



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – November 2021

Nights are drawing in and the days are getting colder. I have been taking out my summer bedding and replacing it with winter bulbs and bedding. It does seem a shame when the summer bedding is still looking good. I hope you are all keeping well, I have had the flu which is going the rounds and felt horrid.

Collapsed Bank – near to Persimmon Homes

I have to report that Persimmon Homes did repair the bank, but I am not happy with the repair and have got back to County and Charnwood indicating that I have concerns with this repair and if we have heavy rain the bank will be washed away again. I shall continue to monitor the situation.

Artwork created by prisoners at HMP Gartree on show at Harborough Museum

An exciting exhibition showcasing artwork created by prisoners at HMP Gartree went on show in the Community Gallery at the Harborough Museum on 9th October and will be displayed until February 2022. Entry to the exhibition is free.

The artworks were made in a series of workshops run at the prison by Leicestershire County Council's Participation team and the Libraries service. Prisoners were given the opportunity to go along to reading sessions where they read together, wrote and shared reviews on the books and then created works of art inspired by what they had read.

The exhibition has been made possible by funding that Leicestershire Libraries received in 2019 from Libraries Connected. The funding allowed the Library service to buy the BBC 'One Hundred Novels that Shaped the World' – these were used in the project to inspire the prisoners to create their art.

I attended the exhibition with the Governor of HMP Gartree, Babafemi Dada and was very impressed with the artworks on display. I was pleased to be able to attend following my previous visit and speaking to some of the prisoners whose artwork was going to be on display.

Unique heritage project uses sound to support people with dementia

A project which uses archive and new sound recordings for reminiscence, called on communities across Leicestershire to capture and share everyday sounds which mean a lot to them. The project has now created a unique sound resource to help support people living with dementia.



Leicestershire County Council's Participation Team was successful in a bid to take part in the ambitious national Unlocking Our Sound Heritage (UOSH) project.

The team called on groups and individuals across the county to create a two-minute recording of a sound that means something to them and share it with the project. Sounds recorded include children playing, dough being kneaded, tea making, busy kitchen, a Cornish beach and the Scottish Highlands.

Evaluation has shown that this project has especially made a significant difference to people and their carers living with dementia.

The resources created from the project are now available on the Culture Leicestershire website, along with themed sound resources and helpful toolkits for use in reminiscence work at, www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/projects/unlocking-sounds/

Rare glimpse into Leicestershire's medieval life on display for the first time in ten years

A 470-year-old extremely rare medieval tunic, discovered in Coleorton in North West Leicestershire, has been put on display to the public for the first time in over ten years.

The tunic features in the new Cultures of Cloth in the Medieval East Midlands exhibition at the University of Nottingham Museum which shows how our medieval ancestors in Leicestershire, Nottingham and Derbyshire designed and made the cloth and clothing for which the region became famous.

It dates to the 16th century and is one of only a handful of surviving items of early clothing that belonged to a working person. The tunic is being displayed next to a modern replica, showing what the ancient Leicestershire local would have worn.

Leicestershire has a rich history which we are so proud of. Our museums in Leicestershire are home to so many fascinating artifacts, it is great that we can lend out some of our collection to help more people in our region learn about our history and ancient ways of life.

Alongside the tunic, the exhibition brings a wide variety of objects related to cloth production, trade and consumption – including tools for making clothes, brooches, buckles and clothing.

The exhibition is now open and closes on the 20th February 2022.



Shepshed Refuse and Recycling Tip

I would like to assure residents that I am keeping the pressure on County to open up the tip as soon as possible if not sooner. It has been quite a while now without the use of tip and a very busy time for gardeners. I have it on good authority that the tip will re-open.

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Iveshead Road the purpose of the TTRO is to allow M & J Evans Construction to safely undertake foul connection works relating to the new development.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 5 days commencing on 22nd November.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.networ/?tm=GB123630853>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Chapel Street is to allow Sunbelt Rentals Ltd safely undertake Telecom Pole test works.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on 3rd December 09.30 till 15.30.

The works can be viewed at <https://one.network/?tm=GB123835409>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Hall Croft is to allow Leicestershire County Council to undertake gully cleansing works.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on 22nd November.

Works can be viewed at <https://one.network/?tm=GB123947877>

Notification of Essential Maintenance Works M1 Junction 23 -23a Northbound

During the comprehensive scheme of work on the M1 between junctions 23 and 23a (including the A42 entry /exit slips) Highway England will carry out resurfacing, refurbishment of bridge joints, road markings and road studs.

The work is due to start 18th October and is scheduled for completion by mid January 2022 – Between 10pm and 6am Monday to Friday. During these hours there will be put in place a full closure of the northbound carriageway including the A42 entry slip road.

All carriageways, roundabouts and slip roads will be fully open throughout the daytime.



If you have any questions about this work or would like to arrange a meeting please email EMADcomms@kier.co.uk or phone 07768 796542

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, 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.