

Richard Allen CC for Earl Shilton - Annual Report 2021/22

It is amazing to think that it is year since you, the residents of Earl Shilton, elected me to serve as your representative on Leicestershire County Council, taking over Janice Richards.

It has been a very interesting year and a steep learning curve for me personally and all of the other newly elected members to the Council and I have been pleased to serve on the Transport Scrutiny and Development Control Regulatory Body sub committees.

As you are probably aware, Leicestershire County Council continues to face significant funding challenges, being one of the lowest funded but most efficient Councils per capita.

This in part due to ongoing increases in demand for Social Care and Special Educational Needs and Disability provision – whilst also maintaining all of the other services provided by the County Council such as Roads and Education.

One of the more interesting initiatives introduced by the Council last year was the introduction of the “Members Highways Fund”, which gave each County Councillor a budget of £25,000 to spend on highways improvements in their area.

The area I was contacted about most was Station Road in Earl Shilton and in particular the section from Breach Lane to Clickers Way.

The initial measure that the Highways Team have agreed upon is the installation of a large vehicle activated sign, which will warn speeders to slow down as well as collecting data – which I hope to use to support the provision of further permanent measures on Station Road.

There is also going to be VAS signs installed on Thurlaston Lane and Heath Lane to help with speeding issues on those roads.

Finally through the scheme the Highways Department will be improving the signage and markings on Clickers Way at the 40mph speed limit boundary near to Masefield drive to make the reduced speed limit more obvious.

Members have been allocated a further £25,000 this year, in addition to any amount not spent this year – please email me with your suggestions!

A number of you have contacted me with queries and concerns about various aspects of our local environment, from potholes in roads to overgrown footpaths to speeding.

I am pleased that the Council has managed to rectify the majority of these concerns, point me in the direction of another organisation that can address the problem, or provide me with a reasoned explanation as to why something cannot be done.

If you have any casework queries or problems, please do email me at Richard.allen@leics.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

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