



COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE RADFORD'S COLUMN

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As your County Councillor, I am always on hand to try and deal with any concerns you may have about services provided by Leicestershire County Council. Such as street lighting, highways, footpaths, overhanging trees and hedges onto the highways/footpaths, social services etc.

My New Role

On Wednesday 15th May I was given a new role and I am now cabinet support for Adults Social Care. I was thrown into the deep end because on the following Friday morning I had to give a presentation to Users of our services. I highlighted the County's policy on our Whole life disability strategy. This strategy has been shaped following a series of workshops and talking to over 1,000 people. I took the opportunity to visit the stands showing some of the small adaptations to enable people to remain in their own homes. Such as floor pads which alert carers that an elderly or disabled person has got up, door alarms, reminders to take medications plus many more.

County have been looking at how it could develop more accommodation with care. County have already developed a new extra care scheme in Loughborough and built four specially adapted homes for people with learning disabilities leaving hospital, and more are already under way. Cabinet will be considering an even bigger plan which would see a considerable number of new dedicated specially adapted homes being developed over the next 10-20 years. Homes where people can live their independent lives, but have the support available when they need it. This includes support on a 24/7 basis.

If you think you need more help to identify what your care and support needs are, you can ask for a care and support assessment by calling the Adult Social Care customer services centre on 0116 305 0004. The assessment is free of charge. For information about the assessment process and eligibility criteria see link – www.leicestershire.gov.uk/assessment-and-eligibility.



Charley Road Cross Roads

This cross roads is one of the worst accident black spots in the County. I have had numerous meetings with officers at County to discuss what additional improvements could be carried out to make this junction safer. The latest meeting was 2 weeks ago and report of their findings and what they intend to do to improve the accident rate at this junction will be issued within the next few weeks. I shall keep you informed.

A512/Ashby Road/Charnwood Road/Leicester Road Improvements

The public meeting is now pencilled in for 18th June (not confirmed at the time of going to print) from 2-7 pm in the Town Council Offices. I have no hesitation in repeating my concerns which I mentioned in last month's report.

I have had a chance to look at some of these proposals and am very concerned that one of the proposals is to stop traffic leaving Iveshead Road and turning left into Ashby Road. The proposals are to make traffic cross over into Charnwood Road or turn right towards Loughborough. I am concerned that traffic from dwellings on Iveshead Road which wants to go towards Ashby will use Charley Road cross roads, which we know already is a dangerous junction.

I ask residents if they visit this exhibition and they are also concerned about this proposal they could make a comment regarding this, together with other concerns they might have about the alterations/improvements on the A512.

I would also like to report that these road works are due to start on this stretch of road from the junction with Snells Nook up to the M1 junction 23 and along the A512 Shepshed West, East and Central on 22nd July, this will be for a period of at least 18 months.

Residents may be wondering what is happening with the area of land next to the petrol station on the A512 next to Snells Nook. This is going to be made into site office area for these road works.

I have asked that the cycle way and footpath are kept open at all times for residents.



Shepshed Re-cycling centre – tip

The renovation which is proposed to install new drainage so that the whole site drains to the foul sewerage system, due to restriction on the rate of flow, this will require the installation of an attenuation tank on site to store liquid prior to its controlled release into the sewerage network. This work will include resurfacing and the opportunity is being taken to profile the upper level to remove kerbs that creates a trip hazard for site users. It is now scheduled to commence on Monday 2nd September for 11 weeks and is scheduled to reopen on Saturday 16th November. It was decided not to close the centre down during the busy summer holiday period and the late August bank holiday. The closure information will be put on the site gates. Initially members of staff will also be on hand on typical site opening days to redirect members of the public to the alternative sites which are:-
Loughborough is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and weekends.
Mountsorrel is open Monday, Thursday, Friday and weekends. Both sites will allow access to Shepshed permit holders during the works.
Coalville is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and weekends.

Camera Car

Camera Cars are proving very popular, **but it is down to the schools to approach County** to have one visit their school. Currently we have 2 schools in Shepshed signed up to this scheme.

A patrol car with camera to monitor parents who flout parking restrictions outside schools will patrol and issue £70 fines for illegal parking. The vehicle does not remain stationary while it is monitoring an area but instead circles around the location. The built-in GPS technology recognises when the vehicle is entering an enforcement area and begins recording using number plate recognitions. If a vehicle is found to be parked illegally, the recording is sent back to the county council office and it is from there it is decided whether a fine is to be issued.

Grants available for school leavers

I have reported in the past and shall continue to do so about grants that are available from Thomas Harley Charity which I sit on as a County Councillor. Grants are available from this Charity towards books, accommodation etc., if your child is going to University/College or if they are doing an apprenticeship or training for equipment such as tools for hairdressing, car mechanics, building trade, catering etc.,



Income of the family must be below £36,000pa. Applicants need a letter from a tutor confirming they support them going onto further education.

Grants are looked at in March and September. You will need to contact the charities solicitors who are Mather Jamie on 01509 233433 and the solicitor is Mr. A. Ward.

Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following location Kirkhill, and The Lant. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow LCC to safely undertake carriageway patching works.

The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure, temporary suspension of one-way system, temporary prohibition or waiting and loading.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on Sunday 16th June.

Your help

Again I would like to thank the residents who keep me informed regarding issues around Shepshed, such as overgrown hedges, litter, dog mess, inconsiderate parking (on pavements, yellow lines, outside of schools) etc., without your eyes and ears I could not get them reported and sorted.

For help and advice on County matters, I can be contacted on 01509 502974 or e mail christine_radford@hotmail.com or christine.radford@leics.gov.uk or come along to my monthly Surgery on the FIRST Saturday of the month in the Town Council Offices, 47a Charnwood Road 10-11am. No appointment is necessary.