



## **County Councillor Pam Posnett Annual Report 2020-21**

On May 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 I was re- elected as Chairman of the County Council until May 2021 the first time for about 30 years that anyone has been Chairman for longer than a year. This was a huge honour. It was of course partly due to the Pandemic.

I continued to have East Midlands Immediate Care Services (EMICS) as my Charity. This charity covers the whole East Midlands supporting the Ambulance Service. It is a Group of GP's who respond to emergencies. It is self funded and I was pleased to have raised over 2k for it.

Following the Lockdown on March 23<sup>rd</sup> all Civic engagements were cancelled and most meetings were held virtually.

Myself the Lord Lieutenant Mike Kapur, the Lord Mayor Cllr Annette Byrne and The High Sheriff Alison Smith held a virtual meeting to discuss how we could keep in touch with the organisations we always support to let them know we were still available to help them in anyway we could. I had already been discussing with officers the possibility of having some sort of memorial to mark the pandemic. This was the beginning of the County Council and the City Council working to develop a tree lined walk through Watermead Park beginning in the City and ending in the County. This is due to open shortly. The Public also made donations to make this happen so a huge thank you to everyone.

I attended meetings and marked events virtually. Particularly on Special Day's Armed Forces Day, we held a salute to our Armed Forces by sending a video in Saluting, I spoke on VE Day. And on VJ I held a conversation with my Father in Law who spoke about his time fighting in Burma a poignant conversation.

For remembrance day we did a recording of Wreath Laying both at County Hall and Victoria Park all events that we should always commemorate.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> it should have been the County Service (my Civic Service) which due to the Pandemic was held virtually I would like to thank Leicester Cathedral for all of their help for arranging this and Also the Lord Lieutenant and High Sherriff for reading lessons.



On March 23<sup>rd</sup> I was invited to attend the Cathedral to take part in a Lament Service a very meaningful service remembering those who had lost their lives and also their families. It was a sobering sight to see the body of the Cathedral lit by T lights one for every person who had died. The service was conducted by David Monteith with various people either reading a lesson, reciting a poem speaking about the Pandemic, the vaccine programme someone who had COVID and survived but whose father had died from COVID at the same time,

Sadly the Duke of Edinburgh passed away and on April 15<sup>th</sup> I attended the Cathedral for a service of Remembrance as I did on April 18<sup>th</sup> at St Marys Church in Melton Mowbray.

Following what has been a difficult Civic Year my term has come to an end in many aspects I hand my chain over to a new Chairman .