

County Councillors Report April 2024.

Groby Flood Alleviation Project, Leicester Road, Groby.

The Severn Trent team and their contractors, Forkers, have been working hard despite the horrible weather. You'll have seen that work has finished at the Bluebell Drive Island and the huge storage pipes have been installed. The verge has been top soiled and seeded and, once the sun comes out, will soon be green again.

The next and final phase of work will be further along Leicester Road between Grey Close and Marston Drive. A section of pipe needs to be installed right across the road, so you'll see some changes to the traffic management. Traffic will still go both in both directions under traffic light control using just one side of the dual carriageway section.

Response to last months article on Streetlight Dimming.

It's important to set the record straight about Leicestershire County Council's streetlight dimming trial. During the 18-month pilot, minimal changes are being made to lighting levels during less busy periods to generate reductions in carbon emissions as well as a saving on council budgets. While 53 per cent of people who responded to a consultation were against the proposals, and 43 per cent in favour, this does not mean "the outcome of the public consultation was not to go ahead with the proposal..." (as per article).

The point of a consultation is to provide views for the council's cabinet to consider, along with various other factors on the best way forward. The feedback generated by the consultation, alongside issues such as the council's financial position, led to cabinet deciding to make this an 18-month trial rather than a permanent change. Over the 18 months, we will liaise with the police as well as carry out our own monitoring to establish impacts of the dimming. Also, while the police officers present at the Groby Parish Council meeting on 15 January may have stated they were concerned, no objections to the proposals were raised by Leicestershire Police or East Midlands Ambulance Service or Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service as part of the consultation exercise.

Urgent call for Specialist Foster Carers

An urgent appeal has been launched for people with professional backgrounds in caregiving to find out more about becoming specialist foster carers.

From April, Leicestershire County Council is offering up to £1067 a week, plus allowances, for the role which provides children and young people with an alternative to residential care – ‘children’s homes’.

Information events are being held over the coming weeks in a bid to share information about the role and recruit carers for the 60+ children and young people in need of the support in the county.

Suitable experience could include teaching, health care or policing, as well as other positions that support children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), or complex behavioural or emotional needs.

Councillor Deborah Taylor, County Council lead member for children and families, said: “Many of our young people in care require an extra level of care, attention and love to reach their full potential.

“We want to help set them up with the very best chance of succeeding in life, and this is partially done through carefully matching them with appropriate specialist foster carers.

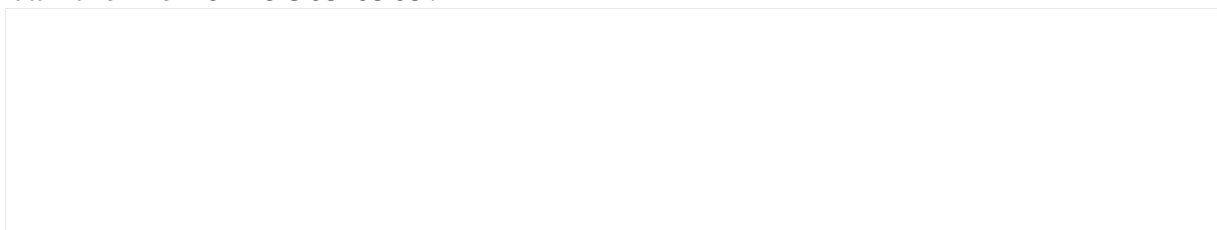
“If we cannot provide specialist foster carers then the alternative is for a child or young person, who may be as young as 10, to go into residential care.

“And while this can provide an excellent standard of care, it’s not a family home with the specialist focused care our specialist foster carers provide.

“We’ve had young people tell us that staying with specialist carers has been life changing. So, if you think you have the skills and would like to make a real difference, please do come along to one of our events, or contact our team for more information.”

Those wanting to find out more about specialist fostering with Leicestershire County Council can visit the fostering in Leicestershire website: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/fostering/specialist-foster-care-roles>

Alternatively, they can email the Fostering Team at fostering@leics.gov.uk, or call them on 0116 305 0505.



Road Safety Strategy

Our Road Safety Strategy explains our approach to road safety and, for the first time, sets out our work in one document.

In Leicestershire, we have been successful in delivering a wide range of road safety initiatives for decades.

Although this Strategy is not a new approach or policy, it is an opportunity for us to let our communities know what we do, how we do it and how our approach may need to evolve in the future to meet new challenges. These challenges may include population growth and an ageing population.

We are committed to continually improving road safety and reducing road casualties in Leicestershire, and we have set new, ambitious casualty reduction targets.

These targets include aiming for a 40% reduction in killed or seriously injured casualties by 2035 (medium term) and zero deaths caused by road traffic collisions by 2050 (long term).

We want to hear your views on our approach and our ambitious casualty reduction targets. Your feedback will influence how our strategy develops going forward.

The Draft Road Safety Strategy 2024

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<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/road-safety-strategy>

Have your Say

A four-week consultation is open to the public from Monday 25 March to Monday 22 April 2024.

If you have feedback on the draft Road Safety Strategy, please email:

TsaP@leics.gov.uk

Alternative formats

For alternative formats, please call 0116 305 1404.

What Happens Next

When the consultation closes on 22 April, we will review the feedback received and consider any amendments to the Road Safety Strategy.

The consultation findings will then be presented to the council's Cabinet in June 2024, where a decision will be made on how to proceed.

In the future, you will be able to see a summary of the consultation on our [You said, we did](#) page on our website.

Scams

I often write about Scams and for residents to beware of current scams and how to spot them. It can happen to the best of us, even me. Last week I had my emails hacked my late wife's old email account hacked. They also targeted My PayPal account, Amazon account, eBay account and even my national lottery account. Not to mention my online banking account. They even had the cheek to ring me saying they were from Lloyd's bank asking me to confirm my address. I suspected it was a scam call and told him I would not be answering his question and he put the phone down. Checks on the mobile phone number confirmed it was a scam it took me over 2 days to sort it all out. Please make sure that your passwords are all secure never use any names as that makes a hacker's life easy.

Finally I would also like to thank you all for your continued support and remind you that should you need my help or advice, I always pride myself on making myself available to residents. Remember I am only a phone call or email away.

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