

# County Councillors Report November 2023.

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<b>Severn Trent Flood Alleviation Groby</b>		
<b>This is based on our anticipated start date of 20 November 2023</b>		
<b>When</b>	<b>Location on Leicester Road</b>	<b>Traffic Management</b>
5 weeks	Between Marina Drive - Bluebell Drive	Leicester Road - single lane and traffic lights Residents living between 130 - 178 Leicester Rd must turn left from their properties using newly formed access on the Leicester Road service road (further details will be sent to those residents).
2 weeks	Christmas Break From 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	We'll pack away and open all the roads

**The work will resume on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of January to the end of March I will update residents next month with the programme of works.**

## **Groby Pool Pathway Has Been Given A Revamp**

I had received several complaints about the footpaths around Groby pool from both Groby and Ratby residents. Groby Pool is a very popular tourist location. So, I set out to get funding to improve the paths. I had site meetings with highways officers from Leicestershire County Council in order to take the project forward. The County Council then worked in collaboration with a major contractor.

Building materials provider Heidelberg Materials, formally known as Hanson UK, is one of the companies contracted by the authority to carry out major carriageway resurfacing.

I am pleased to say with the help of Heidelberg Materials' annual contribution of £10,000 from a 'social value promise' project, a 100-metre section of pathway at Groby Pool has been resurfaced, ensuring that the route is accessible for all ages and abilities.

While we have budget restraints, we're working hard to maintain and, where we can, improve our roads as well as enhancing community spaces for the benefit of all. This generous contribution from Heidelberg Materials is very welcome. I used a substantial amount of my Members' Highway Fund - money from the council's own coffers - to support highway and environmental improvement to link up to this work at Groby Pool, which will improve the local environment. Projects manager for Heidelberg Materials and MQP Dean Ziolkowski

said they are proud to work on the Leicestershire term contract. It was good to be part of this improvement scheme and make a positive contribution to the community in this area.



### **Apply now for food and fuel support**

Leicestershire residents who need help with food and energy costs can apply for a new round of grants.

Leicestershire County Council was awarded £7.2m earlier this year by the Department of Work and Pensions to help people who are struggling to pay their bills.

Eligible households can apply now to receive an average of £200 in food and energy costs. The cash also meant that during October half term, a £15 food voucher was given to more than 14,000 children receiving free school meals.

The cost of living pressures on Leicestershire households has grown over the last year and the council has given more than £22m of support to help residents cope.

The increased cost of living hasn't gone away for many people so we know how important this support continues to be. During half term, we made sure once again that eligible children received food vouchers.

We also know charities and voluntary groups do so much to help and we'll be ensuring they get support too, to enable them to continue their brilliant work in our communities.

I urge anyone who thinks they are eligible, or knows someone who is, to find out more and access the support they're entitled to.

More information and the online application form for support can be found at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/household-support-fund).

### **Survey opens on EV chargepoint locations**

A survey to pinpoint where county residents want to see electric vehicle chargepoints placed has launched.

The county council is looking to install hundreds of public electric chargepoints across the county by the end of 2030 – as part of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) scheme.

A consultation has launched giving residents in Leicestershire a chance to have their say about where these chargepoints should be located.

The focus will be on residential streets and convenient locations where there is a high proportion of housing without access to private off-street parking.

Part of the survey will include an interactive map to allow county residents to pinpoint exactly where they would like to see a chargepoint positioned.

With 38% of Leicestershire's greenhouse gas emissions being from transport, the installation of electric chargepoints will help meet the council's goal of being a net zero county by 2045 by encouraging an increase in EV ownership.

This is a great chance to bring hundreds of chargepoints to the county and we want to know where residents would like them to be installed.

Whilst the number of people owning an electric vehicle is increasing, we want to make sure everyone can access a chargepoint and these will be in accessible and convenient locations. Making EV ownership a reality will help us create a cleaner, greener and healthier county and I encourage people to have their say.

The survey is available at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-chargepoints](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-chargepoints) and will run until Thursday 30 November

### **Families with children urged to consider fostering**

Families who already have children are being encouraged to explore how fostering can fit into their lives.

This month is Children of Foster Carers Month, which aims to raise awareness of the role of children of foster carers and recognise their contribution to supporting children in care.

Ellie, her husband Tom and two children are currently fostering an 18-month-old baby with Leicestershire County Council.

They've opened-up about their experiences of welcoming a foster child to their family.

Ellie said "We explained fostering to our children using age-appropriate language. We talk to them constantly and we remind them that they and the child are important to us.

"We also involved the children in the whole process; they love having a foster brother to play with. It's a really positive experience for the whole family.

"We all get excited by the baby's milestones and that's lovely to share. It's a personal decision, but if you're thinking about it, it's probably likely it'll be right for you."

Her birth daughter Imogen (10), added: It's strange at first, but it's quite fun. It is sad when foster children leave, but it's not all bad, most of the time we see them again. I love to play with my foster brother.

"He makes us laugh because he likes watching the washing machine. He also loves posting things!"

Councillor Deborah Taylor, lead member for children and families at Leicestershire County Council, said: "Birth children of foster carers can make a massive difference to children and young people in care."

"We know that for some families, the potential impact on their children is a barrier to becoming a foster carer. However, the reality is that many children benefit from being part of the support network offered by a fostering family to a child they are looking after".

"We also know they can really help a child or young person settle into family life, helping them to feel welcome and loved. They do an amazing job and we'd like to thank them for wonderful the support and care they offer."

If you would like to explore how fostering would fit into your family, then you're welcome to attend one of the council's virtual 'Find out about fostering' events.

They are on the evenings of Wednesday 1 November, Thursday 23 November and Tuesday 12 December.

You can book your place by visiting [www.FosteringLeicestershire.com](http://www.FosteringLeicestershire.com)

emailing [fostering@leics.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@leics.gov.uk) or calling 0116 305 0505.



Lines are open until 8pm on Tuesday and Thursdays, and on the first Saturday of the month 10-12 noon.

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**Fly tipping in Field on Sacheverell Way Groby.**

I am pleased to inform residents it has been removed.

Finally, 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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