



# **County Councillor Annual Report**

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2018/2019

# County Councillor Betty Newton, County Councillor for Loughborough North

### 1) Electoral Division activities

#### Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

#### These are some highlights

Attend monthly Hathern Parish Council meetings and keep them informed about issues relevant to Hathern Village.

Councillor Christmas Tree in Hathern Church Christmas Festival.

Attended the third anniversary of Hathern Community Library

Regular visits to the Three Closes Housing Association. Was a judge at the Easter Bonnet

Parade.



Meeting residents at the Three Closes.

Met the police at some of their regular surgeries raised issue of youth anti-social behaviour and speeding on Braddon Road.

I also participated in a litter pick up on Warwick Way.

When arranged attend PACT meetings at Warwick Way.

In terms of general ward work I aim to respond quickly and do my best to help with issues and

problems.

Here are some highlights:

Spoke to the Head of Hathern School regarding parking outside school at peak times.

Over a period of time I've sent out messages to parents regarding safer routes to school and have encouraged walking to school as a healthier option.

I've been trying to get Kinch to reroute one of it's buses through Hathern to Shepshed. This would be helpful for Hathern students attending Hind Leys College.

On a number of occasions I've had the guttering cleaned out on the A6 prevent flooding and have requested the repainting of yellow markings.

Also, campaigned to have a 30mph zone running through part of the A6

Attended Hathern Village Association event attended by over 150 people and was a great success.

Also, have initiated the repainting of faded lines on the A6 at bottom of Shepshed and A6 road Hathern.

Involved the police and highways with speeding on Knightthorpe Road.

Went to Hathern Library third anniversary celebration.

# Engagement with the Council, other statutory bodies and public utility companies (Water, Gas etc) about services in the area

Contacted Severn Trent regarding flooding on the A6 in Hathern as well as problems in the Storer area of the A6. Also contacted them regarding loose board and leak on the green area at the bottom of Braddon Road.

Contacted the Head of Robert Bakewell regarding parking outside school.

Contacted Head of Hathern School regarding parking issues outside school

Initiated the repainting of no parking lines outside Stonebow Primary School

Also, contacted various schools regarding signing up to the 'safer routes to school initiative'.

With the exception of one school all have signed up to this initiative

Been in regular contact with the County Highways regarding cleaning out the gullies on the A6 which is prone to flooding.

#### Priorities for the immediate future are:

Keep a watching brief on the development proposals for the Garendon Estate

Continue to support groups that are working for the good of the local community

Support any proposals to establish a Town Council for Loughborough

Continue to hold street surgeries with Loughborough North Borough Councillors. These walkabout surgeries are an effective way of picking issues



Black Brook Way, Dishley, Keeping footways clean and safe

## 2) Council Activities

#### Committees you serve on at County Hall

Full Council

Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

#### Attended the following in my role as Lead member

**Employment Committee** 

Member Conduct Panel/ have been involved in a number of hearings

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority (Corporate Governance Committee)

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority (Chair Strategic Equalities Group/forum) This group meets on a monthly basis.

Also attended an LGTB event in my role as Fire Equalities Champion

Development day at the Fire Authority, delivered the closing speech on positive action.



Addressing a public meeting on Communities and Diversity

#### Local committees/Outside Bodies

Loughborough Campus and Community Liaison Group

Persimmon Local Consultative Committee (West Loughborough Garendon Group)

Member of Charnwood Racial Equality

#### Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc

Attend Hathern Parish Council meetings

Attend regular events at the Three Closes Community Centre

Aim to visit all community centres and activities within Loughborough North and give them support when needed.

Member of Charnwood Racial Equality



Protecting areas of Crime and Parking for residents,

## 3) Learning and development:

- DCRB (Planning) Training
- All member Briefing on and Social Care
- Medium Term Financial Strategy Briefing
- School Organisational Briefing
- Briefing on Homophobic and bullying
- New member briefing CFA
- Briefing on Prospectus for Growth
- All member Briefing on preparing for Brexit
- All member Briefing on Prevention in Public Health
- Early Help Briefing

#### 4) Other Matters:

Attended The Summit conference on loneliness and isolation and working with local groups hope to put into practice some initiatives to tackle loneliness and isolation for specific groups.

#### Social Media

Regular use of both Face Book and Twitter.

Signed by Councillor Betty Newton

Bet Newton

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