

# RUPERT MATTHEWS

Conservative Police and  
Crime Commissioner Candidate



## Tackling Road Safety and Speeding

Working with Peter Bedford, I have been consulting local people about their top concern - road safety. I have seen speeding problems in Botcheston and Stanton under Bardon as well as parking problems in Thornton and lorries ignoring the weight restrictions in Bagworth.

The police need to boost the Community Speed Watch programme, co-operating with parish councils, neighbourhood watch groups and volunteers to crack down on dangerous stretches of road. And they need to set up speed traps more often while adopting a more robust policy of prosecutions for speeding and dangerous driving.

## My Three Point Plan for Policing in our area

- 1 Community Policing** - Work with schools, parish councils, Neighbourhood Watch & the public.
- 2 Visible Policing** - Make the police more visible in DIVISION NAME to deter crime, improve security and make it easier to report problems.
- 3 Hi-Tech Policing** - Ensure that our front line police have the training and equipment they need - including drones, body cams and tasers.

## Combatting Rural Crime

Criminal gangs view rural areas as being a soft touch. Working with Peter Bedford I have developed a strategy to deal with rural crime.

- \* Deploy more visible policing to rural areas.
- \* Make sure the police respond to every crime.
- \* Fund and support crime prevention measures by parish councils and neighbourhood watch.
- \* Enforce new Trespass criminal legislation



## Join the Winning Team



Rupert Matthews has been working with our popular Conservative Member of Parliament, Dr Luke Evans, to lobby Prime Minister Boris Johnson to deliver on his pledge to increase the number of police in Leicestershire. Already 150 have been recruited and more are on the way. Join our winning team by Voting Conservative on Thursday 6 May for the PCC and for County Council.

# MATTHEWS, RUPERT



# Listening to Markfield, Desford & Thornton

incorporating Bagworth, Botcheston & Stanton

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Dear Resident,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well during these difficult times.

For the last four years it has been a privilege to have served as the Leicestershire County Councillor for Markfield, Desford, Bagworth & Thornton, Botcheston and Stanton under Bardon.

During this time, I have represented residents at **over 100 Parish Council meetings, 50 County Council meetings**, and fought for local residents on a range of issues including: **speeding, parking enforcement, school placements, noise nuisance, air quality and rural bus services** to name a few!

I care passionately about our area and because I live locally, I see first-hand the issues that affect residents and what needs to be done.

I hope that over the last four years I have shown that I have worked diligently on behalf of residents and have kept you informed via my newsletters, social media posts, as well as my regular updates in The Herald & The Graphic magazines.

I am proud of my achievements locally, some of which include:

- ✓ Preserving a rural bus service for Markfield & Stanton
- ✓ Supporting Free School dinners for kids in need during the holidays
- ✓ Fighting for residents against unsustainable developments in Desford, Bagworth & Thornton, Stanton and Markfield
- ✓ Obtaining grants from the Bardon Hill Community Fund for projects such as Markfield's Community Park, Mercenfeld Primary School, Stanton Primary School, Thornton Nature project, Bagworth Market and amenities, The walk to South Charnwood High School
- ✓ Securing the Double-Glazing scheme for residents of Shaw Lane, Markfield
- ✓ Development of the £1,000 Community Pub Scheme grant to support pubs through the crisis; such as those in Desford and Botcheston
- ✓ Securing £25k from Leicestershire County Councils' Community Fund for Covid Support groups across the villages

... as well as over **250 pieces of residents' casework** during the last four years!

I may be a politician, but I have always put local issues above party politics.

It is customary for politicians to miraculously turn up, just before an election, to ask for your vote; but I would hope that my work during the last four years demonstrates my ongoing commitment to you and our local community!

I very much hope that on **Thursday 6th May** you will lend me your support.

With best wishes,

*Peter*

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(incorporating Bagworth, Botcheston & Stanton)

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Campaigning to protect Markfield



Supporting residents of Stanton



Tackling traffic & parking issues in Thornton



Campaigning for more amenities in Bagworth



Fighting for anti-speeding measures in Desford

# BEDFORD



Conservatives

# VOTE EARLY AND SAFELY FROM HOME

Many people may be nervous to vote in person this year, so getting a postal vote enables you to vote early and safely from home. In light of the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic we encourage residents to register for a postal vote. You can get an application form from the gov.

uk website; but please get in touch if you need any help with applying for a postal vote.



