

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: Neil Bannister

**Division Represented: Broughton
Astley Division**

Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

I have engaged with the Parish Councils in my Division to discuss the spending of the Highway Members Fund. As a result I have been able to help deliver the long awaited permanent One Way Scheme in the Broughton Astley village centre, vehicle activated speed signs for Dunton Bassett, Ashby Parva, Leire and Frolesworth as well as planters for Ashby Magna.

I have arranged for speed checks to be done in Church Lane, Dunton Bassett, supported the reduction of national speed limit on Frolesworth Road, Broughton Astley to 50mph and engaged with Severn Trent in respect of flooding issues in Broughton Astley and in Frolesworth where works have been completed to the satisfaction of residents.

I have arranged for the refresh of road markings to improve road safety in Ashby Magna.

I have supported the diversion of a public footpath in Broughton Astley to divert a footpath from going across a school field to a more safer route. I have made enquiries as to how s.106 contributions are spent from a development that took place some years ago.

Community Leadership Role

I attend on a regular basis the Parish Councils in my Division. These are at Broughton Astley, Dunton Bassett Ashby Magna, Ashby Parva, Leire and Frolesworth. I engage with the Parish Councillors and the residents of these villages to learn of issues of concern and to take these up where applicable with the County.

In addition I have surgeries (three in the past year) to meet residents other than at the Parish Council meetings.

I advertise my contact details throughout the Division and have a regular magazine article in the Broughton Astley In Touch magazine to inform residents of my activities.

I have met with the Police and Crime Commissioner in Broughton Astley to bring a focus on anti social behaviour and community safety.

I meet regularly with the local Member of Parliament (Alberto Costa) to discuss issues affecting both the the Division and the County – notably on fair funding for Leicestershire and Devolution.

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

I have made a number of enquiries on Highway issues in particular at County and have been in discussions with Severn Trent on drainage and water issues in the Division.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

I look forward to satisfactorily resolving highway and speeding issues in the Division. I continue to engage with the communities in my Division on the best way to spend the Members Highway Fund in 2022/23

I will continue to lobby for fair funding for the County.

I will continue to be a visible and accessible County Councillor

Council Activities

County Council Committees You Served On

I serve on the Development and Regulatory Services Board, the Corporate Governance Committee and the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board

Local Committee/Outside Bodies

I serve on the LLR Combined Fire Authority including its Employment Committee and its Corporate Governance Committee.

Other Bodies

I am a trustee to the Carlton Hayes Mental Health Charity and a trustee on the Baron Smith Almshouses (Frolesworth) Charity.

Learning and Development

I attend the various member briefings which have been critical in improving my understanding on the delivery of Council services and the challenges faced.

Other Matters

I am privileged to be able to help the communities in my Division. I try to be accessible and help and explain where I can.

Communications

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Signed by Councillor:- *Neil D Bannister CC*

Date:- 30th June 2022