



## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – February 2022**

I hope you all had a good Christmas and the New Year has started off good. Please stay safe and look after yourselves and your family. I have been interviewed by Radio Leicester about how County are and have been supporting care Homes during the Pandemic.

Below are relevant number in relation to safeguarding for Children and Adults.

Safety of an adult 0116 305 0004

Safety of a child 0116 305 0005

Phone 999 if a crime is being committed or if someone is in immediate danger

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

I am delighted that Charnwood Museum is able to play host to this wonderful exhibition celebrating the story and hopefully introducing it to even more readers. Generations of children have been delighted by Judith Kerr's illustrated story, which was first published in 1968. Now people of all ages have the chance to fall in love with 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' all over again at the new exhibition, which opened on the 8<sup>th</sup> January and runs until March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The exhibition, originated by Seven Stories, the National Centre for Children's Books, features a number of Judith Kerr's illustrations from the Seven Stories collection and promises to bring this delightful book to life for a new generation of family audiences.

There is a reproduction of Sophie's kitchen, where young visitors can sit down to tea with a 4ft cuddly tiger, a reading area, dressing up, puzzles, games and lots more Tiger-related activities to appeal to the latest generation of young readers.

There have been various activity days and on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am-12.30am there will be a session aimed at over-fives who are invited to come and enjoy the full story of the Tiger Who Came to Tea, followed by a crafting session.

### **Charnwood Museum launches children's writing competition**

Budding young writers are being given the chance to get creative and share their short stories to be in the change of winning a prize! It is hoped that young writers will be inspired following the exhibition 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.

There are categories for children under 7, 7-11 and 12-16. The stories need to be a maximum of 500 words. They can be illustrated as well, although that isn't essential to the competition.



The entries can be submitted by email to [museum@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:museum@charnwood.gov.uk) or dropped into Charnwood Museum during normal opening hours. The closing date for the entries is 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Cash boost for care workers ahead of challenging winter**

A £500 payment is being offered to care workers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland as they continue to make extraordinary efforts ahead of another challenging winter.

The payment is being paid in March to around 20,000 front line workers and staff, who remain in service from mid-December 2021 until the end of February 2022.

It will be worth up to £500 for staff who work 20 hours or more per week and around £250 for staff who work less than 20 hours.

### **Learning Disabilities Partnership Board**

I attended my first Partnership Board on 20<sup>th</sup> January and found it very informative. The Board which is made up of Officers from County and residents with disabilities, information was given about Gig Buddies (residents who are interested in the theatre or music can have a buddy to go with them) and about a new project called Sports Buddies (matches people up based on a shared interest in a sport).

The Board was given information about the government who have partnered with the disability charity Scope to develop a new Disabled Persons Passenger Charter (document) to ensure disabled people can travel easily and more confidently.

**Victim First** – The board were given a presentation from Victim First who support anyone who has been a victim of crime, to cope with what has happened and get the right support. You can call them free on 0800 953 9595 or email the on [support@victimfirst.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:support@victimfirst.pnn.gov.uk).

They are holding a Victims Firsts, first community Cafe which will be held at Asha House, (opposite the entrance to Beehive car park) on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February between 12-3pm. The crime prevention topic for this cafe will be on Fraud and scams and how to prevent these.

### **Collapsed Bank – near to Persimmon Homes**

After much chasing I have received an update regarding the watercourse at Hathern Road. Persimmon is planning to replace the previous bank protection with a new proposal of plastic sheet piling along the watercourse banks. Persimmons have been in discussions with LCC Highways and Structures team. It is hoped that an application for a Land Drainage Consent with County as the Lead Local Flood



Authority will be submitted shortly. I have been promised that I shall be kept informed.

I am now concerned about the planning application P/21/2424/2 in which Persimmon are asking to verify a condition which was part of the original planning application to carry out improvements at the junction of Shepshed Road Hathern with the A6.

They are trying to use Garendon SUE as an excuse for the Kings Gate development not to improve this junction. I often get residents contacting me about the large queues during busy periods at this junction. Persimmon must comply with the condition.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

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

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: **Trueway Drive**. The TTRO is to allow Severn Trent Water safely replace a manhole cover and frame.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB127083516>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location **Cumbrian Way/Smithy Way**. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Severn Trent Water safely undertake works to replace a manhole cover and frame in the carriageway.

The duration of the restrictions is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The works can be viewed on <http://one.network/?tm=GB126891757>

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 31<sup>st</sup> March.



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

### **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](mailto:christine_radford@hotmail.com) or [christine.radford@leics.gov.uk](mailto: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