



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN –September 2022

When you read this we should have a new leader of the conservative party and therefore a new Prime Minister.

In my role at county, libraries and museum fall under my portfolio I visited Charnwood Museum to see the exhibition by Ladybird Books on looking at the world of work. I still have many of these books and red them to my sons and grandchildren when they were younger. I then visited the Library which is opposite, where there is a display on the Great Central Railway until 23rd September. When my husband was alive we visited the Great Central regularly.

Missing out on Pension Credit?

Over 2 million people who are over state pension age and on a low income could claim Pension Credit. It is worth over £3,000, one in three miss out on the extra cash as it is not paid automatically so you need to apply.

You can use this handy calculator on the Government website to see how much Pension Credit you could claim www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator.

Payments can only be backdated for up to three months so check now www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim.

Bosworth Medieval Festival 2022

After two long-awaited years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the time finally came – Bosworth Festival returned with a bang.

The two-day event, which attracted thousands of visitors, re-enactors and traders from across the UK and beyond took place on Saturday August 20th and Sunday 21st at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre near Sutton Cheney.

The family friendly festival featured battle the-enactments by the War of the Roses Federation,. There was also archery, cannon fire demonstrations, medieval falconry, musician, the Kings Executioner, Knight School and story teller, plus much more.



Visitors were queuing to get into the site before the gates opened on both days, almost 4,500 visitors attended the festival so many people from all over, some coming from further afield.

Bosworth Battlefield nominated for Visit England award

One of Leicestershire's top visitor attractions has received a glowing report following an inspection by national tourism body Visit England.

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage centre has received high marks and was rated very good following the visit, an impressive score of 89% has landed the Leicestershire County Council-run heritage site a nomination in Visit England's Best Told Story accolade.

The site has so much to offer visitors of all ages. More information including opening times and admission prices are available at www.bosworthbattlefield.org

Display improvements will protect important artifacts at Harborough Museum

Harborough Museum is carrying out works to update and improve the display of the Hallaton Treasure. It is one of the most important Iron Age discoveries ever made in the UK, and is the jewel in Harborough Museum's crown.

The centre piece of the Hallaton Treasure is the Hallaton Helmet, which is currently on show alongside a display of the Iron Age coins.

Harborough Museum offers free entry, more information and opening times is available at www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk

Celebrating event for first roll-all of graduates

A pioneering programme, which helped to recruit more social workers into the industry, saw its first cohort of student graduates in Leicestershire.

The county council became one of the first upper-tier authorities in the country to offer the degree apprenticeship programme, a special celebration was held at Beaumanor Hall to mark the achievement and I was privileged to give gifts and to congratulate the graduates.



A total of 10 graduates have been awarded their BA (Hons) in Social Work with three graduates achieving their Post-Graduate Diplomas. Through the programme, existing staff were supported to gain professional qualifications on a social work apprenticeship, funded by the county council through the apprenticeship levy. During the three year programme, staff gained hands-on experience in real-life social work roles through placements in adults and children services.

Trading Standards warning

Cost of online scams – Beware of texts asking you to claim or apply for cost-of-living help – payments are automatic.

Councils will NEVER call to ask for your bank details. Council tax rebates, in most cases, such rebates are paid automatically to those who pay their council tax by direct.

Ofgem is NOT offering a £400 energy rebate – so beware of scammers telling you this
If you have been scammed- talk to you bank

Report the scam to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use the Action Fraud online reporting tool using [our online reporting tool](#)

Text scams can be reported to your mobile phone provider by forwarding it to 7726 (SPAM)

Check a Website – using the following link <https://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/>

Loan fee fraud is an increasingly common scam - always check that the provider is authorised by the GFCa before you borrow visit <https://register.fca.org.uk>

Email scams – if you get a dodgy looking email forward it report@phishing.gov.uk.

Remember not to click on any links within these emails.

To keep up to date with the latest scams information and advice, you can follow the Leicestershire Trading Standards Service Facebook page on

www.facebook.com/leicstradingstandards or for further information 0116 305 8000

Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made on **Chapel Street** to allow Leicestershire County Council to undertake drainage works in the carriageway.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 2 days, 09.00 till 15.00 (each day) commencing 22nd September.



The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB130306907>

A TTRO is to be made for the following **location Oaks Road, Loughborough Road, Swannymote Road** to allow Cadent Gas to safely facilitate gas main replacement.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of six weeks commencing 3rd October.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB129654340>

Your help and support – my contact details

Without your help in keeping me informed regarding issues around Shepshed, I would not be able to do my job. For help and advice on County matters, I can be contacted on 01509 502974, or 07796 544817 or e mail christine_radford@hotmail.com or christine.radford@leics.gov.uk , my monthly surgery, is held on the first Saturday of the month in the Town Council Offices, 47a Charnwood Road, (opp. Tesco) You do not need an appointment; I will be there from 10-11 am