

## **County Councillors Report August 2024.**

### **Flooding on Flaxfield Close, Groby.**

I was recently contacted by residents of Flaxfield Close and also the Parish Council regarding ongoing flooding problems of gardens in Flaxfield Close, Groby. In some cases, the water was coming up to the patio doors. The water seemed to be coming off the Parish Council Recreation area. I organised both highways and Severn Trent Water to investigate. The Highways drainage team confirmed it was not coming from one of their assets. However, Severn Trent eventually traced the leak to a private householder's supply. The occupier clearly was not aware and had the leak repaired. I would like to thank all involved for their positive response.

### **Severn Trent Flood Alleviation Work Ratby Road, Groby.**

Severn Trent have begun work on Ratby Road on the second phase of the flood alleviation project. One of the first steps is to divert a clean water pipe. Severn Trent will be in touch directly with anyone that may be affected by interruptions to water supplies. Meanwhile work is continuing on the sewer pipes.

There was a problem at the weekend again with HGVs trying to use Crane Ley Road but both Severn Trent and County Highways have been in touch with Druck and extra signage has gone up too.

Severn Trent and their contractors are trying to help local residents and businesses at what is a difficult time with the work being right outside the shops in the centre of the village. I really appreciate everyone's patience while this important work is carried out.

### **Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Local Plan Consultation Reg 18 From Wednesday 31 July to Friday 27 September 2024.**

#### **LPR70 Land East of Ratby Lane and South of Jacqueline Road, Field Head.**

This site is for 130 houses and has previously been refused by the Borough Councils planning committee and by a Planning Appeal Inspector. However, it has been put back into the preferred sites local plan consultation. I would urge residents to respond to this consultation. I know residents of Field Head will feel let down after fighting so hard in the past to protect this area.

#### **Site LPR107 Land South of Markfield Road, Ratby**

I do not know if parish councillors and residents are fully aware, but under the Local plan review Ratby will lose its Jewel in the Crown the Burroughs. I know your Borough Councillors are aware as the administration are supporting this site. For those of you who enjoy the country walks up the Burroughs to the Woodlands Trust car park and across to Botcheston Golf Club that will all be going. The recreation area next to the Plough Public House will also go.

Although the previous Liberal Democrat Administration took it out. The New Administration have put it in for a total of 450 houses. The developers Lagan have included a new one form entry school. However, they are not totally funding it. The County Council is already

struggling for money to provide essential services. Groby already suffers from additional school traffic after the Borough Council forced over 570 new houses on Ratby over the past 4 years. Most of the overflow children now travel to Martinshaw Primary School in Groby.

If you are concerned, with either or both sites please reply to the consultation by writing in or emailing the Borough Council about either of these sites please respond to the consultation.

### Web Link

[https://myaccount.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/service/Local plan review](https://myaccount.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/service/Local_plan_review)

Email [PlanningPolicy@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](mailto:PlanningPolicy@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)

### or write to

Planning Policy  
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council  
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Rugby Road  
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### Facebook Scam



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from 'REWARDS GIANT'. The post features a blue header with the text 'Over £4,000,000 in Rewards given out so far!' and a 'Privacy Policy | Terms & Conditions' link. Below the header is a photograph of a smiling woman with curly hair sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. To the right of the photo, the text reads 'Status: Available! ✓' followed by '£500 ALTON TOWERS GIFT CARD\*'. Below this text is a small image of a £500 Alton Towers gift card with a rainbow ribbon. A small disclaimer at the bottom of the text says '\*UPON COMPLETION OF PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS. CLICK FOR DETAILS.'

Dodgy Facebook posts claim to offer free tickets and gift cards for the theme park Alton Towers.

They ask users to like the page and follow a link to be in with a chance of getting the prizes.

The link takes you to Rewards Giant, a company

### What is Rewards Giant?

A company called Rewards Giant is promising 'free' retail vouchers in exchange for sharing and commenting on Facebook posts or clicking on links in an email.

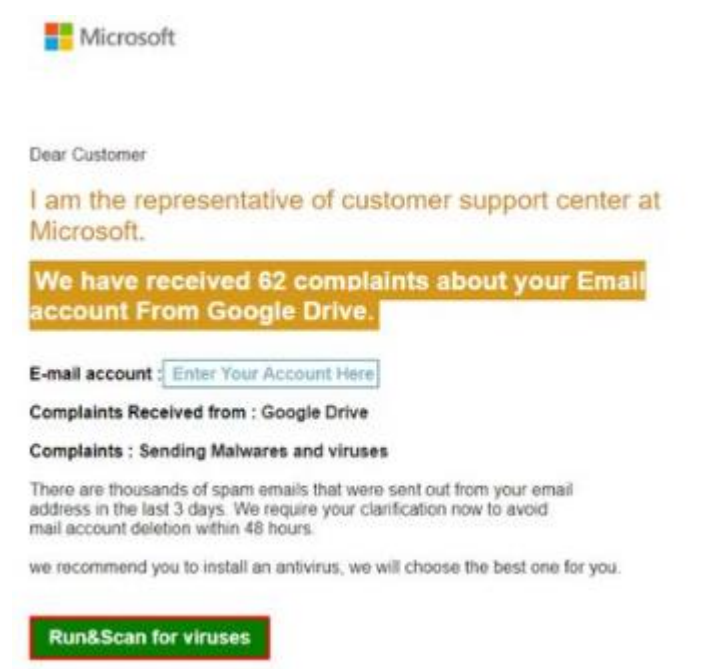
This might sound straightforward enough, but you'll actually need to sign up to a series of game and subscription downloads to qualify.

This will take time, potentially cost you money, and involve you handing over your personal details, with no guarantee of ever receiving the voucher.

Suspicious websites can be reported to the [National Cyber Security Centre](#).

You can report pages, posts and people on Facebook by selecting the three dots in the top right corner and selecting 'report'.

### **Microsoft Scam.**



A scam email impersonating Microsoft

This email purporting to be from Microsoft customer services claims that the tech company has received '62 complaints about your email account from Google Drive.'

It goes on to say that your account has been spreading malware and viruses via spam emails sent from your email address.

It includes a link to 'run and scan for viruses.' However, this leads to a malicious site that will either download malware to your device or take you to a phishing website.

You can report scam emails by forwarding them to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).

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[www.ncsc.gov.uk](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk)

Finally, I hope you have all had a refreshing break or about to go on one. I would 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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