

## County Councillor Annual Report 2023/24

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2023/24

**Name of Councillor** Sue Jordan

**Division Represented** Blaby and Glen Parva

### **Electoral Division activities**

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

As I was elected in December 2023, I have been acting on the issues that I identified when canvassing in the area.

The main issue identified was lack of communication and particularly for the South Glen Parva area, who felt neglected and forgotten about.

Along with the District Councillors for both villages I set up regular ward surgeries, bi-monthly in Blaby, and monthly, alternating between both areas of Glen Parva.

#### **Flooding**

One of the main issues that was raised in Winter was the misery caused to local residents by flooding issues. Crow Mills in South Wigston often floods in heavy rain. This has a severe impact on traffic in both Blaby and Glen Parva. I have written to Highways department about this and received a reply on 28/3/24 from Flood Risk Management Team stating that they were liaising with various departments and would get back to me. I have followed up on this, however, this could be a candidate for the funds from the cancellation of HS2.

There are also ongoing problems with flooding on Leicester Rd, Glen Parva and under the railway bridge on the same road in Blaby. I have reported these to the flood risk team and liaised with District Councillor, Ande Savage and various Glen Parva residents, who are concerned about the impact of the newer houses on Navigation Rd, which seemed to cause an increase to the flooding. They are concerned that the development planned on Cork Lane will cause even more problems. I have highlighted this to the flood team and to Blaby District Council planning dept.

I spoke in the Budget meeting of the council on 21<sup>st</sup> February about the impact of flooding on residents and asking for more money to be made available for flood prevention measures.

### **Polling Station**

The polling station for South Glen Parva is not in the ward, or even the District. I have worked with District Councillor Ande Savage to search for an alternative and identified the Manor Public House as the only possible location. We have had discussions with the Manager and spoken to Blaby District Council, who are in the process of moving it.

### **Buses**

South Glen Parva have not had a bus service since 2011. This causes a lot of inconvenience for residents, both the elderly, who cannot get to the shops and have none in the area. Also, young people find it difficult to get to work due to the lack of a service. I have made enquiries and have an appointment to speak to the Sustainable travel team about this.

### **Family Hubs**

I think that the idea of a single location where families can access help and advise on various different aspects of parenthood, pregnancy, relationships and all family matters is a fantastic idea. I went to Huncote to speak to staff about the scheme. I also went to Blaby Library to discuss the facilities offered. I found that this is a satellite hub not a full one.

### **HMP Fosseway**

I attended the newly built prison in my Division, to learn about what the prison is doing to rehabilitate the inmates, educate them in work skills as well as life skills, to enable them to fit into society on release and be able to find somewhere to live, be able to cook and care for themselves and so prevent the cycle of reoffending. I also learned about how the prison will interact with the neighbourhood, growing produce in their garden and cooperating with local schools and businesses.

Whilst I was there, I raised an issue that had been bothering the locals, the amount of light pollution caused. The prison staff said that they would angle the lights to prevent the problem in the future.

### **SEND and School admissions**

I have spoken to several parents of children regarding SEND and school places and issues with social services. I have tried to help them to get a positive response from the Council. I have also spoken to officers, such as Matt Elliott regarding a case of a financial dispute regarding a resident with disabilities.

## **Community Leadership Role**

I have had several discussions with Katie Barradell, Local area coordinator, for public health in Blaby and Hannah Williams, Neighbourhood mental health lead, NHS, regarding setting up a one-stop shop and holding community events, run by volunteers. This will start with an event in September, where local residents can put forward suggestions about what they would like from their local area, various voluntary groups in the area can talk about the services they offer and people looking to volunteer can meet to see what opportunities are available.

I have met with Louise Laysley, Community lead for Glen Hills Primary School regarding how I can help liaise with the school and I have arranged to speak about my role in assemblies in September in their democracy week,

I have met with staff at Blaby Library to discuss the services they offer the public, which I advertise on my Facebook page and to build up a relationship.

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

I have engaged with the flood risk management team and Highways department on numerous issues.

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

I intend to continue to discuss with the flood risk management officers. ways that we can prevent the problems in the area,  
I will follow up on the bus issue.  
I will try to improve the family hubs facilities and set up the facilities for vulnerable groups in the area.

## **Council Activities**

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

I am Liberal Democrat spokesperson on Children and families overview and scrutiny committee and I have attended two meetings.

I have also attended the Chairmans briefings prior to these meetings.

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

I am member of Blaby Parish Council and attend all full council meetings. I have completed a Biodiversity report for the council.

I also attend as many of Glen Parva Parish Council meetings I can.

### **Other Bodies**

I am the treasurer and volunteer for Connect Blaby Together, a group which helps residents of Blaby with anything they need. It is currently expanding to include Glen Parva.

I am a trustee of the SEND hub, a charity that liaises between the Leicestershire County council and parents of children with Special needs.

## **Learning and Development**

I have attended the following training briefings:  
Biodiversity Net Gain, where I attended at County Hall and the following on Teams:  
Network North Funding  
Prevent Awareness  
Cyber Security  
Strategic Growth Plan

## **Communications**

I have a Facebook page to communicate (cllr Sue Jordan), I hold surgeries with the District Councillors for both Blaby and Glen Parva. We advise residents of the dates of these on Parish Council notice boards.

Signed by Councillor:-

Date:-