



COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE RADFORD'S COLUMN

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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.

Don't be afraid to say no to cold callers

Trading Standards have seen an increase in reports of cold callers offering gardening and roofing work. The reports include overcharging for unnecessary work, asking for more money than originally quoted, following residents into their home to see where cash is kept and claiming to be from the local council.

Remember:

It is ok to say **NO** if you don't want the work done.

Check the ID of people calling at your door. A genuine trader won't mind if you take a moment to check out their legitimacy.

If someone knocks on your door and you don't know who they are, don't let them in.

If there is any doubt, don't agree to any work.

Rogue traders can be reported to Trading Standards on 03454 04 05 06 or dial 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Skylink

I have now had a reply from Trentbarton regarding my request to look into diverting the Skylink bus through Shepshed then into Hathern. The reason being I am being continually asked to get a bus operators to cover the area of Shepshed just off Hathern Road as well as a bus which will go from Shepshed to Hathern. I have already approached other bus operators and got nowhere.

The reply from Skylink/Trentbarton went on to state:-

"The area surrounding East Midlands Airport is one which we have made a number of developments of recent years on our network including extending to Coalville,



adding a fast route to Nottingham and most recently extended a route through to the airport from Ilkeston.

The network has developed over time and reflects the continued growth in not only the tourism but also the employment opportunities and access to work. There are now nearly 10,000 employees who work in the gateway area surrounding the airport. There are future expansion plans to businesses in that area including the rail freight interchange, which will see funding support to kick start network developments as well as improving existing networks as the area readies itself to have a doubling of workforce in the coming years. As part of this there is a working partnership of local councils and businesses alongside bus operators working on creating a network that is fit for purpose. This is an ongoing process and I will ensure that your comments are taken into consideration when we are defining the network.

Whilst I cannot promise anything in terms of dates, frequency or routes I can assure you that it is being independently investigated alongside our own commercial investigations to ascertain the best options to meet the demands of the market.

I will keep you informed as this review develops.”

I will keep pursuing getting a bus to cover this area of Shepshed.

Events

Real Nappy events are taking place in Coalville Sure start on 5th April and 3rd May. Composting events at the Plant Fair Donnington Le Health on 4th May and at the Food Gusto Fair in Ashby on 25th May.

More information regarding events can be go by contacting 0116 3056376.

Scam Warning – Fake TV Licensing Emails

Fraudsters are sending the public fake TV Licensing emails that are designed to steal their personal and financial information. Since April 2018, Action Fraud has received over 900 crime reports.

How you can protect yourself:

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



- Don't assume a phone call or email is authentic, even if someone knows your basic details (such as your name or address). Remember, criminals can spoof phone numbers and email addresses to appear as companies you know and trust, such as TV Licensing.
- Your bank will never call and ask you for your PIN, full banking password, or ask you to transfer money out of your account.

What to do if you've fallen victim:

- Let your bank know as soon as possible and monitor your bank statements regularly for any unusual activity.
- If you suspect your identity may have been stolen you can check your credit file quickly and easily online. Use a reputable service provider and follow up on any unexpected or suspicious results.
- If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber-crime, report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Bardon Road Coalville/Bardon, Grange Road/Hugglescote and Stephens Way Coalville. The proposed TTRO is to allow Aggregate Industries to facilitate carriageway improvements and improved access to Bardon Quarry.

The closure will be between Birch Tree Roundabout and Waterworks Road as follows:

19.00 Thursday 18th April to 02.00 Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

19.00 Friday 26th April to 02.00 Monday 29th April 2019.

19.00 Friday 3rd May to 02.00 Tuesday 7th May 2019.

I am aware that these roads are not in Shepshed, but it is an area that will be travelled by residents of Shepshed, I therefore thought it would be of interest.

Policing in Shepshed

As County Councillor I have held meetings with residents regarding Anti-social behaviour, the police, officers from the Anti-social behaviour team at Charnwood, a representative from the MP's office and Nicky Morgan MP to discuss aspects of policing in Shepshed especially anti-social behaviour.



Unfortunately I have found just like the Labour Councillors on the Town Council, that I got nowhere with the LABOUR Police and Crime Commissioner in getting more police in Shepshed. Lord Willy Bach, the Police and Crime Commissioner has just increased the precept for the police by 12%, let's hope that some of that will find its way to Shepshed, not just in the centre of Leicester. If Labour Cllrs on the Town Council could not get the support of Police and Crime Commissioner then I am not sure how they expected me as a Conservative to get anywhere.

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 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.