

Market Bosworth Division Report

Cllr Joshua Melen

February 2026

Dear Residents,

Thank you for your correspondence and meeting discussions this month. Progress has continued on long-term projects, and I continue to welcome any suggestions for further projects throughout the division which involve funding or input from the County Council.

County news primarily revolves around the full Council meeting which took place on Wednesday 18th February 2026. A budget motion presented by the governing administration was accepted which is available for consideration on the County website. A further motion was passed to make the position of the Council clear on the proposed closures of four SEND nurseries in Leicestershire. While none of the nurseries are within the Market Bosworth division, I have been contacted by local residents to oppose the closure and so while the final decision will reside with the County Cabinet, the Council took a view against their proposed closure.

I would like to remind Parishes that the Community Speedwatch scheme is now open for applications, and would encourage any Parish with a speeding issue to raise this with residents and apply under the following link: <https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/service/community-speed-watch>

In addition, for those who have not yet responded, the LGR online consultation remains live until 26th March 2026. As you are all aware, the Government is currently considering three bids for the County which are detailed in the link below. I encourage all Parish Councils, Councillors and Parishioners to respond as this may be the only opportunity feed into the Government decision on the future of Leicestershire: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/leicestershire-and-leicester-and-rutland/>

In respect of local Parish news, work continues on the Norton Heath development as well as road conditions. I have continued to push for more extensive road resurfacing in Higham on the Hill and eagerly await action to address Nuneaton Lane in particular, given the increased traffic flow due to A5 diversions. In addition, with the poor weather conditions throughout February, I have been in ongoing discussions with Cllr Tilbury to identify and report key flood areas in the division who require gully clearing and preventative attention. In conjunction with the extended powers for flood wardens due to be introduced later in 2026, I hope that this will put the division in a strong position for flood events later in the year.

Again, I welcome feedback at your respective Parish Council meetings to discuss any further issues which may have arisen in your area respectively. I would like to reiterate that if any Parishioner or Councillor has a concern about an aspect of LCC policy, please contact me as I can raise this with the relevant portfolio holder and potentially introduce change through motions at the Council.

If there are any queries relating to the schedule below, please contact me at joshua.melen@leics.gov.uk. I will continue to advocate for your Parish throughout March and will work to resolve your local issues to the best of my ability.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Joshua Melen
Market Bosworth Division
27th February 2026

Schedule of Works
February 2026

Parish Council	Issue
Cadeby	1. New service level agreement received for ground maintenance in and around Cadeby. Reminder sent by Highway technician 29 th January 2026- PC chased 18 th Feb 2026 as cutoff for LCC contract ends 20 th Feb 2026. Resolved.
Carlton	2. Parish Council seek future assistance with maintenance/repair of St Andrew's church wall alongside Highways footpath. Parish Council currently in talks with contractors but may require future input from the Highways department should works involve closure of/impact to the footpath. 3. Issue with road grit affecting animal paws raised by PC following snow at the beginning of January. Article circulated of similar issues elsewhere, referred to Highways department for confirmation and awaiting response. Chased 18 th February 2026. 4. Potholes issue discussed with County budget after being raised by PC. Confirmed as correct that Leicestershire are currently placed in the 'red' category for pothole repairs. Notice held for February meeting (solely on budget) but will be raised at next meeting.
Dadlington, Sutton Cheney & Shenton	5. Data not yet received for mobile speed camera enforcement van. While I accept the PCC's attention has been focused on the Police budget for Leicestershire, I have now been chasing this information for over six months and so will seek to escalate the issue to Scrutiny level if a response is not received by the next report. 6. Fenn Lanes/Shenton Lane junction signage. Reported to Highways, site visit undertaken. Correspondence received which confirms Highways are still investigating the possibility of coordinated VAS units, but the current models available do not have sufficient range to communicate over the required distances for this junction. To await further update from Highways officers. 7. Shenton flooding issue raised by PC. Environment Agency are the responsible stakeholder, understand that the investigation has now been left with EA but reported at last PC meeting that the EA will be reluctant to dredge following discussions with County portfolio holder at flood meeting in 2025. To monitor. 8. Removed 50/30mph signs in Sutton Cheney on Wharf Lane. Reported to Highways by PC, signage ordered on 14 th January 2026 to be installed imminently. 9. Missing tarmac outside Orchard Cottage on Main Street, Sutton Cheney. Response received that section of tarmac falls within Highways tolerance (unsatisfactory) and returned to officers for a review, Cllr involved copied in.
Higham on the Hill	10. Poor condition of Hinckley Lane, Nuneaton Lane and Stoke Lane reported and Highways assessment carried out. Works to Hinckley Lane and Nuneaton Lane

