

## **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: Neil Bannister**

**Division Represented: Broughton Astley Division**

### **Electoral Division activities**

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

I have engaged with the Parish Councils in my Division to discuss the spending of the Highway Members Fund. As a result, I have been able to help deliver the significant funding for new Community Bus in Broughton Astley, a vehicle activated speed signs for Dunton Bassett and road safety signs for Ashby Magna. Contributions from the Member Highway Fund have also been spent on improvements in Ashby Parva and Leire.

I have helped to obtain an offer of a new bus shelter for Croft Road, Broughton Astley.

I have supported the new Puffin control crossing in Cosby Road, Broughton Astley as well as a number of Highway resurfacing requirements throughout my Division.

I have held a several councillor surgeries this past year and followed up on a number of resident concerns to satisfactorily resolve issues brought to my attention.

### **Community Leadership Role**

I attend on a regular basis the Parish Councils in my Division. These are at Broughton Astley, Dunton Bassett Ashby Magna, Ashby Parva, Leire and Frolesworth. I engage with the Parish Councillors and the residents of these villages to learn of issues of concern and to take these up where applicable with the County.

In addition, I have surgeries (three in the past year) to meet residents other than at the Parish Council meetings.

I advertise my contact details throughout the Division and have a regular magazine article in the Broughton Astley In Touch magazine to inform residents of my activities.

I meet regularly with the local Member of Parliament (Alberto Costa) to discuss issues affecting both the the Division and the County – notably on fair funding for Leicestershire and Devolution.

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

I have made a number of enquiries on Highway issues in particular at County and have been in discussions with Severn Trent on drainage and water issues in the Division.

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

I look forward to satisfactorily resolving highway and speeding issues in the Division. I continue to engage with the communities in my Division to resolve issues that arise. I am meeting the representatives of the local County Highways Team to discuss a programme of improvements within my Division.

I will continue to lobby for fair funding for the County.

I will continue to be a visible and accessible County Councillor

## **Council Activities**

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

I serve on the Development and Regulatory Services Board, the Corporate Governance Committee, the Local Partnership Panel to combat Domestic Abuse and the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board.

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

I serve on the LLR Combined Fire Authority including its Employment Committee and its Corporate Governance Committee.

### **Other Bodies**

I am a trustee to the Carlton Hayes Mental Health Charity and a trustee on the Baron Smith Almshouses (Frolesworth) Charity.

### **Learning and Development**

I attend the various member briefings which have been critical in improving my understanding on the delivery of Council services and the challenges faced.

When I can I volunteer to be a substitute member to other committees to also improve my knowledge of the County Council service delivery.

### **Other Matters**

I am privileged to be able to help the communities in my Division. I try to be accessible and help and explain where I can.

## Communications

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Signed by Councillor:- *Neil D Bannister CC*

Date:- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023