

## County Councillor Annual Report

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

### Name of Councillor

*Joe Orson*

### Electoral Division activities

*Melton Wolds Division*

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

Supporting isolated and vulnerable residents in Melton Wolds. Following the lockdown in March 20 it was clear many were struggling through the impact of the pandemic. As the LCC member for the patch I was able to help, advise many particularly those suffering with rural isolation. I would often drop into people at their home and catch up with their needs by speaking through their windows plus regular telephone calls. Emails became even more important though this time. I also received contact through Facebook Messenger. Certainly in a rural area Facebook & Twitter became invaluable.

### **Community Leadership Role**

Representing a large rural ward presents challenges of attending Parish Council meetings. However through the pandemic all 14 parish Councils took to using Zoom meetings. This was helpful as my attendance at the meetings dramatically increased due to a saving of not driving around the division. Emails & telephone calls became more important too.

I noted a rise through the year of residents needing help plus advice through a difficult time.

Regular liaison with Melton Borough Council & Rutland County Council also proved invaluable through the pandemic

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

Melton Borough Council, Severn Trent Water Authority

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

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To keep in contact with residents and Parish Councils at all times by being available by visits, telephone, email, Messenger, Twitter

### **Council Activities**

#### **Committees you serve on at County Hall**

Governance  
Health Scrutiny Committee

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

Brooksby Liaison  
Police & Crime Panel

#### **Other Matters:**

Always available to all at any time.

#### **Communications**

Facebook, Twitter, messenger, Telephone, Email, Home Visits

**Signed by Councillor  
Joe Orson  
Date 06/07/2021**