



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – September 2021

August is always a quieter month for formal meetings. I have therefore taken the advantage of this and visited many places which fall within my portfolio at County.

Health and Wellbeing Board

This was the first face to face meeting of the Board since lock down. I represent the County for adults on this board, it was a very full agenda and we discussed the following:-

- Overview of the Integrated Care System and its purpose, Principles and Priorities.
- Outputs and Recommendations arising from the Health and Wellbeing Board Development Session.
- Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Health Inequalities Framework
- Wider Determinants of Health Action Plan
- Air Quality and Health Action Plan
- Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan; Progress Update.
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Transforming Care for those with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism
- Framework for Integrated Personalised Care
- Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2020/21
- Healthwatch Annual Report 2020/21
- Housing Services Update

The date of the next Wellbeing Board will be held on Thursday 23rd September.

A new exhibition charting the 800-year history of Loughborough market

The Market 800 exhibition has been created by Leicestershire County Council's Communities and Well being Team, working with Loughborough Library Local Studies Volunteer Group, Charnwood Borough Council and market traders.

The exhibition can be seen in Charnwood Museum 10am to 4pm from Tuesday to Saturday and 10am-1pm on Sunday. Admission is free.

Visits - BioStatus, Shepshed

On 29th July I took the Chairman of the County Council to visit BioStatus in Shepshed and to meet up with Stefan Ogrodzinski (Director/CEO).

Over the years I have visited this business and recently learnt that they had been involved in working with the Government on the Business-led innovation in response to global disruption due to Covid-19. The company used the grant which they were awarded to speed up new probe development – with a focus on probes they can recognise the impact of cellular pathogens – helping the development of new drug screening strategies.



BioStatus has spun out three additional pharmaceutical companies over the years. Collectively, the group therefore has four focus areas:-

- BioStatus is concerned with novel probe development.
- BioSuspensions is focused on the commercialisation of a novel structured suspension technology – allowing insoluble ingredients to be presented as pourable liquids.
- OnoTherics is concerned with the development of novel hypoxia activated prodrugs
- BioTheric is their newest venture, formed to commercialise an ischaemia targeting drug for the treatment of ventricular arrhythmias.

Forest Road, Loughborough

Forest Road is owned by Leicestershire County Council, the Landlord is Nottingham Community Housing Association and the Support is provided by Creative Support. In my Lead Role at County I visited this property, with Cllr Ted Parton, which County had recently purchased from Loughborough University and had it converted into a 9 bed roomed house with 2 kitchens and 3 bathrooms, to be occupied by 7 individuals. There is access to parking bays to the side and a garden area to the rear of the property. The accommodation is suitable for those with mental health support needs.

For more information please contact Pathway to Supported Living via email: psl@leics.gov.uk

New Ashby Court, off Sharpley Road Loughborough

New Ashby Court was another property I visited along with the Chairman of the County Council and Cllr Ted Parton, my support at County. This property was recently purchased by Leicestershire County Council, from Loughborough University, the Landlord is Nottingham Community Housing Association and the support is provided by Mencap. Ashby Court consists of 2 blocks of 14 flats ranging from 1 to 3 bedrooms. The flats have a living room, kitchen and bathroom. There is a communal area in each block and parking bays are available outside the property. This accommodation is suitable for individuals with learning disability and younger adults via the Transitions Team.

For more information, transitions, please contact psl@leics.gov.uk

Advance notice of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO)

Notification of Survey Works – A42 Junction 14 to the A453 Roundabout & M1 Junction 23a



Highways England will be carrying out survey work as per above. The purpose of the work is to carry out surveys in order to upgrade the street lighting along the carriageway in the future. Once completed, all road users will benefit from less unplanned maintenance visits.

The work is due to start on 6th September and is scheduled to finish by 23rd September. To minimise inconvenience and disruption to road users, Highways England will work overnight from Monday to Friday 8pm and 6am.

When roads are closed, fully signed diversion routes will be put in place which have been agreed with County, All carriage ways, roundabouts and slip roads will be fully open throughout the daytime.

Any questions contact info@highwaysenglands.co.uk or 0300 123 5000

Battlefield centre hosted week of events to commemorate Battle of Bosworth anniversary

Bosworth Medieval Medley ran from 16 – 22nd August and featured a wide range of events and activities for the whole family.

The events which took place included the ever-popular Knight School, new themed evening guided walks and daytime family-friendly walks. The weekend of 21st and 22nd August included a living history camp, which created the camps of Richard III and Henry Tudor on the eve of the Battle and gave visitor an eye-opening insight into the day-to-day workings of a battle camp.

Action Fraud – Vaccine Passport Scams

Action Fraud has received over 700 reports from members of the public about fake emails purporting to be from the NHS. The emails claim to be able to provide people with a “digital passport” that “proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19” . These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to a genuine-looking websites hat steal your personal and financial information.

Remember, the vaccine is free of charge. At no point will you be asked to pay.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk



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 , I am pleased to say that I held my first monthly meeting on 4th September this is held in the Town Council Offices in Charnwood Road. You do not need an appointment. I will be there from 10-11 am on the first Saturday of the month.