	due to commence w/c 5th Jan 26 but have been delayed due to poor weather. Works updated as follows: a. Hinckley Lane Haunching and edge strengthening works has been programmed and should be completed by 27.03.26. b. Open Space, Main Street raised an urgent job for carriageway potholes today and will also investigate and arrange repair for the suspected collapse from the photo provided. c. Wood Lane subsidence issue and Stoke Lane deterioration, officer visited both sites Tuesday 17th Feb and will raise jobs for resurfacing/strengthening/patching works as required. d. Update 25th February 2026- Nuneaton Lane will be patched from close the junction to the A5 to the traffic calming in the village – full width for the entire length. The road will be overlaid with tarmac, and it will have a brand new surface course throughout its length. 11. Highway surface puncture next to drain on the village green, reported and sectioned off. No work after six weeks, Highways chased for action 18th Feb, highlighting that a response has not been received yet. 12. Continued work alongside Higham STOP group in respect of the Oddfellows pub. Updates to follow on progress between STOP ground and current owner. 13. Blocked drain reported outside 33/35 Main Street in Higham, Highways drain clearance booked for urgent inspection. Confirmed that works will be carried out in 28 days from report on 30th January 2026. 14. PC contacted to request support for Christmas streetlighting for Dec 2026. Referred to Highways lighting team, awaiting outcome.
Market Bosworth	15. Petition through the Market Bosworth Society for traffic calming at the Bull in the Oak closed. Highways have confirmed they will not release any further data or undertake any additional traffic surveys at the junction. Issue closed. 16. St Peter's School crossing. Expected construction in the Spring, with changes to be made to the Crossing outside the Batter of Bosworth in tandem with the new crossing installation. Governors at St Peter's have carried out a survey of parents with 114 responses on the different types of crossing proposed which has been forwarded to the Highways team. Highways team update requested to establish timeline for installation. 17. Road closure requested for Station Road/Main Street due to planned Boxing Day event. Highways contacted requesting an explanation due to traffic issues on Boxing Day. Understand now that a TTRO was applied for by the event organisers which was refused, leading a multi-agency Safety Advisory Group to advise that the event did not go ahead. I have raised concerns as to why I was not informed of this despite being in frequent communications with officers about the road closure. 18. Road work signs left in and around Market Bosworth referred to Highways team in December. Highways stated no such signs had been left in Bosworth, replied confirming this is not the case. Chased again 18th Feb.

Nailstone	19. Contact made between Nailstone PC and All Saints Church, Sheepy in respect of the re-ordering of All Saints Church in Nailstone. Councillors are asked to provide dates if possible for a meeting with Sheepy team. 20. Streetlighting upgrade now implemented in Nailstone and SLA put in place, after six months of chasing! 21. Highway resurfacing works chased after being reported in October 2025. Officer confirmation that works will be carried out on 18th March 2026.
Osbaston	22. Changes to streetlighting outside Ebenezer Cottages reported by PC, officer response received as follows: a. "The streetlight relates to the new-build development, and the lighting design including column locations was formally approved. The column in question is positioned between two properties, in accordance with the approved plans. I'm still checking why the resident wasn't informed or given any prior notice. I have contacted the developer to see if a rear shield on the light can be installed."
Shackerstone	23. Rights of way through Odstone on the green lanes and vehicle traffic on Newton Lane. Raised with Highways, suggestion of gates to be installed to prevent abuse of public rights of way. Extensive correspondence throughout January, with footage provided of vehicles using the green lane despite seasonal closure order. Matter referred to rural policing team who have confirmed they will monitor the site for enforcement during peak times (weekends). Officer response received and circulated to Councillors, but to summarise: a. "It is possible to apply to downgrade a route to a bridleway. I am assuming that interested parties would want some form of private rights granted. There is no guarantee of success and parties would need to fund the proposal." 24. Armillary Sphere referred by residents and PC. Concerns that Highways officers do not appear to know about application but have previously responded. Latest response that no application has been made for a Temporary Excavation Licence. "It is essential that they obtain one of these before we can permit the structure". Referred to the Parish Council for a TEL application to be made.
Sheepy	25. Highways safety assessment carried out at Pinwall Junction. Comprehensive signage package ordered by LCC. Awaiting installation Spring 2026, Highways chased 18th Feb 2026. 26. Sheepy Beacon ongoing ownership query, Parks department meeting hosted. Equivocal outcome, responsibility temporarily left with Head Ranger at LCC to follow up with Beacon Society. Update received from Ranger, passed to PC. Issue closed until further notice. 27. Sibson/Shenton/Upton car sales, HBBC chased on behalf of Cllr Surtees for update with planning enforcement. HBBC's enforcement notice appealed by site owner in September 2024, planning inspectorate yet to issue a decision. Continue to monitor.

