

CHRISTINE RADFORD – ANNUAL REPORT

This report summaries the activities of the following member of the County Council during 202/23

Name of Councillor – Christine Radford

Division represented – Shepshed

I have now completed 14 years as County Councillor for Shepshed. Even though I have been County Councillor for 14 years there are still regular training sessions which I attend, this helps me keep up to-date with procedures and any new rules and regulations which have come into force, especially regarding adults.

I have been cabinet lead for 2 years for adults and communities at county. This means I regularly visit libraries and museum around the county. County museums hold regular exhibitions which I attend along with the Chairman of the County Council and if the exhibition is in Loughborough museum (we run this museum jointly with Charnwood) with the Mayor of Charnwood. I recently opened the event for Carers and county hall.

Under my portfolio is Go Learn, they are due an Ofsted inspection sometime this year and I have had training on what to expect and how I could be questioned.

I also visit Care Homes where residents are funded by County when county officers go along to do a check.

I attend Cabinet, and Cabinet briefings and attend the Scrutiny meeting of the Adult and Scrutiny committee to answer questions the Cllrs have.

As county Cllr I comment on planning applications regarding any road concerns I and the Town Council may have. I also campaigned hard for an additional primary school following all the new houses and I believe and hope one is scheduled on the site off of Tickow Lane along with the improvements at Iveshead School and the old High school building which is now St Botolphs which have been carried out, again following my unease going forward regarding the lack of spaces for the children in Shepshed. I did vote against the Biffa/Newhurst Recovery Site, but now that it has been built I sit on the liaison committee and will monitor the site along with others.

I sit on a number of Charities as the county Cllr representative.

I deal with residents concerns, complaints and issues. If county are not directly involved will sign post and guide them to the right people to get the answers they need.

The main issues are litter, road signage, vegetation, speeding, traffic calming, blocked gullies and drains, flooding issues, planning matters, which is not a County responsibility, but as County Councillor I raise concerns I may have especially with the lack of infrastructure regarding these applications.

I hold monthly surgeries, the first Saturday of the month from 10am until 11am in the Town Council Offices. You do not need an appointment just come along, or I can visit you in your own home, just call me on 01509 502974.