



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – June 2021

I would like to say thank you to everybody who voted for me and will endeavour to work on your behalf and on behalf of those Shepshed residents who did not vote for me over the next four years.

I am also pleased to say I have been promoted to the Cabinet at County to look after Adults social care and heritage leisure and arts.

Whilst doing this report we have just come out of special measures and the easing of restrictions which means that people can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors and six people or two households can meet indoors with overnight stays allowed. BUT we must still be mindful that Covid 19 is still around.

During Purdah Councillors are not allowed to do any council work which lasts for the six weeks on the run up to the election. The first meeting after the election was the Full Council which was held on 19th May and face to face. Due to the Covid restrictions, County hired a room at the University in Loughborough. This meeting was held to elect the new Chairman and vice Chairman of the Council for the next twelve months.

My first meeting after Full Council was Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board and Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Joint Board Meeting.

County attractions and services fully back in business

The county council's heritage attractions and cafes was fully back in business, reopening their doors to visitors from Monday 17th May, with libraries also resuming normal hours.

Show piece heritage sites, including the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, (01455 290429) the 1620s House and Garden at Donington-le-Health, as well as Harborough and Melton museums, are also welcoming visitors on a pre-booked basis.

Also resuming services were the cafes at Beacon Hill Country Park and Snibston Colliery Park and the 1485 Tithe Barn at Bosworth as they welcomed their first visitors inside the facilities for the first time in more than six months.

Although improvement work is continuing at the Century Theatre Coalville, which was first closed its doors back in March 2020, the theatre is once again able to offer performing arts classes and studio workshops to people of all ages.

Beaumanor Hall resumed educational visits and residential from May 19th and plan to start events from 20th June.



The record office and search room is open for pre-booked visitors. For opening times call 0116 2571080.

Council run libraries resumed normal hours from 17th May.

The easing of lock down has allowed the county council's adult social care team to continue activities with the people who they have supported – along with their families – throughout the pandemic.

Some activities will resume and the easing will also allow more face-to-face visits to take place, however, the council is aware that many people have benefited from more 'virtual' contact, such as Zoom calls and phone chats, which the County will continue with now and in the future.

Kirkhill, Sewerage Leak

Just to bring residents up to date regarding the leakage of sewerage at the bottom of Kirkhill. I would like to confirm that the problem was found to be an unconnected pipe which has been sorted and signed off. BUT I ask if residents see a problem then please get in contact as I now have a good contact at Severn Trent Water who will chase this up.

St. Botolphs school crossing

The last patrol at St Botolphs left in November 2020 and as yet has not been replaced. The site is due for an assessment, which is to be carried out shortly to make sure that it still meets criteria for a school crossing patrol provision. It is standard procedure that these assessments are carried out when a patrol relinquishes their position.

I have asked county to send their enforcement camera car to keep an eye on the area as I am receiving a large number of concerns raised by parents that cars are not adhering to the double yellow lines, this is also an issue within the school campus area especially near to the zebra crossing.

I ask that parents are mindful of how they are parking when dropping off their children at school we do not want a child hurt or killed do we!!

Latest Vaccination uptake figures

The latest figures as of 19th May for Leicestershire (40+ age group) uptake is 90.1% (353,109) for dose 1 and 53.8% (206,906) for dose 2.



Donington Park music festival to be part of Government research

As part of the latest phase of the Government's Covid-19 event research programme, the organisers of the Download festival have been invited by the Government to organise a three-day music festival at Donington Park on 18, 19 and 20 June with the organisers closely supported by North West Leicestershire District Council and the Government.

There are some key parameters and dates:

The capacity will be 10,000 all camping – no day tickets
Site 'build' starts Wednesday 9th June
Campsite opens at 10am on Friday 18th June
The music arena will be open on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 June
Campsite closes at 2 pm on Monday 21 June
The site will be cleared by Friday 25 June

The event will go ahead during step three of the roadmap and will help inform The Government's plans for step four which is currently planned from 21 June.

If you require further information, please email ehealth@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

A512 Road works

These road works will be completed by the second week of June, in time. I am aware that this caused problems, but if there were any issues, concerned raised by residents they got sorted pretty quickly and the sites have been left in a clean and debris free. Morgan Sindell gave the Town a de-fibrillator which is situated on the shed in the car park at Glenmore Park and did works around the town.

Your help and support

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 , due to the lock down I will not be able to have my regular monthly Surgery.