



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – May 2022

Easter has been and gone and we were very lucky with the weather. I expect the Easter bunny came to your homes if you had young children; it certainly did at mine now that I have my grand children living with me. Gardeners will be thinking of the summer bedding.

I am busy dealing with residents problems. The majority of our meetings at County are face to face, but small meetings are taking place via Teams.

Cabinet – Tuesday 29th March

I attended this Cabinet meeting where there was a full agenda at which we discussed the capital works programme for the Environment and Transport programme. The A511 Growth Corridor Proposals – Bardon Link Road. The National Bus Strategy, the Local Bus Service Challenges and Impacts, the Leicester City Workplace Parking Levy Business Case Proposals, the Charging for Social Care and Support Policy. The response to the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Consultation. The response to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Pre submission Local Plan. Response to North West Leicestershire District Council Local Plan Review.

New Care Technology service to enhance independence

A new technology service with potential to boost independence, improve quality of life, reduce support needs and protect vulnerable adults, is now available to residents.

Care Technology (CT) (sometimes referred to as 'telecare') is monitoring and alert equipment that can help people to remain independent in their home and in the community.

This equipment will provide residents, their carers, family and friends with the reassurance that help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Care Technology covers a wide range of equipment, such as alarm systems, falls detectors and GPS location trackers.

User-friendly technology will be tailored for each person's circumstances, helping them to live safe and independent lives.



The Care Technology Service is non-chargeable for all adults who meet the eligibility criteria.

To find out more visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/carte-technpology.

POLICE

Your dedicated Neighbourhood Team has altered:-

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Elderly targeted at cash machines

Police are warning elderly residents to be vigilant when withdrawing money from cash machines. It follows a small number of thefts from victims who have typically been approached mid-transaction and distracted or pushed to one side. The victim's account has then had the maximum withdrawal taken in some cases.

- Be aware of people standing too close or trying to distract you while using the machine.
- If someone is too close to you, get your card out without withdrawing any money and walk away.
- If possible use a cash machine located inside a bank's premises
- Report suspicious activity to the police on 101.

SCAMS

Over 20K People fell victim to remote access scams. More than £50 million was lost last year to scams where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smart phones to criminals.

What are remote access scams? They will often begin with a browser pop-up saying your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel



a fraudulent transaction on your account. Regardless of the narrative the fraudsters' use, their goal is to steal your money or access financial information by tricking you into allowing them to remotely connect to your computer.

Remember a bank or service provider will never contact you out of the blue requesting remote access to your device. Protect your money by contacting your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Partners band together to support Ukrainian refugees

Families and children fleeing Ukraine are starting to arrive in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland as councils, NHS, Police, East Midlands Airport and other organisations team up to provide support and a safe place to live.

Based on the data provided by the Government, the area is currently planning to welcome around 500 refugees who, over the next few months, are due to live with people who have offered space in their houses through the Government's Home for Ukraine scheme.

A new welcome point has opened at East Midlands Airport – one of over 30 nationwide – and local councils have started carrying out housing, welfare and safeguarding checks, to see what support is needed.

Around 20 partners are working together under the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) to make sure refugees have access to vital services and support including accommodation, safeguarding, healthcare, education, translation and employment.

More information is available at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine

Bosworth Medieval Festival tickets now on sale

Tickets have gone on sale for the 2022 Bosworth Medieval Festival – as the action-packed weekend returns with two days of entertainment to keep the whole family entertained.

The hugely popular Bosworth Medieval Festival makes a welcome return in August, following two years in which it didn't go ahead due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



The two-day event – which attracts thousands of visitors, re-enactors and traders from across the UK and beyond – will take place on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August this year, at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre.

Once again, tickets are valid for the whole weekend, which means the visitors can come on either or both days for no extra cost. Once visitors are through the gates, all events during the two days (except talks in the Heritage Room) are completely free of charge.

Tickets are now on sale at www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk or by calling 01455 290429. Tickets can also be bought on the gate during the weekend.

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 or 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

THERE WILL BE NO SURGERY ON SATURDAY 4Th JUNE