

Market Bosworth Division Report

Cllr Joshua Melen

August 2026

Dear Residents,

Thank you for your correspondence and meeting discussions this month. Progress has continued on long-term projects, and I welcome suggestions for further projects within the division.

In respect of County news, the County Council met on 6th August 2026 to discuss the proposed Local Government Reorganisation due to take effect from May 2027 onwards. As detailed in the last report, shadow elections will be held for the 94 Councillors in May 2027, ahead of a May 2028 introduction for the new unitary Council. I reported last month that the Market Bosworth Division will be split into three new unitary divisions of approximately 4,000 residents each. We have now had confirmation, the 12 villages in the Market Bosworth Division being split as follows:

Market Bosworth Division

1. Market Bosworth Parish (Market Bosworth & Far Coton)
2. Shackerstone Parish (Shackerstone, Congerstone, Barton, Odstone & Bilstone)
3. Carlton Parish
4. Dadlington, Shenton & Sutton Cheney Parish
5. Nailstone Parish

Fenn Lanes, Sheepy & Sibson Division

1. Stoke Golding Parish
2. Sheepy Parish (Sheepy, Sibson, Upton)
3. Higham Parish
4. Witherley Parish (Witherley, Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey & Atterton)

I was surprised to note that Cadeby Parish has been split from Market Bosworth and sent to Newbold & Barlestone Division, in addition to Twycross Parish which has been split into Twycross & Appleby Division. I am in correspondence with the Chief Executive Officer at the County Council to consider a reassessment of the division of Twycross and Cadeby Parishes from their historic neighbours. I will update on this in due course.

In respect of local Parish news, casework this month has revolved around road resurfacing on Station Road in Market Bosworth, Main Road in Sheepy Magna and the A444 north of Twycross. Regrettably, as the work was being carried out during the exceptionally warm weather, the resurfacing works created dust issues in residential areas which is currently under investigation.

For queries relating to the schedule below, please contact me at joshua.melen@leics.gov.uk.

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3rd September 2026

Schedule of Works

August 2026

Parish Council	Issue
Cadeby	1. Long term project points on the below. Updated received: “<i>Cadeby Lane is monitored on a driven inspection, unless I receive an enquiry for issues along here. I am aware of some verge overriding, and that I have had the area heading out of Cadeby patched. I will check this again. The odd pothole does appear on Cadeby Lane, and these are responded to in line with our Highway Maintenance Policy. Regarding damage to the verges, Leicestershire County Council have not repaired verges for some years now. Mostly farm vehicles compromise the edges of the carriageway and the verges. Again, these are monitored on my driven inspection. If anything is reported, or indeed noticed on my inspections, then these will be addressed within the parameters of our Highway Maintenance Policy. With regard to the HGV signs, this will need to be addressed by our Traffic and Signals department.</i>”
Carlton	2. Parish Council seek assistance with maintenance/repair of St Andrew’s church wall alongside Highways footpath. Issue on hold until further assistance required. 3. Traffic calming scheme proposal received from Parish Clerk and circulated to the Highways department for a response with the potential for future funding. Ongoing discussion around plans to introduce traffic calming to Bosworth Road/Barton Road with site visit planned, date TBC. Correspondence circulated from Highways which suggests an unawareness of existing MVAS units and data showing a vehicle speed issue. No further update.
Dadlington, Sutton Cheney & Shenton	4. Fenn Lanes/Shenton Lane junction signage. Reported to Highways, site visit undertaken. Correspondence received which confirms Highways have now identified hardware which will communicate and function across the junction distances. Highways confirm that a contractor has been instructed to prepare quotes for implementation. Awaiting Highways update. 5. 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. Confirmed at last PC meeting that properties in Shenton have been flooded during last round of flood weather, referred to Highways and with specific properties now identified. CCTV survey and gully jetting ordered in the meantime, date to be confirmed. 6. Petition received by Parish Council to alter a number of highways factors in Sutton Cheney (principally speed related). Highways have proposed a

	consultation over a 20mph speed limit through Sutton and as of July 2026 have confirmed that concept drawings are being created to assess the possibility of additional traffic calming in the village centre. 7. Sutton Cheney verges project- correspondence received, Highways contacted to determine verge ownership ahead of junction scheme proposals- awaiting response July 2026. 8. Data received for mobile speed camera enforcement van. Response sent to Leics Police to understand whether camera van visits can be arranged. Awaiting response as of July 2026.
Higham on the Hill	9. 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. Meeting held with Highways senior technician to discuss road condition and confirmed that Highways have no record (dating to 2009) of the surface being dressed or any maintenance to the rumble strips. Highways have agreed to replace the rumble strips alongside surface dressing works, repaint dragon's teeth road marking and conduct a signage review. Chased August 26. 10. Wood Lane carriageway deterioration works ordered 19 August. 11. Continued work alongside Higham STOP group on the Oddfellows pub. 12. Blocked drain reported outside 33/35 Main Street in Higham, Highways drain clearance booked for urgent inspection. Inspection carried out, 15 metres of gully jetted but blockage still exists further downstream. CCTV survey booked to establish flow problem. Expected late Summer.

