



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN –June 2022

By the time you receive my June report the Queens Jubilee events will be over. Some of you will have held a street party as we did in the road where I live and a lot of you will have visited the free event held on the Glenmore Park sponsored by the Town Council.

I visited the new George Smith Hub in Coalville which is situated opposite the Council Offices in Coalville. It is a facility which has a hub cafe which holds an advice centre, support and guidance from Falcon services on a Monday and Friday between 10am-4pm, and various other activities during the week.

I have written to highways expressing my concerns and am disappointed that county highways could not see that there is a problem already at the top of Loughborough Road and Forest Street and with the proposed new SEND school, which will replace the old St Botolphs, that the current issues will not be more of a danger to pedestrians, especially as the vehicle entrance into the new school is via Butthole Lane which is the main pedestrian access from that side of Shepshed to Iveshead School and St Botolphs. I did ask if a walking access could be made into the campus from Butthole Lane as there is from Smithy Way.

The wild flower areas which were planted out following the road works carried out by Morgan Sindall on the A512 were planted with seed in error, hence why they have been mowed. I have asked county if they can be left to see if they will regenerate as they were a picture last year,

Annual Meeting of the County Council 18th May

At the meeting the new Chairman was elected, this was Dr Kevin Feltham and the Vice-Chairman was Dan Harrison. Appointments to committees, Cabinet and Cabinet support positions were approved. I am pleased to say that I am still cabinet lead for Adults and Communities which I have held for the previous year. Mr. N. J Rushton was appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.



Charnwood Museum's new Ladybird-inspired exhibition to look at the world of work

A new exhibition based on a series of much-loved Ladybird books exploring various jobs is expected to be a big crowd puller. The exhibition opens on 18th June until 1st October at the Charnwood Museum.

'People at Work; Earning a Living in a Ladybird World' takes its inspiration from the Ladybird series, which began in 1962 with titles including The Policeman, The Postman, The Nurse and The Fireman. Some of the books were updated in the 1980's, under the People Who Help Us. This time round, the books used photos of real people carrying out their occupations – many of them based in Leicestershire.

The exhibition will feature some of the original illustrations from the books as well as objects and uniforms from Leicestershire County Council's museum collections inspired by the titles.

Visitors to the exhibition will be able to see displays of uniforms and other objects linked to the police, fire service, nurses, postal workers, miners, shop workers and more.

There will be the chance for younger visitors to dress up, as well as a number of hands-on tasks to try out such as cooking in a hotel kitchen, sorting letters and riding in a fire engine cab.

Entry to the museum is free. More information including opening times is available on www.charnwoodmuseum.co.uk

Skills for Life courses add up for people who want to improve numeracy

During National Numeracy Day, County supported it by showcasing all the exciting courses they have available to help people improve their numeracy and maths skills.

County have a wide range of Skills for Life courses tailored for different levels of ability and needs to allow learners to meet their goals. There is also a Works & Skills programme, which offers support with skills, training and employment. The free service is available to anyone living in Leicestershire who needs help finding work or training.



There is a range of face-to-face and on line sessions, both day and evenings to ensure that everyone can develop their numeracy skills in a way that fits into their lifestyle.

The full range of maths and numeracy courses can be searched and enrolled on our GoLearn website at

<https://lals.abscloud.co.uk/PSWebEnrolment/webenrolment.aspx?page=%7e%2fwebcontrols%2fsearch.ascx>

and for more information about the Work & Skills programme is available at

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/jobs-and-volunteering/skills-for-jobs/work-and-skills-leicestershire>

Newhurst Incinerator Site

There is a new video showing construction progress of the site.

<https://info.covanta.com/newhurst#constructionprogress>

I have been asked by a number of residents whether they can visit the site. This will not be able to happen during construction due to Health and Safety, I have been assured, that once the site is up and running then open days will be arranged. I shall keep you informed when I have this information.

Queens's baton is coming to Loughborough in the run-up to the games

Birmingham is hosting the 16th official relay, which brings together communities in the various participating countries during the build up to the Commonwealth Games, which will be held in Birmingham from July 28th to August 8th.

The baton will travel the length and breadth of England for 29 days. Loughborough will officially welcome the baton on Monday 11th July. During the time in Loughborough, the relay will visit the University, Queen's Park and the Market Place.

Action Fraud

Action Fraud has received 752 reports in four days relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem. The emails state that the recipient is eligible for a rebate as a result of a newly announced government scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information.



Remember, your bank or any other official organisation will not ask you to share personal information over email or text.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) – report@phishing.gov.uk

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