

## **County Councillor Annual Report 2022/23**

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2022/23

**Name of Councillor** **Hilary Fryer**

**Division Represented** **Quorn and Barrow**

### **Electoral Division activities**

#### **Main Activities and the impact during the past year:**

- Mountsorrel Quarry Extension
- Attending Parish Council meetings as often as possible
- Attending Joint Councillor Surgeries in Quorn with Parish councillors and Borough Councillors
- Attending councillor surgeries in Barrow with Borough Councillor
- Impact of new housing developments across the division
- Helping with road closures for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

#### **Community Leadership Role**

I work as closely as possible with Parish councils, and also councillors, both parish and borough. I enjoy a good working relationship with officers at both county and borough level.

I do my best to attend as many local events as possible. I also support our Armed Forces especially on Remembrance day in November and Armed Forces Day in June.

I also work with our MP.

2022/23 has been a year to remember – Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, in September the sad news of her death and in May 2023 the Coronation of King Charles III.

## **Engagement with the Council, other statutory bodies and public utility companies (Water, Gas etc) about services in the area**

The main problems brought to my attention with public utility companies has been with Severn Trent Water. With numerous road closures and or partial road closures. It is felt by residents that not enough information is given prior to repairs, particularly to residents whose properties are mainly affected. I hope to be in contact with them to see if this can be improved.

## **Priorities for the immediate future are:**

There are still ongoing after effects of the lockdowns. This is particularly noticed with regard to children and families. As chair of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee this falls heavily on the Department. All the officers in this department particularly have worked exceptionally hard to mitigate the problems and this has been recognised nationally. Extra strain has been put on the service, and other services across the council, with the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and also illegal immigration. The council has risen to the challenge. This will continue, I feel, for sometime to come.

## **Council Activities**

### **County Council Committees You Served On**

Scrutiny Commission  
Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny  
Children's Social Care

I also substitute on various committees. This is the best way to learn about the working of LCC.

### **Local Committee/Outside Bodies**

Quorn Townlands Charity  
Mountsorrel Quarry Liaison Committee  
British Gypsum Liaison Committee  
Soar Valley Liaison Group

## **Other Bodies**

Charnwood Borough Council  
Rural Communities Council  
Outwoods Management Committee

## **Learning and Development**

I do my best to attend all LCC briefings and learning and development sessions. This enables me to be kept up to date and fully aware of county matters.  
As a borough councillor as well I attend as many of the briefings and training sessions at Charnwood Borough Council as possible

## **Other Matters**

As a County councillor it is most important that we give our residents the best possible services possible. However as still one of the lowest funded councils in the country this is an ongoing challenge. We are one of the highest performing councils. Working with officers we are always looking at ways to be more efficient, make savings but not to the detriment of our residents. This has been a particular challenge this year due to inflation, high interest rates and the cost of everything rising very quickly.

## **Communications**

I supply articles for the Quorndon Magazine as the County Councillor for the division. I attend and or hold councillor surgeries within the division. I aim to attend the Parish Councils monthly meetings. If I cannot attend I submit a report.  
I keep the parish councils and district councillors informed of all LCC notices pertaining to the area such as road closures, events etc .together with county council notifications.

Signed by Councillor:- *Hilary Fryer*

Date:- 26 June 2023