



Nicholas Rushton

Annual Report 2023

Member for the Valley Electoral Division

It's been an honour to serve as Leader of the County Council since 2012, and as your county councillor for the Valley Electoral Division since 2001. This report will highlight what I've been doing over the past year.

As always, if you have any issues you would like to discuss or raise with me, please email me at nicholas.rushton@leics.gov.uk and I will always get back to you.

Some Highlights over the last 12 months:

- Working with our MPs and Government to deliver a Devolution deal and working for a better funding settlement for Leicestershire.
- Planting nearly 400,000 trees in the County towards our target of 700,000- that's one for every resident- working towards a cleaner and greener Leicestershire.
- £19M extra to fix potholes and maintain our road network.
- £400,000 extra to tackle issues of flooding in the county.
- Supporting over 2,500 Ukrainian people in the County fleeing war.
- Securing £15.6M extra government funding to improve bus services.
- Improving Children and Family services rated "outstanding" by OFSTED and providing 37 Family Hubs supporting 7000 families across the county.

Council Activities:

- Over the past year, I have served on the following Council bodies:
 - Leader of the County Council
 - County Council (Elected member)
 - Cabinet (Chairman)
 - Cabinet Briefing (Chairman)
 - Cabinet Strategy and Coordination Group (Chairman)
 - Constitution Committee (Chairman).
- Appointments to Outside Bodies include:
 - Combined Fire Authority (Chairman)
 - East Midlands Councils Executive Board
 - Midlands Connect Programme Steering Group
 - Midlands Engine Interim Steering Group
 - Conservative Councillors Association (Member).
 - Bradgate Park & Swithland Woods Committee of Management (Chairman)
 - Northwest Leicestershire District Council (Cabinet/Member)
 - Ashby Town Council (Member).

Other Activities

- I will continue to collaborate with all the parish councils within my Division, including Ashby-de-la Zouch, Belton, Breedon on the Hill, Coleorton, Isley cum Langley, Long Whatton & Diseworth, Normanton le Heath, Osgathorpe, Packington, Staunton Harold, Swannington and Worthington and provide them with regular updates.
- As part of my Leader portfolio, I will continue to lead the County Council's interests locally, regionally and nationally.
- Continue to support residents of the Valley Division as much as possible and to the best of my ability.
- Work with partner organisations, stakeholders, neighbouring local authorities, voluntary and third sector groups to promote the interests and policies of the County Council.

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