



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

Summer has started and with very hot days and then rainy days. Jubilee weekend is over and our street party went off well even though it rained all day. The party in Glenmore Park went off with a swing and everybody who attended enjoyed themselves and thanks should be given to the Town Council who put on this free event for the residents of Shepshed.

I have written to county highways expressing my concerns regarding 2 planning applications, the first being the application for a dentist at 84 Leicester Road and the second for 8 flats to the rear of 39a Leicester Road.

By the time you receive this magazine the school summer holidays will have started and parents will be scratching their heads to think of things to keep the children occupied and off of their phones and Ipads. Any ideas as I have my grandchildren living with me would be much appreciated.

### **Cabinet Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

There was a full agenda and one of the items was the Draft Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Carers Strategy 2022-25. I spoke on the importance of carers and the job they do. Carers can be elderly but also much younger and that the department recognises their value and supports them by keeping them informed and guide them into getting the right support and remind carers that they have a life away from being a Carer. The department also ensures that they are kept informed of technology solutions that can support them in their caring role. I also stated that we have a duty to provide adaptations to maximise independence.

### **Cabinet Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Items discussed were the Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, Charnwood Local Plan (2021-2037) Highways and Transport Matters, Leicestershire County Council Community Safety Strategy 2022-206 Annual Treasury Management |Report 2021/22, Recommended change to the annual investment strategy and investment in Christofferson Robb and company's capital relief fund, Annual report of the commercial strategy 2021/22, Public Health strategy 2022-2027 – delivering good health and prevention services



## **Summer reading Challenge – Gadgeteers**

Leicestershire libraries are calling for all children aged 4-12 years to take part in this year's Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge is free to join and runs from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July until Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in all Leicestershire Libraries including community managed libraries.

For this year's challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with the Science Museum Group to create 'Gadgeteers', inspiring children to use their curiosity and creativity to discover the science behind the everyday, and celebrate the role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences. Children will set their own reading targets and collect rewards as they work their way through their books over the summer holidays.

Children can sign up for the challenge at any time throughout the summer at any library or on line <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## **Electric vehicle (EV) charging points**

After receiving several enquiries regard EV charging I contacted officers and a new webpage has been created which can be viewed here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cars-and-parking/electric-vehicles-ev>

The webpage also includes a link to Zap-map which displays a map with locations and providers of available charge-points, the type of charge, its availability and utilisation fee (if applicable)

As you may be aware the issues arising with growing demand for Electric Vehicles and the associated infrastructure are still being understood by the authority as county are very keen to support but there are some practical issues and liabilities we are still working through. Unfortunately at this time the Highway Authority cannot currently approve or authorise trailing cables across the highway or footpaths.

## **Homes for Ukraine update**

County have, at the time of going to print, reached 1,000 mark for the number of visa applications relating to sponsor addresses in Leicestershire. Of these over 500 have arrived in the county and 71 are in Charnwood.



Security and criminal records checks are carried out by the Government before visas are issued. The County Council is carrying out DBS and welfare/safeguarding checks on sponsors with the district councils carrying out accommodation checks on sponsor properties.

A small number of sponsors/guest arrangements have broken down.

The Children and Families Service has worked with schools to facilitate the provision of school places for children arriving from the Ukraine. School transport will be provided for Ukrainian children who need support to get to their allocated school (if not in walking distance). Please email [UkraineTransport@leics.gov.uk](mailto:UkraineTransport@leics.gov.uk) if you are a Guest seeking help with school transport.

The County Council has established a welcome desk at EMA which is staffed every day from 8am until the last flight has arrived each evening or until 2am as needed.

Further information is available at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/support-for-ukraines> and queries should be direct through [HomesforUkraine@leics.gov.uk](mailto:HomesforUkraine@leics.gov.uk)

I sit on a charity (Thomas Harley Estate Charity) which has just agreed to set aside some monies to support refugees. This could be towards books or school uniforms, please contact [sur.stevenson@charity-link.org](mailto:sur.stevenson@charity-link.org) for help.

### **Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO)**

A TTRO is required on **Springfield Road** from 26<sup>th</sup> July for 3 days. The road will be closed between Charnwood Road and The Meadows.

Access will be maintained for residents and emergency services.

The TTRO will be implemented for public safety to allow Severn Trent Water to undertake pipe works in the carriageway.

The works can be viewed at <https://one.network/?tm=GB 128694913>

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



The duration is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> September.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB128876487>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: **Shepshed Road, Hathern.** |The purpose is to allow Centurion Traffic Management on behalf of T-Mobile to safely undertake the installation of a Telecoms Mast and associated Cabinets.

The duration is not anticipated to exceed a period of 4 nights, 20.00 till 06.00 each night , commencing 08<sup>th</sup> August.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=GB129123965>

### **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