

## **Annual report 2023/2024**

### **Christine Radford**

Being re-elected as the County Councillor for Shepshed in May 2021 was a privilege and I take my responsibilities and duties to help all Shepshed residents seriously. I cannot solve every problem I have been tasked with but will always try.

I still hold the position as Cabinet Lead for Adults and Communities. Communities cover Libraries and Museums.

In my cabinet role I have visited a number of the libraries and museums in the county. I have also visited new sites which the county have either purchased to build new developments or are improving existing buildings to enable residents to live independent lives.

County are looking at using technology to enable residents to live independent lives in their own homes.

Since becoming County Councillor I have whenever possible kept both the Town and Borough Councillors for Shepshed informed on matters which affect Shepshed, especially on highways and planning matters.

I have worked with a number of local groups to help them with their grant applications or have forwarded information regarding grants which I have become aware of.

I sit on a number of charities as the county councillor one of which is the Thomas Harley Charity which distributes money to widows and widowers of the Clergy. It also gives out grants to schools such as Iveshead and to students of low income families to help towards college/university fees or for equipment. I am pleased to report that I have been able to assist families in obtaining grants.

I make a point of attending whenever possible all the training being offered by County and attend briefings given to all County Councillors by officers on various aspects of work being carried out by county.

Over the previous twelve months there have been 2 main concerns which affected Shepshed. The proposed closure of the Shepshed Tip/recycling centre.. The residents of Shepshed did themselves proud and wrote in to County against this closure and between us we managed to keep the site open for 2 days a week. I believe this will commence in October and days will be Friday and Saturday,

The 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Arriva 127 bus, which Arriva has greatly reduce the number of stops and the route which is causing issues with residents getting back from the doctors. Following conversations with Arriva, I understand that Bus 16 will be re-routed along Anson Road into Buttercup Fields and out via Tickow Lane when the road through Butterfields is open rather than along the A512.

I hold a regular monthly surgery and write a monthly column in the local magazine keeping residents informed about what has happened or about to happen. I have an excellent attendance record at County and have spoken up in support of Shepshed at every opportunity. I feel strongly that as the elected representative for Shepshed that I attend and represent the people of Shepshed to whom I am accountable. Finally, representing Shepshed has been both an honour and privilege.

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