



## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – November 2018**

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.

### **A512- Ashby Road**

Residents have contacted me asking what is happening on the A512. A workman and a drain cleaner have been undertaking maintenance of the drainage network along with ground penetrating radar surveys in advance of the proposed road improvement scheme scheduled to start in the Spring of 2019.

The proposed improvement works form part of a package of measures which incorporate improvements to the following junctions:

- Traffic Signal improvements at Junction 23 of the M1
- Widening works on the A512 east side of the motorway (L'Bor side)
- A new roundabout access to a development on the A512 east side of the motorway
- Improvements to Ashby Road Central/Iveshead Road junction
- Improvements to Ashby Road Central/Ingleberry Road junction

The works that are planned at the junction of Ashby Road Central/Iveshead Road are to upgrade the signals and undertake kerblin alterations which are predominantly located on the west side of the road. There is a small section of carriageway widening on Iveshead Road away from the junction and it is anticipated that the noise impact will be negligible to the surround properties.

County will notify residents and stakeholders of these works in due course and I will keep residents of Shepshed informed.

### **Advance notice of a temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO)**

A TTRO is to be made on part of Belton Street to facilitate Severn Trent Water with works to replace a sunken and worn manhole cover.



The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure and temporary prohibition of waiting and loading.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on the 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Camera Car**

A patrol car with camera to monitor parents who flout parking restrictions outside Leicestershire schools will patrol schools to issue £70 fines for illegal parking. The vehicle does not remain stationary while it is monitoring an area but instead circles around the location. The built-in GPS technology recognises when the vehicle is entering an enforcement area and begins recoding using number plate recognition. If a vehicle is found to be parked illegally, the recoding is sent back to the county council office and it is from there it is decided whether a fine is to be issued.

This follows a number of complaints from both residents and parents around the County and Shepshed about the parking outside schools at drop off and pick up times. This is to make the school run safer for everybody.

### **Shepshed Library**

Loughborough Library will be closed from 5<sup>th</sup> November until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to enable the installation of smart library technology and the creation of two new adult learning classrooms at the bottom of the library.

During this period Shepshed's library opening times will be Monday-Friday 10am-6pm and Saturdays 10am to 4pm. This includes Wednesdays when it would normally be closed. This will not apply during the usual library close down period at Christmas 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January.

### **Find out about Fostering**

In my capacity as Chairman of the Children in Care Panel, I attended a County 'find out about fostering' event. These events are informal and welcoming and offer an opportunity to hear first-hand from some of County's foster carer's and on occasions the voice of a young person in care and their experiences.



These events are to help people decide if fostering is the right way forward for them and their family and will provide as much information as possible to help them make a decision.

If you are interested in finding out more look at the website; [www.fosteringleicestershire.com](http://www.fosteringleicestershire.com) or the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FosteringLeicestershire.com](https://www.facebook.com/FosteringLeicestershire.com) for information and links about fostering or telephone 0116 305 0505.

### **Air Quality**

At a recent meeting in County I requested information on air quality and childhood asthma for the County and for the Shepshed area.

The County provides publically available maps on air quality at <http://www.lsr-online.org/uploads/2015-based-background-maps-for-leicestershire.pdf>.

These show the following air pollutants in Leicestershire; Nitrogen Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxide and Particulate matter PM2.5 and PM10. When using the maps please scroll down the file to view all 4 maps.

Air quality monitoring is the responsibility of the District Council. Therefore specific concerns should be directed to Charnwood initially.

I have given you this information as you might find it useful; I needed it so that I could direct my concerns about a matter I was looking into.

### **Independent Custody visiting scheme-volunteers needed**

If you were arrest and in police custody would you want someone to check on you? That is exactly what Independent Custody Visitors do. Independent Custody visitors are members of the public from a wide range of backgrounds who volunteer to visit those being detained in police custody. Independent Custody Visitors have the important and significant responsibility of ensuring that rules governing the treatment and welfare of detainees are being observed by police. Independent Custody Visitors speak with detainees and observe conditions in custody suites. Their primary role is to listen, observe and report their finds.



If interested please contact the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner at Enderby, or [police.commissioner@leics.pcc.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:police.commissioner@leics.pcc.pnn.gov.uk) or phone 0116 229 8703.

### **Resident raised concerns**

I have been working with residents who live in Oxford Street and Cambridge regarding the amount of HGV'S using both roads which have a weight restriction on them. I have contacted Asda, Tesco and the Co-op as it is their vehicles who are the major culprits together with HGV's leaving the building sites in Shepshed.

I have asked County to set up a speed check on these roads because this is becoming a short cut by vehicles to miss out using the A512. This will be taking place in the New Year.

Residents who live at the top of Iveshead Road near to the mini roundabout are also concerned about the number of HGV's using this road and are causing damage and having problems negotiating the mini roundabout. Iveshead Road has a weight limit on it. St the time this development was built both myself and Cllr Tassell – Borough Cllr – raised concerns about this mini roundabout.

Residents who live in Ring Fence are concerned about the size of the HGV's visiting URGO and the damage being caused. A meeting is being arranged between URGO, residents and County to discuss these concerns in December.

Problems have been raised about parking just inside Dumont Close and the bottom of Iveshead Road.

The jitty between Brook Street and Shepherds Close is causing problems to residents who use this on a regular basis. I have asked County to contact the residents who back onto this jitty to cut back overhanging branches and Charnwood to make sure that the foot path is regularly cleaned.

I am working with County about all the above matters.

### **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 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 502974 or e mail [christine\\_radford@hotmail.com](mailto:christine_radford@hotmail.com) or [christine.radford@leics.gov.uk](mailto: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.