

## County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2020/21

### Peter Bedford CC

#### Electoral Division activities

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

- Speeding issues across all villages
- Flooding issues in Thornton and Botcheston
- School transport issues
- Securing funding from the Bardon Hill Community Fund for numerous projects in the Markfield, Stanton and Bagworth Area
- Progress on Parking enforcement issues
- Representing residents at HBBC Planning Committee

##### **Community Leadership Role**

- Supported funding for community initiatives such as the Bagworth & Thornton Covid Response Team.
- Assisted in the handing out of food parcels to local residents in need.
- Verbal representations at Planning Committees of HBBC on contentious local planning applications.
- Liaising with the Four Parish Councils on a plethora of issues.

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

Regular catch ups with Leicestershire Police, and Severn Trent Water on issues such as community safety and parking enforcement.

##### **Priorities for the immediate future are:**

- Speed reduction initiatives – particularly for London Road, Markfield and Peckleton Lane, Desford.
- Full Flood Response review for Botcheston.
- Support for community groups as we emerge from Covid (be it community grants or advice on where to access such).
- More money and investment in Highways.

## **Council Activities**

### **County Council Committees you served on**

- Local Pensions Committee
- Scrutiny Commission (Commissioner)

### **Local committees/Outside Bodies**

- Attendance at Markfield, Desford, Bagworth & Thornton, and Stanton Parish Councils
- Bardon Hill Liaison Committee

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

- Attended over a dozen resident meetings (either in person, or via Zoom) on a range of issues from planning through to noise abatement.
- Attended litter picking events with voluntary groups across the Division.

## **3) Learning and Development**

- I have attended numerous County Council briefings on a range of subjects to ensure that my knowledge of Council activities is up to date.

## **Communications**

- Regular Social Media Updates via Facebook and Twitter: @peterbedfordmdt
- Regular (monthly) columns in: The Herald and The Graphic Magazines
- Twice Yearly County Councillors' News leaflets
- Hosting of over a dozen virtual surgeries via Zoom/Teams

### **Signed by Councillor:**

**Peter Bedford**

**Date**

**5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**