

Market Bosworth Division Report

Cllr Joshua Melen

October 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.

However in the meantime, I write with good news: The Cock Inn is set to reopen in 2026.

The reopening of The Cock Inn will be a victory for Sibson's heritage and an important moment for everyone who values our shared local history and community heritage. For generations, The Cock Inn has been more than simply a place to eat and drink. As a traditional village pub, it has formed part of the social fabric of Sibson, providing a meeting place for local residents and visitors and contributing to the distinctive character of the village.

As your local County Councillor, I am proud to have played my part in securing the future of The Cock Inn. Over the past few years, I have been working with our MP, Dr Luke Evans, and the 'Save Our Pub!' Action Group, to demonstrate the strength of feeling within the community.

Through hard work, persistence and local organisation, the 'Save Our Pub' group has helped to keep attention focused on the importance of protecting this much-loved establishment and its place in Sibson's future.

The reopening represents the preservation of an important part of the village's identity and the continuation of a tradition that might otherwise have been lost. I hope to be able to say the same in the near future about The Oddfellows Arms, in Higham on the Hill.

Thank you to everyone who has come together to make this a reality. Your determination means people in Sibson and the surrounding villages can now look forward to seeing this historic pub play its part, once again, in village life.

For any queries on this or other Parish matters, please contact me at joshua.melen@leics.gov.uk.

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Schedule of Works

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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> 2. Plans for assessment of 20mph speed limit to be introduced in Cadeby. Officer research ongoing, support to proposals given on behalf of residents.
Carlton	3. Parish Council seek assistance with maintenance/repair of St Andrew’s church wall alongside Highways footpath. Issue on hold until further assistance required. 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. No further update.
Dadlington, Sutton Cheney & Shenton	5. Fenn Lanes/Shenton Lane junction signage. Awaiting Highways update. 6. Shenton flooding issue raised by PC. CCTV survey and gully jetting ordered in the meantime, chased with flood team. 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, response received confirming project planning over Winter 2026 for implementation 2027. 8. Sutton Cheney verges project- correspondence received. Highway response should have been sent to PC- Council to confirm. 9. Data received for mobile speed camera enforcement van. Data of CSW scheme now received and passed to LCC Highways for consideration as part of traffic calming measures.

	10. Resident in Dadlington continues to request further traffic calming on Hinckley Road. Highways have previously confirmed the site is ineligible for traffic calming and have recommended the Parish Council consider the purchase and installation of vehicle activated sign/(s) with recording capability to monitor traffic speeds. <u>PC asked to consider at next meeting.</u>
Higham on the Hill	11. Poor condition of Hinckley Lane, Nuneaton Lane and Stoke Lane reported and Highways assessment carried out. Nuneaton Lane path, road surfacing and markings chased 22 October. 12. Wood Lane carriageway deterioration works ordered 19 August- chased 22 October as works are now taking place on Main Street for unrelated matters. 13. Continued work alongside Higham STOP group on the Oddfellows pub following positive precedent at the Cock Inn. Oddfellows reported in Telegraph article following local interview on pub coverage in the division. 14. Blocked drain reported outside 33/35 Main Street in Higham. CCTV survey booked to establish flow problem. Flood team chased October. 15. Meeting with Horiba MIRA to discuss local issues 20 October. Discussed local issues including site buffer zone and developments at the edge of village curtilage. No further action at present.
Market Bosworth	16. St Peter's School crossing. Implementation planned in 2026/earlier 2027. Confidential background works being undertaken ahead of further public consultation on traffic calming measures. 17. Proposals for restoration of the Market Bosworth Rural District Council emblem by the Market Bosworth Society, letter written in support. Confirmed that application has been unsuccessful (Oct 26) but that reapplication will follow. 18. Parking issues again raised by residents, with proposals for volunteer CEOs to cover local areas. Referred to Highways officer to consider proposal, Highways have rejected the suggestion as CEOs are trained and regulated whereas volunteers could not be regulated in the same manner. 19. Road issues reported on/around Cedar Drive and Sycamore Way. Referred to Highways officers for review. 20. Rectory Lane potholes reported- reportedly within tolerance. Challenged as temporary pothole repairs carried out in January/February 2026 were carried out with plans for future more effective repairs. 21. Heritage railway bridge pathway damage, referred to Highways for inspection beginning of October 26, chased 22 October 26.

Nailstone	22. Highway resurfacing works updated provided to Parish Clerk after chasing. One outstanding issue- blocked gully on Bagworth Road at junction with Wood Road. Chased late September, again 22 October 26. No response received yet, update to follow.
Osbaston	23. 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. 24. Property at the Larches- stone chips placed outside property on highway verge. Reported to Highways September 26.
Shackerstone	25. Rights of way through Odstone to Shackerstone (Green Lane). Meeting held on 30 September with HBBC officers to discuss the two primary proposals (order under S.249 TCPA or PSPO) but limited progress made as HBBC want LCC input, despite LCC having referred to HBBC as the legal authority for the proposals above. Future meeting being planned. 26. Armillary sphere confirmed that application must be made by the Parish Council and not a community group- <u>Parish Council to confirm progress by email.</u> 27. 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	28. 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. 29. Cock Inn- confirmed opening in 2026 ahead of Christmas. Works being undertaken on site with the supervision of HBBC conversation team, two staff recruitment evenings have taken place and engagement with the village is frequent and positive to date. ACV application still awaiting approval. 30. 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. 31. Collapsed culvert on Sheepy Road, Sibson. Reported to LCC environment team for urgent inspection. Site inspection planned but not confirmed, chased October 2026 before wet season. 32. 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	33. 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. 34. 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	35. 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. 36. Ongoing Zoo traffic issue, Parish Council to monitor. 37. Norton Heath land allocation. Issue re-opened in light of Norton Heath being given D5 status, currently supporting NHD OG in response. 38. 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).
Witherley	39. Flooding in Witherley, Environment Agency issue as the flooding crosses over a County boundary. Flood team in discussions with EA. 40. 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. 41. Petition submitted by residents of Ratcliffe Culey to separate from Witherley Parish. Monitoring alongside LCC community governance.