	28. Floods on Upton and Shenton Lanes reported during bad weather. Site area now subject to road closure and Severn Trent works. 29. Meeting sought with HBBC planning and conservation officers regarding the Cock Inn at Sibson following 2019 closure. Action Group have referred to HBBC conservation officer following news of operator dropout to consider future options.
Stoke Golding	30. Vehicle speed throughout Stoke Golding, VAS issues. Sheepy PC VAS units accepted, planned handover shortly with demonstration. Understand PC has been advised to await highways permission before paying for signage. Matter left with PC to determine pathway to pursue for locations and type of signage, if current VAS units are rejected. 31. Contact provided to PC for potential volunteer with pump/BMX track planning. No new update. 32. Issue over Owl Homes opening site without implementing passing places on Wkyin Lane/seeking to remove planning consent, which was directed following the planning appeal. Highways team confirm an investigation is ongoing with response to be provided by 28th February 2026.
Twycross	33. Vehicle speed throughout Twycross village centre and the possibility of further traffic calming measures. Parish Council to monitor traffic situation if possible. 34. Damaged lamppost reported on A444 opposite Watery Lane junction, potential risk to drivers. LCC aware of damaged post, works pending once electrical investigation has been finalised. No update. 35. Ongoing Zoo traffic query left with Parish Council to monitor. 36. Norton Heath land allocation- significant correspondence received from Parishioners and the Parish Council initially. Stakeholder agency correspondence campaign now closed, with responses disappointingly low. Those organisations who have responded were shared with the Opposition group as the requesting party. 37. Austrey Lane potholes/roadside damage reported Dec 25. Highways confirm that Austrey Lane is within the remit of Warwickshire County Council. 38. Orton Lane in Norton Juxta was scalped around 18 months ago but has been left unfinished, with road markings having been removed. LCC confirm works will be undertaken to remedy this in line with normal visiting schedule. 39. Letter of support written for Twycross Village Hall to secure grant funding towards the cost of floor repairs. 40. Water blowing from a burst mains pipe near the 30mph on Orton Lane Eastbound leaving Norton Juxta. Response received 'A highway drainage scheme has been in planning for some time and is now active on site. The works were delayed by approximately one week due to snow and adverse weather conditions, during which much of our resource was diverted to network safety and winter service operations.' 41. Norton Lane verges deteriorated, reported and added to Highways action list to be completed within 28 days from 27th Jan 26.

Witherley	42. Flooding in Witherley, Environment Agency issue as the flooding crosses over a County boundary. Discussion with Cllr Ambrose at the Sibson flooding meeting, Cllr Tilbury aware and will likely form part of the flood site visits once a date has been identified. Mythe Lane shut again due to flooding, LCC flood team aware of scale of flood risk in the Witherley area. 43. Contact from Witherley flood warden seeking direct line to LCC- officers advised and have reported that contact will be made directly. Chased again 18th February 2026 as no contact reported. 44. Highways junction sign on A444 southbound outside Fenny Drayton incorrect, reported in June with 12-week timeline. Installation planned for 6th January 2026- believe the sign remains the same. PC to confirm. 45. VAS unit placement query raised by Parish Council, Highways input sought on approval process. Understand an ongoing discussion to be taking place between PC and LCC, will assist if required. 46. Petition submitted by residents of Ratcliffe Culey to separate from Witherley Parish. Monitoring alongside LCC community governance.
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