



Councillor Column March 2022

Spring is on the way, nights are drawing out and bulbs are popping their heads above the soil and Covid restrictions have been removed.

Cabinet – Friday 11h February

The cabinet discussed the Medium Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2025/26, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's New Local Plan, becoming an Anti-Racist Organisation, Leicestershire Rural Framework 2022-2030, Development of a Family Hubs Model, Leicestershire's policy on Admissions to Mainstream Schools; Determination of Admission Arrangements.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A host of special; events will be held in the city, county and Shepshed this year to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and mark her 70 year reign as monarch.

All you need to know can be found at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/platinum-jubilee with information also available on how you can arrange your own community event or street party.

An extended four-day bank holiday, from Thursday, 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022 has been chosen for the celebratory weekend.

Residents can also apply to close their street or road for a street party. Visit the website for further details. Normally, a street party road closure would be subject to an administration fee. However, Leicestershire County Council is waiving the fee for Platinum Jubilee street parties.

Shepshed Town Council are also holding a celebration on Glenmore Park to celebrate the Jubilee free of charge on Saturday 4th June between 1-5pm.

Caring at its best award

University Hospital Leicester has recently carried out the 'Caring at its best awards' and for the first time, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) adult social care sector has been recognised and we have been given a designated award category.

I had pleasure in presenting Chris Smalley at Enrych, based in Coalville, the award for supporting clients with complex mental health issues over the years.



Leicestershire Carers honoured in glamorous county wide ceremony

Carers from across Leicestershire have had their hard work celebrated at an awards ceremony, including two carers from the unique Shared Lives project who were nominated as finalists.

Helen Cheney and Shaun Swain are self-employed provide residential care in their own home for Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City service users.

The full results of the awards can be found on:

<https://www.leicesterwshiremercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/here-leicestershires-award-winning-care-6629411>

The shared Lives scheme is currently recruiting for both long and short-term carers. To apply or find out more about the roles, please contact 07734 860 205 or email sharedlives@leicds.gov.uk

Remember Me Cafe- dementia support group

The Royal Voluntary Service have been working to set up a new dementia support group at Gorse Covert Community Centre. The aim of the group is to bring together people living with dementia, their carers, families and friends to provide support in a relaxed and friendly environment.

To find out full details and to book a place email

leicestershiredementiasupport@royalvoluntaryservice.or.uk or call 07815 515 227

Exhibition celebrates beloved children's book – The Tiger Who Came to Tea

There was more than one Tiger who went to tea on Wednesday 16th February when Leicester Tigers mascot, Welford roared in to visit the exhibition. He sat and posed for photos. He also took along some fun games and activities.

Welford is a familiar face to rugby fans for his appearances at Leicester Tiger matches, Junior Tigers Club events and getting out and about with the club's Maul team shows, among many other engagements.

GoLearn – adult learning

A series of free open days to give people a taste of the hundreds of adult learning courses which are available from GoLearn were held across Leicestershire during ½ term week. Sorry I was not made aware of these events in time for the February issue.



Courses include a wide range of digital skills subjects from absolute beginners to advanced, Italian, Spanish, British Sign Language, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), on line safety, first aid, pottery, Indian cookery, astronomy, yoga, drawing and painting, stained glass, textiles and much more.

There are also a number of free courses available for people who are seeking work and looking to gain basic skills, flexible English and maths GCSE and functional courses, free courses to help support and maintain mental health including standalone workshop sessions, and free essential digital skills qualification for complete IT beginners and which offers a route to more advanced IT courses and qualifications.

Fee reductions are also available to learners on certain benefits (e.g. Universal Credit, JSA) and for those on a low household income. All courses can be searched on line at www.licestershire.gov.uk/golearn or call 0800 988 0308.

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: **The Lant**. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Severn Trent Water safely undertake works to replace a manhole cover and frame.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on 22nd March.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB126890791>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location Oakley Avenue. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow OpenReach to safely undertake inspection of telephone poles.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on the 31st March.

The works can be viewed here <https://one.network/?tm=GB127053490>

Shepshed Library

Following on from concerns raised by residents to me regarding Shepshed Library following the vandalised doors which stopped the SMART access from working. An officer has looked into them.

The IT area/PC suite which was closed during the Covid restrictions and should have been re-opened at the end of last year and has now reopened. A risk assessment for this area has been reviewed and a window will be kept open to aid ventilation. The area will be locked when staff are not on site.



The adjacent meeting room is being looked at to enable this space to be used more flexibly. A chair which was removed is now back. We are still quite early in the recovery of full library provision.

Armed Forces Information

The New Armed Forces Bill was passed in December 2021; this means the Bill is now enshrined in law. This will help prevent service personnel and veterans being disadvantaged when accessing essential services like healthcare, education and housing. It is thought the new legislation will come into force this autumn. If you would like more information please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-armed-forces-bill-passed-in-parliament>

Veterans Wellbeing Centre

A new Veterans Wellbeing Hub in Asha House Woodgate LE11 2TZ (down the side alley)is to open in Loughborough on March 25th, and will operate on Friday mornings. For more information contact helencarte@loughboroughwellbeing.com

Armed forces and Veterans Breakfast Club meets 2nd Saturday of the month 9.30m
Toby Carvery Forest Road, Loughborough LE11 3HU

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