



Letterbox to Heaven

I was contacted by a local resident who had lost her partner very young, and her young son was struggling to cope with the loss of his father. She asked for help into the possibility of getting a 'letterbox to heaven' in Anstey Cemetery so her son could write letters and cards to his daddy. I worked with the Parish Council to see if this was possible. They, in turn, then worked with our local funeral directors who very kindly offered to pay for the letterbox.

Parish Councils

I attend as many parish council meetings in my division as I can throughout the year, to support them in their work, advise them of any issues in their area, update them on the work of the County Council and deal with any issues that they may raise with me.

School Dinners

I was delighted to be invited to St Paul's Church of England Primary School in Woodhouse to enjoy a lovely school dinner. It was a roast dinner day, so roast pork was on the menu. The children were very welcoming, and they were very chatty as we enjoyed lunch together.



Casework

I continue to support residents with a range of local issues particularly highways and speeding concerns. If you have any County Council matters that I can be of assistance with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Deborah



Dear Resident,

I wanted to update you on some of the activities that I have been undertaking on your behalf so far this year.

Charnwood Local Plan

I attended the local plan public hearings in February. I highlighted the increases in traffic around our villages, and the issues with speeding traffic and parking problems.

I re-enforced residents' concerns that there will be many issues with all these developments and the huge impact it will have on the villages without the necessary infrastructure.

I objected to a large 80-house development planned for Anstey due to the lack of infrastructure proposed. The applicant decided to withdraw the application after being advised that the planning department was going to refuse the permission to build.

Campaigning

I launched a campaign to try and reduce fly tipping in our villages to try and prevent dog fouling. I raise this issue regularly in all my communications and I continue to chalk spray any dog fouling I see on our pavements, so you can avoid stepping in it and to highlight to offenders how anti-social dog fouling is.



Bradgate Park

As a Trustee at Bradgate Park Trust, I was delighted to be at Bradgate Park as it was declared a National Nature Reserve (NNR) to protect its geological and archaeological treasures.

Natural England announced the new status for Bradgate Park as part of His Majesty The King's series of National Nature Reserves.

'KEEP IT CLEAN' CAMPAIGN

STOP THE DROP!

If there's not a bin, keep your rubbish and then bin it where there is one.

Be part of the solution, not part of the pollution, cleanliness is everyone's responsibility.

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Leadership Diploma



To help me in my work and improve the support I can give to you, I have been on various courses throughout the past few years.

I graduated from Warwick University this summer after completing my Leadership Diploma Course last year.



Road Safety

It was great to welcome the Road Safety Partnership to County Hall to hear all about the work they do to improve the safety of our roads. The team showed us all the equipment at their disposal, but the highlight of their visit was the new camera van with a 360-degree roof camera.

My work as Lead Member for Children and Families

Family Hubs

Leicestershire County Council received £1m of government investment to create new spaces across the County called 'Family Hubs'.

'Family hubs' are 'one-stop-shops' where parents and carers can access family advice and support services in Leicestershire.

Between May 2023 and April 2024, we have opened 36 Family Hubs. I have attended most of the openings, cut the ribbons and cakes, and enjoyed spending time with all our families who will benefit from this useful resource.



Ofsted

In April 2024, the Children and Families Department were visited by Ofsted for a three-week full Inspection of all our children's services. The whole department worked very hard before and during the inspection.

The whole department was delighted when we received our Outstanding judgment, which is the highest judgment we could have been awarded.



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

I was warmly welcomed to Brockington College to see how Football & Fitness deliver the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for our children. I had a fantastic morning with all the children.

The children taught me how to do archery and dodgeball. I also joined in the girl's football session. There were over 130 children there on the day, making full use of all the amenities.



'Care Experienced' as a Protected Characteristic

Leicestershire County Council are working with Leicestershire Cares, a charity that supports young people.

Their aim is for an inclusive and safer Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland where nobody is left behind, and where all children and young people are supported to reach their full potential.



Woodhouse Eaves Community Hall

I was delighted to attend the opening of the new Youth and Community Hall, Woodhouse Eaves. The Woodhouse Eaves Scouts received £100,000 to put towards the new hall and the rest of the money was raised through the local community fundraising and some very generous donations. The hall is a great space for everyone to enjoy and the next project is to create a lovely open garden at the front.



Police Visit

On a visit to Leicestershire Police Head Quarters, I was given a great insight into the Leicestershire Training Academy. I also visited Victim First run by Catch 22, a service commissioned by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), who help victims and witnesses in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland to cope and recover from the impact of crime.