## Conservatives in Government

The challenges inflicted by the Covid-19 Pandemic are on a scale never seen before in modern times. Conservatives in Government have taken difficult, but necessary steps to support workers and businesses through these tough times:

**1** WE HAVE INVESTED OVER **£280 BILLION** IN ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO GET OUR COUNTRY THROUGH CORONAVIRUS

**3** CUTTING STAMP DUTY SO EVERYONE BUYING A MAIN HOME UNDER £500,000 WILL PAY NOTHING



**4** £2 BILLION OF GREEN HOME GRANTS TO HELP MAKE HOMES MORE EFFICIENT AND CREATE LOCAL JOBS

**5** 50% VAT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES SUPPLIED BY THE TOURISM & HOSPITALITY SECTORS

**6** MORE THAN 500,000 VACCINATIONS CARRIED OUT IN ONE DAY

**7** We're providing a further **£700M** to help children in England catch up on learning lost due to the pandemic

1. Economic Support
2. Furlough Support
3. Cut Stamp Duty
4. Green Home Grants
5. VAT cut
6. Educational Support
7. The UK is leading the way with its vaccine rollout, by prioritising those that are most vulnerable, to ensure that we can return to normality as soon as possible.

## CONSERVATIVES LOCALLY

Conservatives locally have continued to deliver for residents despite huge financial challenges and the current emergency. Some of these successes include:

- ✓ Pledging to be Carbon Neutral by 2030; with huge strides already made such as replacing 68k streetlights with LEDs which has reduced energy bills by £1.7m per year and cut carbon emissions by 73%!
- ✓ Ensuring our 14 Recycling & Household Waste Sites remained open with the introduction of a booking system to support safety.
- ✓ Generating £7.1m from the Asset Investment Fund to support frontline services.

- ✓ £30m invested in specialist schools across the county to support children with special educational needs.
- ✓ Introduction of 14 Smart Libraries.
- ✓ £500k to support children and families in receipt of free school meals to ensure no child went hungry during the pandemic.
- ✓ Almost £4m to support our communities, including £1.5m supporting voluntary and third sector groups, a £750k Leicestershire Business Recovery fund and £130k supporting 130 rural pubs.
- ✓ Support for voluntary groups such as litter wombles that do so much to keep our environment clean and green!

### VOTE CONSERVATIVE ON THURSDAY 6TH MAY FOR...

- ✓ A cleaner, greener County
- ✓ Healthier and safer communities
- ✓ Extra investment in our environment and transport services
- ✓ Protecting vulnerable children and adults

## THANK YOU

Much of this support would not be possible without the dedication and service of our key workers, and volunteers on the ground. So, a big THANK YOU for all that you do!

## LISTENING TO AND WORKING FOR YOU!

Bluebell Inn Desford: Supporting local pubs, such as those in Desford & Botcheston, through the County Council's Community Pub Scheme.



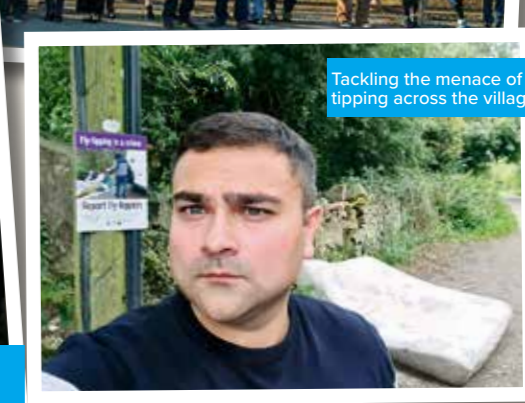
Fighting against greater number of HGVs through our villages.



South Charnwood School: Listening to concerns over the walk to South Charnwood High School and securing £15k of funding towards improvement measures.



Thornton Public Meeting: Working with The County Council, Borough Councillors, and Severn Trent for improvements to parking in and around Thornton Reservoir.



Tackling the menace of fly-tipping across the villages.



Bagworth Community Centre: Supporting community groups to help those in need through the pandemic.



Working for a cleaner, greener local environment.



Campaigning for greater support for local businesses.

## MY PLEDGES:

- ✓ Campaigning to secure an additional £10m to the Highways Budget to enable greater rollout of anti-speeding measures across the villages.
- ✓ Defend our villages against unsustainable development from speculative developers.
- ✓ A full review of Flood Authority response, and additional measures to reduce the impact of flooding on areas such as Botcheston.
- ✓ Work closely with \* fingers crossed \* a new Conservative Police & Crime Commissioner to ensure rural areas like ours receive our fair share (a greater share!) of Police time and attention.