Market Bosworth	13. St Peter's School crossing. Consultation now closed and with responses being considered ahead of an implementation later in 2026/earlier 2027. Meeting with senior Highways technician to discuss consultation responses which were overwhelmingly positive for the speed limit change but mixed for traffic calming measures. Highways confirm that the speed limit cannot be lowered to 20mph without traffic calming in tandem, consent given for package of works to be implemented following Highways recommendations. 14. Proposals for restoration and public display of the Market Bosworth Rural District Council emblem by the Market Bosworth society, letter written in support given the likely community interest. 15. Contact from residents regarding speed cushions on Station Road. The detailed design elements for the above proposals remain ongoing. The yellow spray paint markings on the highway indicate core-sampling locations to determine the structure of the road. There have been no amendments made to the quantity and / or locations of the traffic calming and the locations remain as those consulted on. 16. See below comments in respect of highways resurfacing review.
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Nailstone	17. 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. 18. Highway resurfacing works updated provided to Parish Clerk after chasing. Two outstanding issues chased following updates at the August Parish Council meeting.
Osbaston	19. Resident contact proposing junction improvements to A447/Lount Road due to limited visibility, vehicle speed, vehicles leaving the carriageway and pedestrian safety concerns. Referred to Highways for assessment. 20. Street signs replaced at Osbaston crossroads 24 August following report by Parish council.
Shackerstone	21. Rights of way through Odstone to Shackerstone (Green Lane). Raised with Highways, suggestion of gates to be installed to prevent abuse of public rights of way. Meeting arranged for 30 September- update to follow. 22. Armillary sphere confirmed that application must be made by the Parish Council and not a community group- listed to discuss at the next Parish Council meeting. 23. Resident reported verge and pathway deterioration between Shackerstone and Congerstone school. Particular issue over narrowing pathway which is used by school children. Foliage now cut back as of 14 August ahead of planned works to footpath.
Sheepy	24. 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 have now rejected the appeal. Enforcement action pending. 25. Works started to the Cock Inn, Sibon by contractors shortly after deadline of 18 May. Works to the pub have now started as of w/c 31 August, tenant now identified with anticipated launch date of December 2026. 26. Pinwall junction traffic issues reported by residents and Parish Council, issue passed to LCC. Awaiting photo evidence from Councillors to pass to Highways before a site visit is undertaken. 27. Collapsed culvert on Sheepy Road, Sibson. Reported to LCC environment team for urgent inspection. No response as yet. 28. Highways contacted following high volume of dust created by Highways resurfacing on A444 north of Twycross, Station Road in Bosworth and Main Road in Sheepy Magna during hot weather. Ongoing complaint due to health concerns as a risk to residents, road laying policy under review.

Stoke Golding	29. Vehicle speed throughout Stoke Golding, VAS issues. Sheepy PC VAS units now delivered, installation on hold while Highways finalise plans for proposed 20mph implementation in the centre of the village. 30. Conservation area sign has moved, Highways contacted and chased to determine if this was carried out by highway technicians. Signs now moved back, issue closed. 31. Parish Council contact Highways over parking amendments in Stoke Golding, Highways respond requesting further details. No further correspondence since, Parish Council requested to update if assistance is required.
Twycross	32. Vehicle speed throughout Twycross village centre and the possibility of further traffic calming measures. Contact made with Highways to discuss possibility of speed survey/road safety assessment in Twycross. Understand key issues around traffic calming relate to use of the route by HGVs and emergency services. Highways asked to contact Leicestershire Police for a review of the route with the potential for joint consultation on traffic calming, speed survey planned for after September 2026 once traffic levels return to normal density. 33. Ongoing Zoo traffic issue, left with Parish Council to monitor. 34. Norton Heath land allocation. Understand Norton Heath not to have been included in draft Reg 19 Local Plan. Issue on permanent hold. 35. Resident contact about 20mph limit in Norton Juxta Twycross, referred to Highways for investigation alongside funding packaged discussed above. Highways state that the village is not currently eligible for a 20mph limit following DfT guidelines, but they will review this shortly in light of 20mph limits in other areas (Bosworth, Higham and now Stoke). 36. See above comments in respect of highways resurfacing review.
Witherley	37. Flooding in Witherley, Environment Agency issue as the flooding crosses over a County boundary. Flood team in discussions with EA. 38. Highways junction sign on A444 southbound outside Fenny Drayton incorrect, reported in June with 12-week timeline. Installation believed to have been carried out- PC to confirm. 39. Petition submitted by residents of Ratcliffe Culey to separate from Witherley Parish. Monitoring alongside LCC community governance.