

County Councillor's report – November 2023

The most frequent issues to be raised with me over the last 6 months have been related to traffic, speeding and EV charging. People are particularly upset about some of the problems resulting from living next door to two international sporting venues. The councils should provide well-advertised alternatives to people bringing their cars into residential areas and persuade the clubs to including public transport tickets with their tickets, but it is very hard to get the council, or the clubs, to engage. I am meeting officers (again) this week, to discuss a number of traffic issues.

The other thing that has been an issue is schools' admissions. Last year, despite an initial hope that things were going to be better than in the past, they turned out to be worse, with some people being given places as far afield as Eastwood. The closing dates are coming soon but it is very important to put down three choices locally, and to consider City schools as well if you are not in both the catchment and feeder for the secondary school you want.

I do have Divisional Funds to distribute; please get in touch if you know of any charity or similar that would benefit from a small amount of money. As ever, unless the issue is urgent, I'll distribute the money around December.

WeBCan Report

This summer was wet and so thankfully the canal didn't dry out. However the water level is still very low in places and we can probably expect it to dry out again in the future. But over the last few years the reeds have flourished. This isn't a good thing as it is reducing the continuous water volume and increases water loss. You may have noticed groups of volunteers removing the reeds. Please task them (or get in touch) if you want to help in any way.

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