

Market Bosworth Division Report

Cllr Joshua Melen

May 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.

In terms of County news, the full Council met on 13th May 2026 under our Annual General Meeting. The status quo was maintained, with Cllr Linda Danks being appointed as Chair and Cllr Dan Harrison remaining as Leader. Three new Aldermen were appointed, including Nick Rushton who previously led the Council under the last administration.

In respect of local Parish news, I have attended Annual Parish Meetings and Annual General Meetings (often separately) throughout the division over the last four weeks. Work has continued on long-term projects, including working with Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council on introducing traffic calming measures in Sutton. With Councillors gathering signatures to introduce a package of speed management works to the village, the Highways department have been put on notice and while some of the proposals may be more challenging to introduce, a 20mph speed limit is being discussed. The following may be of interest to other Parishes:

“Leicestershire County Council has recently secured significant Government funding to deliver a programme of highway safety schemes across the county. As part of this process, any proposal would need to be supported by appropriate evidence, including traffic speed and volume surveys, to ensure it accords with national guidance and represents a proportionate and effective measure. Where justified, such a scheme may be accompanied by associated traffic calming features.”

The Highways team are inviting scheme proposals covering traffic calming measures, 20mph limits, junction improvements and pedestrian accessibility changes across the County for consideration in 2027/2028. **Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like your Parish to be put forward, with specific proposals which would benefit your area.**

Again, I welcome feedback at your respective Parish Council meetings to discuss any further issues which may have arisen in your area respectively. 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 June and will work to resolve your local issues to the best of my ability.

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3rd June 2026

Schedule of Works

May 2026

Parish Council	Issue
Cadeby	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following issues reported after attendance at Cadeby APM. Highways response received confirming ongoing investigation, update to follow. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Parish Council seek 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. Issue ongoing. 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 18th February 2026- chased again 3rd June.
Dadlington, Sutton Cheney & Shenton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Data now received for mobile speed camera enforcement van. Response being drafted to Leics Police to understand whether camera van visits can be arranged. Awaiting response as of 3rd June 2026. 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 awaiting confirmation of specific properties (with addresses) and scale of flooding. CCTV survey and gully jetting ordered in the meantime, date to be confirmed.

	<p>7. Removed 50/30mph signs in Sutton Cheney on Wharf Lane. Reported to Highways by PC, signage ordered on 14th January 2026 to be installed imminently. Understand signage to now be replaced, PC to confirm.</p> <p>8. Petition received by Parish Council to alter a number of highways factors in Sutton Cheney (principally speed related) following a petition with approximately 70 signatures. Democratic Services confirm that petition cannot be presented to full Council due to petition size. Highways have proposed a consultation over a 20mph speed limit through Sutton, but have rejected the speed limit decrease to encompass Wharf Lane.</p> <p>9. Discussions with PC about implementation of Speedwatch and traffic calming in Dadlington following resident correspondence. Understand Speedwatch take up to be low in Dadlington and therefore the scheme will not go ahead in Dadlington. Continue to support whether VAS units can be installed to address community concerns.</p> <p>10. 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. Awaiting Councillor feedback.</p>
<p>Higham on the Hill</p>	<p>11. 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. No present work update, chased 3rd June 2026.</p> <p>12. Continued work alongside Higham STOP group in respect of the Oddfellows pub. Updates to follow on progress between STOP ground and current owner.</p> <p>13. 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. Awaiting outcome.</p> <p>14. PC contacted to request support for Christmas streetlighting for Dec 2026. Referred to Highways lighting team, confirmed that no grant funding is available for Christmas lighting and so if PC wish to proceed, local funding will have to be secured from the precept or donations/fundraising.</p>
<p>Market Bosworth</p>	<p>15. 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.</p>

	<p>Current consultation active until 24th June 2026 to consider speed cushions, 20mph limit extension and puffin crossing changes.</p> <p>16. 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. Resolved.</p> <p>17. Parishioner communication regarding transport options for Bosworth residents. LC6 route confirmed and FoxConnect options explained.</p>
<p>Nailstone</p>	<p>18. 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.</p> <p>19. Highway resurfacing works chased after being reported in October 2025. Officer confirmation that works will be carried out on 18th March 2026, PC to confirm by email if possible?</p>
<p>Osbaston</p>	<p>20. No current issues raised. PC to contact with any proposals for works.</p>
<p>Shackerstone</p>	<p>21. 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) and HBBC Councillor Cook to arrange a meeting with officers to discuss proposals for change.</p> <p>22. Armillary Sphere referred by residents and PC. Concerns that Highways officers do not appear to know about application but have previously responded. Understand TEL has been applied for twice, LCC chased.</p> <p>23. Issue with overhanging trees reported on Shackerstone Lane. LCC do not hold a landowner record, referred to PC for local information update so landowners can be contacted/enforcement action taken.</p> <p>24. Resident reported verge and pathway deterioration between Shackerstone and Congerstone school. Particular issue over narrowing pathway which is used by school children. Reported to Highways 5th May, awaiting response.</p>
<p>Sheepy</p>	<p>25. 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.</p> <p>26. Floods on Upton and Shenton Lanes reported during bad weather. Site area still subject to road closure and Severn Trent works.</p>

	<p>27. Works started to the Cock Inn, Sibon by contractors shortly after deadline of 18th May. Understand works instructed to be limited to a window repair and excavation of the cellar roof ahead of structural surveys. Structural engineer expected to have attend the property at some stage as further planning permission is now sought by Star. Work continues towards S.215 notice to be issued in the meantime, and ACV process is being expedited follow PC's original application earlier in the year.</p> <p>28. Reports of dangerous overgrown hedges outside the Old Rectory, Sibson. Reported to LCC, no action as yet.</p>
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<p>Stoke Golding</p>	<p>29. 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.</p> <p>30. 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 confirm planning permission varied to allow 10 residents to move on site while highway works are carried out.</p> <p>31. Conservation area sign has moved, Highways contacted and chased to determine if this was carried out by highway technicians.</p>
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<p>Twycross</p>	<p>32. Vehicle speed throughout Twycross village centre and the possibility of further traffic calming measures. Parish Council to monitor traffic situation if possible.</p> <p>33. Ongoing Zoo traffic query left with Parish Council to monitor.</p> <p>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. Chased 3rd June 2026.</p> <p>35. Norton Heath land allocation- removed from local plan. Issue on permanent hold while HBBC Local Plan is redrafted.</p> <p>36. 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. Chased.</p> <p>37. Resident contact about 20mph limit in Norton Juxta Twycross, referred to Highways for investigation alongside funding packaged discussed above.</p> <p>38. Letter of support written for Twycross Village Hall to secure grant funding towards the cost of floor repairs. Flooring work currently being undertaken.</p> <p>39. Norton Lane verges deteriorated, now resolved.</p>
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<p>Witherley</p>	<p>40. Flooding in Witherley, Environment Agency issue as the flooding crosses over a County boundary. Flood team in discussions with EA.</p> <p>41. Contact from Witherley flood warden seeking direct line to LCC-officers advised and have reported that contact will be made directly. Contact confirmed.</p> <p>42. 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.</p> <p>43. Petition submitted by residents of Ratcliffe Culey to separate from Witherley Parish. Monitoring alongside LCC community governance.</p>
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