleanliness at both sites shows that visitors can be assured of a safe and enjoyable time.

More information about the sites is available at www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk and www.1620sHouse.org.uk.

Your help and support – my contact details

Without your help in keeping me informed regarding issues around Shepshed, I would not be able to do my job. For help and advice on County matters, I can be contacted on 01509 502974, or 07796 544817 or e mail christine_radford@hotmail.com or christine.radford@leics.gov.uk , I am pleased to say that my monthly surgery, which is held in the Town Council Offices in Charnwood Road, will be starting up again on 4th September. You do not need an appointment; I will be there from 10-11 am on the first Saturday of the month.