

County Councillor Annual Report 2021/22

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2021/22

Name of Councillor Craig Smith

Coalville North

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

- Addressed speeding complaints.
- Working with developers to ensure all conditions are being adhered to, so that the developments can progress with the minimal disruption to neighbouring residences.
- Worked tirelessly with the stake holders of Snibston Colliery Park to ensure the future success of the fantastic facility.
- Addressed noise and dust complaints with Bardon Aggregates.
- Secured the single largest grant ever from the Bardon Hill Community Fund for Coalville Town FC, to aid them with their new 3G pitch.

Community Leadership Role

- I regularly attend both Hugglescote & Donington Le Heath Parish Council and Ravenstone with Snibston Parish Council meetings, to deliver my monthly report as well as listen and act on any concerns they have.
- I organised and helped coordinate (alongside the MRC), the Coalville and local area humanitarian aid relief effort, in response to the Ukraine conflict. I then personally led the convoy and drove to the Polish/Ukrainian border to ensure that the aid got there safely and set up local logistics for future aid deliveries.
- Set up meeting with the 2 parishes within my Division to ensure they had a fair share of the Members Highway Fund (MHF) and that the

money was used for the benefit of the parish residents. As Coalville itself does not have a town council I organised and invited local stakeholders NWLDC, Snibston Heritage Trust, Network Rail and LCC to help me transform Mantle Lane Bridge using funding from the HMF. This has become a huge, ongoing project as we all work together to restore what many consider to be the “gateway to Coalville”.

- As an active member of the Royal British Legion (Whitwick Branch) as well as being the LCC link councillor, I had the honour of laying the wreath on behalf of LCC on armistice day, I have also organised days out for local veterans as well as raised money for the branch and other veteran’s charities. I regularly attend meetings and social events with the branch.
- I have made site visits to local developments, in order to speak with the site supervisors and remind them of their responsibilities of road cleaning, tree and hedgerow protection and correct visible signage.
- I have worked closely with the Coalville Local Area Coordinator, supporting her in her role and assisting wherever possible.
- Actively worked to build strong relationships with local businesses offering my assistance wherever needed, I have tried to visit as many as possible in person to introduce myself and offer them a point of contact should they ever need it.

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

- As one of the few County Councillors who is not a District Councillor also, I have worked hard to forge good relationships with the officers and Councillors (Cross Party) of NWLDC.
- I have formed a very strong working relationship with the local Police NPA commander, by doing so I have direct access to him so that I can report issues immediately.
- I have also been on operational visits to the local Fire Authority, I was given the opportunity to talk to the firefighters in an open forum addressing their issues.
- Opened a dialog with Network Rail in order to address their property obligations across the town.
- Forged a working relationship with a senior engineer at BT Open

reach, allowing for prompt reporting and rectification of their equipment located throughout the town.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

- Speeding traffic
- Cost of living
- Town regeneration
- Litter in and around the town
- Development control

Council Activities

County Council Committees You Served On

Vice Chair of the Children & Families overview & scrutiny committee
Health overview & scrutiny committee
LLR Joint Health overview & scrutiny committee
Highways and Transport overview & scrutiny committee
LCC Armed Forces Network Group

Local Committee/Outside Bodies

Chair of the Bardon Aggregates Liaison committee

Other Bodies

Royal British Legion (Whitwick Branch)
Marlene Reid Centre
Snibston Heritage Trust

Learning and Development

Attended all member briefings via Teams, covering:
Code of Conduct, Ethics, Medium Term Financial Strategy, Ukraine
Refugee, Police Chief Constable, NHS integrated Care, Covid

Other Matters

Out with the Coalville Litter Wombles



Local development site visits



Networking with local Police & Fire authorities



Hand delivered bespoke Christmas cards designed and produced by me to all residents homes within the Division. I paid for the printing by a local company myself.

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If you have any concerns or ever need my help
PLEASE get in touch!

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Facebook
I post daily on Facebook (very too much) please "LIKE" & "FOLLOW" My page to keep updated with everything I do Council related for Coalville <https://www.facebook.com/leicscccoalvilleham>



Conservatives

Please note NO Council funding was used to pay for this card
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



COALVILLE NORTH
FROM
COUNTY COUNSELLOR
CRAIG SMITH

Just a few of the things I've been up to

Council Visits

- Attended all Council
- Deputy Chairman of the Children & Families overview & scrutiny committee (one of the major departments of County Hall)
- Member of the Health overview & scrutiny committee
- Member of the Leicestershire Leicestershire & Rutland Health overview & scrutiny committee

In addition I have volunteered as a member sub-chair of the Nightways & Transport overview & scrutiny committee and the Coalville Fire Authority so that I bring your knowledge about all the departments within LCC.

Local Matters

Answered all e-mails & phone calls in a timely manner.

Assisted residents with social care issues.

Attended Parish Council meetings, Hugglescote & Rowleystone Me, with local business owners will supported them wherever possible.

Attended the opening of the new retail motor shopping centre.

Was a member of the staff of the Coalville Memorial on the Remembrance Day, 11 Nov at the William Branch RBL 100th Birthday.

Support LCC and NALCC in their AS111 improvements and have ongoing strong relationships with the local police both here and the new Police Inspector for Coalville. Working with them to address local crime and safety issues.

Chairman of Leicestershire's aggregate association - looking after your interests and promoting the more and all weather roads.

Worked extensively with and supported local veterans groups.

I have been and will continue to work tirelessly for Leicestershire's Coalville Park, ensuring the continued improvement to use of the leisure facilities.

Conservatives

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Dear Residents

I thought rather than sending out just a boring old "newsletter" I would instead send a Christmas card. I have been thinking about the work of local council, and it has been quite an eye opener for me. I have been quite surprised to find that many of the things that I have been told to do have not been done. I have been quite surprised to find that many of the things that I have been told to do have not been done. I have been quite surprised to find that many of the things that I have been told to do have not been done.

I hope that you are happy with the way that I am increasing my political involvement. I have been working hard to represent all residents and businesses within the Shire and Leicestershire as a whole, and will continue to do so.

If you ever need my help in any way please do get in touch, I can help with anything you need, and I will be happy to do so.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2017

Craig Smith CC

On parade with fellow Veterans and members of the Royal British Legion



Working with local charity and community groups



Improving our local area



Road trip to the Polish/Ukrainian border, delivering aid & essential supplies



Communications

- I have a very active Social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Linked In. I post several times a day as well as reshare all relevant communications.
- I Answer all e-mails and phone calls within 48 hours
- I produce a monthly e-newsletter that I post on Social media
- I hand deliver Christmas cards to all residents within the Division

Craig Smith
Date:- 30/05/22