



## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – October 2021**

Autumn is well and truly here and the nights are drawing in very fast. At county we are now back to having face to face meetings and I love it.

### **Collapsed Bank – near to Persimmon Homes**

I have been working with officers from county regarding the collapsed bank at the side of Hathern Road near to Persimmon Homes. The bank was rebuilt by Persimmon homes when they diverted the brook when they formed the access to the estate. The bank has collapsed and could cause a flood if we have a heavy rain. At the time of writing this report the bank has not been rebuilt.

### **Gartree Prison**

One of my last visits before the county got back into face to face meetings was a visit to Gartree Prison near to Market Harborough. This is a category B prison for lifers and long term prisoners. County look after the library facilities at the prison and I went along to see how it was run. I was very surprised to see how large it was and the wide choices on offer for the prisoners. During the pandemic DVD's were welcomed by the inmates, as they have no access to the internet. The library was closed for a very short period, each block used to send down their requests which were then taken back to be distributed. The prison is just starting up classes for English and Maths.

### **Weed spraying**

Residents have contacted me regarding the state of the kerbs at the road side. Spraying the weeds is the responsibility of the County. Having been in contact with Environmental manager, the problem is that our contractors had been waiting to get the go ahead to use glyphosate, which goes against County's Green and environmental policies. Other weed killers used do not work. It is hoped that the weeds will have been treated during the last 2 weeks in September.

### **Shepshed Refuse and Recycling Tip**

I am sorry to report that it looks like the tip will stay closed for a number of weeks due to the lack of HGV drivers. Shepshed is not the only tip to be closed. There are 3 others in the County. Our nearest is Loughborough. There is also one in Coalville and Mountsorrel.

### **Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Health and Care Partnership Board**

This was held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August and has an Independent Chair. There was a full agenda. The meeting is broken down into Policy and Planning where we received reports on the Health Inequalities Framework, Developing our Integrated Care Partnership and Place arrangements and a Summary of ICS Design Framework and the Health and Care Bill (which is currently going through parliament). Under the heading of Operational we looked at and



discussed Hospital Discharges and Care at Home, the Voluntary Sector Infrastructure in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and we given a verbal update of how 'Beat the Street' – a partnership approach to children's health was being received in the City. Under the heading of Governance we looked at the report from the ICS Transition Programme Board.

### **Dedicated Neighbourhood Team, Shepshed Loughborough West**

I have had a meeting and did a patch walk with PS Tom Else who has just joined the team; I was able to discuss with him areas in Shepshed of concern such as ASB in the Market Place, persons trying house and car doors and Speeding Traffic. Listed below is the up to date list of the team:-

- PS 2996 Tom Else – [Thomas.else@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Thomas.else@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
- PC 1969 Matt Orton – [matthew.orton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matthew.orton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
- PC 1128 Megan Evans – [megan.evans@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:megan.evans@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
- PCSO 6554 Lucinda Bailey – [Lucinda.bailey@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lucinda.bailey@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
- PCSO 6552 Mohammed Musa – [mohammed.musa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mohammed.musa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
- PCSO 6136 Julia Parker – [Julia.parker6136@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Julia.parker6136@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
- PCSO 6542 Viren Patel – [Virendra.patel@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Virendra.patel@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

### **News showings for powerful Black Lives Matter Tool exhibition**

A powerful project which has been capturing the responses of Leicestershire people to the challenges raised by the Black Lives Matter movement has been such a big response that it will now be showcased in two new venues during Black History Month.

The project and the pledges will also form part of the new Diversity exhibition at Loughborough Library, which will run throughout October and November.

### **1620s House launches new escape quest- Hugglescote near Coalville**

It might be more associated with the Gunpowder Plot, witchcraft, and the 17<sup>th</sup> century, but the 1620s House and Garden's newest attraction is firmly rooted in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – an escape quest game!

The historic venue has just launched the exciting escape game – which can be played both in person at the House or online in a virtual version. I have been shown the game when I visited the house. It would be brilliant for a family to do it together whilst walking around the house.



The in-person version is included in the normal House admission price and the online version is free to play.

More information about the Sorcery & Superstitions escape quest game is available at [www.1620sHouse.org.uk/events/sorcery-superstitions-escape-quest-2021-08-27](http://www.1620sHouse.org.uk/events/sorcery-superstitions-escape-quest-2021-08-27)

I had pleasure in being introduced to the Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO when he visited the house on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. I had lunch with His Royal Highness, Miss Conley Deputy Lieutenant and Dan Harrison the Chairman of the County Council.

### **Have your say on proposed changes to in-house Community Life Choices (day services) for adults in Leicestershire**

An eight-week consultation has been launched by Leicestershire County Council to ask residents' about its Community Life Choices (CLC) day services.

Community Life Choices provides a safe and supported place for adults in the country where they can enjoy social activities and get help with their day-to-day lives.

The council is proposing to widen the number of approved Community Life Choices (day services) providers who help deliver the service to offer greater diversity, flexibility, choice and control to people who use it.

It is also proposing to replace the provision of long-term Community Life Choices support packages with a new focus on crisis care, short term reablement and enablement, and support for carers who are affected by these proposals are really important to us.

The consultation is running from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August until midnight 26<sup>th</sup> October.

To find out more about the proposals and complete the survey, please visit [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/in-house-community-life-choices](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/in-house-community-life-choices) before midnight of 26th October.

### **To anyone with kids who has a mobile phone**

I have been forwarded a message from the police in Doncaster who has recommended you download the HOLLIE Guard APP for them. If they are walking home late or alone, they can switch it on and you can track them. If someone approaches and they feel unsafe they can shake their phone. It sets off a high pitched alarm from the phone and also messages and alert to you (or whoever's number is entered in as a guardian)

This can be used by ANYONE, not just for kids.



### **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)**

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Leicester Road/Cambridge Street. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Severn Trent Water safely access manhole covers to repair the sewer pipes.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 2 days commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?=GB123150959>

A TTRO for prohibition of waiting and loading at any time restriction is required on Leicester Road from 15<sup>th</sup> October for 1 day.

The restrictions will be enforced on both sides of the carriageway, between properties 55 to 77.

The TTRO will be implemented for public safety to allow County to undertake carriageway drainage works.

The works can be viewed on <https://onenetwork/?tm=GB123167510>

### **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](mailto:christine_radford@hotmail.com) or [christine.radford@leics.gov.uk](mailto: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, started 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.