



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

July 2019

As your County Councillor, I am always on hand to try and deal with any concerns you may have about services provided by Leicestershire County Council. Such as street lighting, highways, footpaths, overhanging trees and hedges onto the highways/footpaths, social services etc.

My New Role

I have been very busy since being my new role. Part of which is communities. I visited the Library and Museum in Market Harborough which are housed in the same building and are run by the County.

I have attended the Health and Wellbeing Board which has Clinical representatives on it as well as Councillors and Officers. I found it very informative. Various topics were discussed such as Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018-2021 Progress Update, Unified Prevention Board Annual Report and Safeguarding Adult Board Development Plan 2019/20.

I have also attended the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Committee is made up solely of County Cllrs with Officers in attendance to answer questions. Topics discussed were Adult Social Care Targeting operating Model, Capital investment into Adult Social Care Accommodation Based Support and a Review of Long Term Residential and Nursing Care Fees. The last one you may be pleased to learn is that County are going to increase the amount they will pay in the future towards care home fees .

Charley Road Cross Roads

I organised a meeting with representatives of the Town Council, Charley Parish and Shepshed Borough Cllrs to meet with officers at County to discuss County's proposals for this junction. We put forward our concerns and concerns raised by residents regarding this junction. We will have to watch this space to see what improvements are going to be made following our meeting.



A512/Ashby Road/Charnwood Road/Leicester Road Improvements

I must apologise that by the time I had been made aware of the postponement of the exhibition the Shepshed Eye had already been distributed and the new date was before the next issue was published. I did try to make people aware of the change of date either by letter or Facebook and Twitter.

I do hope that some of you managed to attend this exhibition and question the officers.

I understand that there is a petition going round regarding these proposals as well as a petition about the alteration with the white lines at the top of Charnwood Road with its junction with Ashby Road. The petition is available around the town as well as in the Town Council offices, Glenmore Centre, The Volunteer Centre and Jolly Farmers.

Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is to be made for the following location: Footpath K62, Shepshed /Nanpantan. This section of K62 runs down from the M1 round about and along to Longcliffe Golf Club. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 6 months.

Action Fraud – there has been plenty of activity in fraud just lately

Courier Fraud, Bogus Police and Officials Alert – Individuals have been receiving phone calls from people claiming to be a police officer or bank official.

The suspect will say either:-

- There has been fraudulent activity at the victim's bank and the staff at the bank are involved, the victim is then asked to withdraw money to either keep it safe or assist the police with their investigation
- The victim's card has been compromised.

Your bank or police will never:

- Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password.
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping
- Ask you to transfer money out of your account



- Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards or cheque books.

HMRC Alert – Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the report of malicious calls, emails and voicemails, to members of the public purporting to be from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC)

- Fraudsters state that as a result of the victim's non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable for prosecution or other legal proceeds.
- The email will contain a link to what appears to be the gov.uk website, however the website link is fake.

What you need to do:-

- Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information.
- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.

Online Vehicle Sales Alert – The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

- Fraudsters have been advertising vehicles and machinery for sale on various online selling platforms, this includes vehicles and machinery used by the agricultural industry.
- It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving emails or messages of this nature

What you need to do:-

- Never transfer money for a vehicle you haven't seen in person.
- Avoid paying for the vehicle by bank transfer as it offers you little protection if you become a victim of fraud. Instead, use a credit card or payment services such as PayPal.
- If you are purchasing from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, or ask friends and family for advice before completing a purchase, or contact the DVLA.



Fake TalkTalk emails about a refund:-

- The emails state that the recipient's TalkTalk account is in credit and that they are owed a refund. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites.

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

Annual Report

At the Annual Parish meeting of the Town Council which was held on 29th May I submitted my Annual Report, this can be obtained by either contacting myself, the Town Council or going to my web page at County.

Your help

Again I would like to thank the residents who keep me informed regarding issues around Shepshed, such as overgrown hedges, litter, dog mess, inconsiderate parking (on pavements, yellow lines, outside of schools) etc., without your eyes and ears I could not get them reported and sorted.

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 or come along to my monthly Surgery on the FIRST Saturday of the month in the Town Council Offices, 47a Charnwood Road 10-11am. No appointment is necessary.