

Market Bosworth Division Report

Cllr Joshua Melen

July 2026

Dear Residents,

While no County Council meeting has taken place this month, significant County news has been received in respect of Local Government Reorganisation. The National Government have now announced their decision in respect of Leicestershire, where the Leicester City Council will expand into parts of Blaby, Charnwood and Harborough districts, as well completely absorbing the Borough of Oadby and Wigston.

Having considered the report on your behalf, I am disappointed that the vast majority of the National Government's focus was placed on the City reorganisation, with very little consideration given to how the expansion would impact the remaining County areas. While the City will now represent a comparative population count to the County, it seems that the entirety of the focus was placed on ensuring the City can function as a sole unitary.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough will remain untouched by the city expansion, but the remaining parts of the County (including HBBC) will become part of the new Leicestershire & Rutland unitary authority. The planning (and all other) functions of HBBC will be taken over by the new unitary, and shadow elections are being held for the 94 Councillors in May 2027, ahead of a May 2028 introduction for the new unitary Council. It is almost certain that the Market Bosworth division will be split into two if not three new divisions of approximately 4,000 residents each.

A meeting has been called for the afternoon of **6th August 2026**, at County Hall (which with the boundary reorganisation, will now exist within the City). I will be attending on your behalf and I encourage any residents or Councillors who have views on the matter to contact me as soon as possible. For more details on the reorganisation itself, please consider visiting the County Council website.

In respect of local Parish news, general housekeeping has continued with the majority of casework focusing on hedge cutting and overgrown foliage. After receiving the casework volume results across the County earlier this month, and I am pleased to say that from May 2025-July 2026, of the 55 Councillors, the Market Bosworth division placed third as the highest number of casework queries in Leicestershire.

Thank you for your correspondence and meeting discussions this month. If there are any queries relating to the schedule below, please contact me at joshua.melen@leics.gov.uk.

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2nd August 2026

Schedule of Works

July 2026

Parish Council	Issue
Cadeby	1. Long term project points on the below. Chased July 2026: a. Verges deteriorated on Cadeby Lane b. Road surface deteriorated on Cadeby Lane c. Concrete kerb missing/destroyed to bulwark the verges at the lowest point of road depression d. Incorrect signage/potential need for TRO- current signage is advisory against HGVs using Cadeby, signage should instead begin at A447 into Cadeby and state 'Unsuitable for HGVs'
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. Issue with road grit affecting animal paws raised by PC following snow at the beginning of January. Confirmed now from Highways that the grit used throughout 2026 is the same spec as used in previous years, and is only applied to the highway itself and not the footpath. 4. 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, attempting to resolve.
Dadlington, Sutton Cheney & Shenton	5. 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. 6. 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. 7. 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. 8. Sutton Cheney verges project- correspondence received, Highways contacted to determine verge ownership ahead of junction scheme proposals- awaiting response July 2026. 9. 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	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. 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, repainting dragon's teeth road marking and conducting a signage review. 11. Continued work alongside Higham STOP group in respect of the Oddfellows pub. Updates to follow on progress with current owner. 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. 13. Residents and PC report overgrown hedges throughout village (Mill Lane, Cherry Orchard, Main Street). All reported to Highways for collective compliance assessment and remedial action if needed.
Market Bosworth	14. 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. 15. 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.

Nailstone	16. 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. 17. Highway resurfacing works updated provided to Parish Clerk after chasing. No other live issues- PC to confirm.
Osbaston	18. 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.
Shackerstone	19. Rights of way through Odstone to Shackertstone (Green Lane). Raised with Highways, suggestion of gates to be installed to prevent abuse of public rights of way. Rural Police, HBBC and landowners now in joint correspondence to identify a meeting date with a view to proposing a S.249 order altering the legal status of the route. Dates chased. 20. Armillary Sphere referred by residents and PC. Understand issue to have been paused indefinitely by Parish Council. Issue closed. 21. Issue with overhanging trees reported on Shackerstone Lane. Locations now sent to LCC for assessment which confirms trees fall outside of enforcement parameters. 22. Resident reported verge and pathway deterioration between Shackerstone and Congerstone school. Particular issue over narrowing pathway which is used by school children. Raised during meeting with senior Highways technician for urgent assessment.
Sheepy	23. 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. 24. Works started to the Cock Inn, Sibon by contractors shortly after deadline of 18th May. Works now anticipated for August 2026 following planning permission and contact with contractors on site. 25. Reports of dangerous overgrown hedges outside the Old Rectory, Sibson. Reported to LCC, hedge cut back. Issue closed. 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.

Stoke Golding	27. 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. 28. Conservation area sign has moved, Highways contacted and chased to determine if this was carried out by highway technicians. Chased 2nd July & August 2026 29. 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	30. 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. 31. Ongoing Zoo traffic issue, left with Parish Council to monitor. 32. Damaged lamppost reported on A444 opposite Watery Lane junction, potential risk to drivers. Now fixed, issue closed. 33. Norton Heath land allocation. Understand Norton Heath not to have been included in draft Reg 19 Local Plan. Issue on permanent hold. 34. 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).
Witherley	35. Flooding in Witherley, Environment Agency issue as the flooding crosses over a County boundary. Flood team in discussions with EA. 36. 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. 37. Petition submitted by residents of Ratcliffe Culey to separate from Witherley Parish. Monitoring alongside LCC community governance.