



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

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After a year unlike any other in recent memory, the new road map to come out of lockdown has commenced. I do hope that this will be last time; we all need to be careful. Holidays are being booked; Shepshed Lions are talking about their event at the end of August. We have now started to prepare for life beyond lockdown and a return to 'normality' whatever that may be! We are looking forward to all the things we have missed in the last 12 months.

Police

Warning issued following reports of telephone scams, claiming to be Leics Police

The force is urging people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to remain vigilant and be wary of a telephone scam currently in operation.

A cold call is made to a victim by someone claiming to work with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) or national insurance and that information is required to be passed on to the police. The call is then ended.

The victim then receives a further call which is shown to be from 0116 222 2222 – which is the main switchboard number for Leicestershire Police. Please note this number is 'spoofed' – faked. Numbers shown on a caller ID are NOT confirmation or verification of where a call is coming from – the phone is merely displaying what it has been told to say.

A person claiming to be a police officer then speaks to the victim, stating the victim's details are being used to open a large number of bank accounts. Threatening language may be used and victims have been told they are in trouble and could be arrested or taken to court, The caller then provides a bank account number and asks the victim to transfer money over for 'safe keeping'

Please pass this information on to any friends or family members who may not be aware of this scam or who could be particularly vulnerable to the way these criminals operate. If we work together, we can try and prevent more people from falling victim.



If you are a victim of this scam – or know someone who has been – please contact the police on 101. You can also report incidents online by visiting <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

You should also contact your bank immediately. You can also make a report to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

I am just writing to update you that PCSO Kelly Davis has left the beat to take on a new challenge in Loughborough. She has been in Shepshed for many years and I am sure you will all wish her well. The team will run one down temporarily,

Listed below is everyone on the team:

PC 1969 Matt Orton, PC 1806 Kara Thatcher, PCSO 6652 Mo Musa, PCSO 6542 Viren Patel and PCSO 6136 Julia Parker

Living with food allergies

Living with a food allergy can affect people in different ways. Having a food allergy can pose extra challenges to daily tasks and have unexpected impacts on new experiences.

For teenagers and young adults with a food allergy, navigating the new experiences that come with these stages of life can bring about extra risks. There is a web site you can go to get advice.

Food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/advice-for-teenagers-and-young-adults-with-food-allergy

For many, living away from home, can be the first time that they take full responsibility for managing a food allergy.

Growing up, parents or guardians may have been responsible for checking labels on food packaging for allergens.



Kirkhill, Sewerage Leak

Just to bring residents up to date regarding the leakage of sewerage at the bottom of Kirkhill. I have been working with Severn Trent to get this matter sorted, but do not seem to be getting anywhere. I have not threatened to go to the press or television as it is a health hazard.

During Lockdown

During lockdown I am attending all of my meetings via Teams, such as The Health and Wellbeing Board where we discussed Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Leicester. Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny, at which we discussed Provision of Short Breaks and Supported Living Services and Care Homes Sustainability.

Cabinet 23rd March

This was a full on agenda, the last one before the election. A paper was discussed on the White Papers on Health and Social Care and Mental Health which was presented by officers. In fact there were 18 items up for discussion varying from highways to healthy weight strategy. The leader mentioned that the scheme to give out equipment to litter pickers (Wombles) in County has been very popular and has increased the amount of monies available to support this scheme.

GLW FEEDS

I have recently started to receive complaints again about smells coming from GLW Feeds, can residents please contact them direct on 01509 501869 (Martin Briggs) or the Environmental Agency on 0800 807060 – please make notes of dates and times when you have reported anything.

Your help and support

For help and advice on County matters, I can be contacted on 01509 502974 or e mail christine_radford@hotmail.com or christine.radford@leics.gov.uk , due to the lock down I will not be able to have my regular monthly Surgery.