



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN –December 2022

After our celebrations were somewhat curtailed in the past couple of years I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Household Support Fund

I am receiving a number of requests to explain how this funding works. The £100 payment to pensioners was indeed for those in receipt of pension credit, the DWP provided County and Charnwood with a list of all eligible people.

There are many pensioners who are vulnerable or may be experiencing cost of living pressures who will not be on pension credit. With that in mind, county have changed the scheme and from October of this year there is no longer a ringed fenced scheme for pensioners on pension credit and instead county have extended the fund. County are looking into how they can better support people in receipt of Housing Benefit. DWP are going to provide county with data on this group of individuals shortly.

Residents in question could also be referred by Charnwood, local foodbank, local charities or Citizens Advice. It can support them with the cost of energy or food.

Or you can contact householdsupportfund@leics.gov.uk for further information.

Warm Spaces

County has no plans to run any specific Warm Spaces/Banks. But it will continue to promote the current Round of the SHIRE Community Grants which has been revised to include Warm Spaces.

I understand that the Glenmore Centre, Passion and some church facilities are looking at housing Warm Spaces.

Sarah Burton, Local Area Coordinator can be contacted to give you information of times and places for when warm spaces are open, together with events that are taking place which you may wish to attend. Her contact details are sarah.burton@leics.gov.uk or 07526928524.



Inspired to Care Team – Great British Awards

The Inspired to Care project helps social care providers recruit committed frontline care professionals by promoting the rewards of a career in care. The team achieves this through liaising with social care employers to provide tailored recruitment and retention resources.

The team were nominated for their Outstanding Contributions to Social Care, unfortunately they did not win, but to be nominated was a wonderful and well-deserved achievement. A great night was had by all who attended at the celebrations held in Nottingham.

Double win for Leicestershire County Council's attraction

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Country Park has been awarded the Best Told Story Accolade and Melton Carnegie Museum won the Hidden Gem Accolade. The historic sites were recognised for the awards following a Visitor Attraction Quality Scheme Assessment.

Shepshed Library

I visited the library during one of the 6 free programmes being held at the library for children from 7-12 which was a new programme which provided a down to earth and hands on experience into science, technology and engineering behind space. The programme was supported by the National Space Centre and those who attended were give a ticket for free admission to space centre on Sunday 13th November where they also received a certificate.

Younger Onset Dementia Event

An event which supported those diagnosed with dementia who are under the age of 65 was held at the King Power Stadium. Carers, family and friends of those who have been diagnosed with the condition were also warmly welcomed.

The Dementia Strategy states there are 13,372 people living with dementia across the region of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) of which 269 have been diagnosed with younger onset dementia.



Professionals who attended the event included Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland who provides a commissioned Dementia Support Service.

Newhurst Incinerator or Reclamation site.

There are 3 vacancies for two members of the public to site on the liaison committee. If you are interested please contact newhurstERFLLC@covanta.com.

Newcroft Primary Academy – Trueway Drive

I am writing to you regarding issues raised as a result of inconsiderate parking outside of the school and the subsequent dangers/safety concerns that brings to the community, especially the young children attending and leaving school.

Protests have been taking place outside of the school as some lazy/inconsiderate parents/guardians are parking on 'keep clear school zig-zags.

I understand that the police have been in attendance.

I have asked county to look at bringing the road closure scheme (school streets) which is being tried in other areas around county which will mean roads close to schools no cars for quite a length of Trueway Drive during certain times of the day, with access still on foot or bike.

Home is Where We Are! An Exhibition co-curated by the Gypsy and Traveller community

I went along on November 2nd to look at this exhibition and found it very informative; the exhibition is moving to Market Harborough museum in the New Year. At the same time I looked around the canal museum and walked round the Foxton Locks. I was very lucky as the day was dry and sunny.

Find out more at <https://www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/traveller-and-gypsy--heritage-project/> for opening times please visit <https://www.foxtoncanalmuseum.org/>



Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulations (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following location on Oaks Road, Loughborough Road Swannymote Road. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Cadent Gas to safely facilitate gas main replacement.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of four weeks commencing on 9th January, 2023.

For more information <https://one.network/?tm=GB131348944>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location A511 Ashby Road, Ravenstone between Hoo Ash Roundabout and the Moorlands/Sinope. The purpose of the TT is to allow Leicestershire County Council to safely carriageway patching.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of five nights commencing on the 20th February 2023. Works are proposed to take place overnights from 20.00 to 06.00.

For more information <https://one.network/?tm=GB131132844>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location Leicester Road in Shepshed. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Virgin Media to undertake works on a manhole chamber in the carriageway.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day on Sunday 8th January 2023.

For more information <https://one.network/?tm=GB131190637>

A TTRO is to be made for the following location Charnwood Road north of the junction with Springfield Road. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Virgin Media to safely facilitate infrastructure maintenance.

The TTRO will incorporate a temporary parking restriction. These works also require the use of temporary traffic signals.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of one day commencing on the 12th December. The restrictions are proposed to be in place between 08.00 and 17.00

For more information <https://one.network/?tm=GB131453506>



A TTRO is to be made for the following location Charnwood Road between Springfield Road and Weavers Avenue. The purpose of the TTRO is to allow Virgin Media to undertake works to repair a Chamber in the carriageway.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on Sunday 8th January.

The works can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=|GB131453506>

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