

Appendix A

Market Rasen Town Council – July 2022
County and District Councillor Report

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River Rase – Caistor Road Stretch Hills Mills Complex

It has been established that the Environmental Agency are responsible for the flow of water in the River. Once a year in the summer months they undertake clearance of the weeds etc. and carryout water quality checks. 3 or 4 times a year they check the bank for hogweed and spray accordingly.

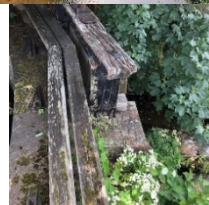
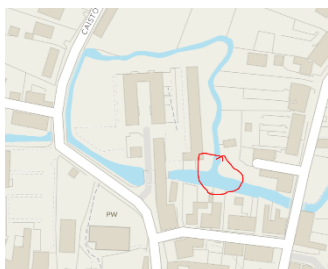
In Market Rasen, the channel opposite the Church [between the Mill and Caistor Road Bridge] is the only section where the weed impedes and stops the flow. This section of the channel has less water flowing through it - as a large proportion of the water is diverted around the Mill estate. This situation is not helped by a general lowering of the water table, brought about by climate warming, which has reduced the supply of ground water to the river.

Anglian Water and The Environment Agency have investigated the source of 'polluted' water entering the river by The Mill entrance. The conclusion is that the water is most likely to be surface run off from the sides of the roads and road side drains. When the river level and flow levels are low this water does not flush downstream, leaving a stagnant pond, that becomes stale and smells.

To help resolve the lack of flow in the channel it is suggested that the quantity of water in the river needs to be increased to a similar level as that under Waterloo Street Bridge and beyond Caistor Road Bridge, along the back of The Festival Hall. This would involve closing the sluice into the Bypass Channel and removing some of the rocks which were placed in the river bed, to divert the flow to under the Sluice. This will reduce the amount of water around the Mill, creating a negative impact on the aesthetics of the gardens. It may be that a compromise can be reached by opening and closing the sluice at regular intervals, to share the water between the two channels.

The Sluice belongs to The Mill and as is Grade 2 Listed.

I have been invited to the next Directors Meeting of the Mill Court Management Committee, to be held later this month, to discuss the way forward.



John Street Pavement.

Several residents have highlighted a kerb outside the Salvation Army Building, current drop kerb means that mobile scooter, push chair users etc. are directed across the entrance to the Coop car park. This is a high-risk situation as vehicles are frequently moving in and out of the car park.

It has been suggested that a new drop kerb is constructed around the corner at the end of the pavement which runs down the side of Sally's. Mobile scooters and push chair users would then exit into a space away from the flow of traffic – a much safer

problem with the drop John Street. The

route.

The overall safety of these users would be further improved by altering the designated pedestrian routes to the John Street Toilets and The Post Office. A meeting involving LCC Highways, Local Coop, WLDC and representatives of the Mobile Scooter/ Push Chair user's community needs to be called to discuss the proposals.



Rasen Area Environment Group

Rasen Area Environment Group is up and running. A constitution has been written and adopted. They are currently going through process of registration etc. In time we will be asked to officially appoint representatives to the group in the autumn.

The group held a successful Family Day on Saturday July 2nd. Members have suggested a similar event for the Autumn based on the theme of waste, reuse, recycling etc.

It is also actively looking at setting up a community garden, tree strategy and action plan.

Summer Programme – Families in Need

The churches, charity organisations, education settings along with individual 'interested' councillors are working on putting together a programme of hot food, activities and companionship for young people, and their families, defined as being in need. The programme will supplement the activities already being offered by The Library etc. – the exact details are still being finalised. The current proposal being to provide support on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Volunteer helpers in supervising activities, preparing and distributing food will be required. There is a meeting on Tuesday July 19th at 6pm at the Festival Hall for all who are interested in offering help.



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BY BEATRIX POTTER

Mill Road Park, Market Rasen
Tuesday 23rd August at 2:00pm

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Family Ticket (max 4 people): £46.00

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Peter Rabbit

Trinity Arts Centre is bringing an outdoors production of Peter Rabbit and Friends to Market Rasen on Tuesday August 23rd.

This is a commercial production which as you will see from the attached poster is not free or particularly cheap. I am working with local groups/companies on a scheme to help provide extra subsidies for the event.

The idea being to build the performance into the summer programme.

GP Surgery

I met with Tracey Dewhurst, Practice Manager, and Dr Weeks, Senior Partner, on June 28th. They explained that it is official NHS and

Government Policy to move towards **computerisation** and phone app services – like My GP. Surgeries are required to keep on a reception service [including phone] – where the receptionist will enter data on to the computer systems on behalf of the patient. This means that the elderly, vulnerable and non-key board users will not be denied a service.

Computerisation has certainly had a positive effect on the medical services offered to the public – think back 20 and 30 years!

The surgery has taken on a **third receptionist** to help speed up the phone service for the end user.

All Ask My GP and phone requests for an appointment are screened by a GP – who then decides on the appropriate action – with the intention of delivering a service on the same day. Unlike some surgeries Market Rasen has an excellent service for this. Market Rasen stayed open throughout the Pandemic is proof of this.

They recognised that the computer pages could be improved to make them more user friendly – they will be working on this.

The repeat prescription service offered by Boots was not working for everyone. A lot of complaints were being registered. Also blame was being attributed rather than working on streamlining/mending the service. It was therefore decided to terminate the arrangement.

Dr Weeks stressed that there is an active Patients' Consultative Group at the surgery. Concerns and issues reported to that group will always be considered by the Practice and Surgery.

The surgery is currently appropriately staffed with GPs etc.

We also discussed social prescribing and the level / quality of staffing at WLDC Sports Centre, Market Rasen. I have taken these matters further with the appropriate bodies.

Support Defibrillators – Heart Start Machines

Every minute without CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation] and defibrillation reduces the chances of survival for a heart attack patient. The NHS and Ambulances services are promoting '**The Circuit**' a National Registration scheme for outside defibrillators. 999 response teams will use the database to inform callers of the device locations and how to access them. Many of Lincolnshire's defibrillators are registered but not all. Parishes are asked to check that all external machines are registered. Details can be found at: www.thecircuit.uk

Good Homes Alliance

Lincolnshire County Council are exploring how they residents to repair and improve their homes. Including those that need to make adaptations, so they can live independently. To create a viable and effective scheme officers need to know what information and services residents need to access to make these improvements. Therefore, residents are invited to help provide this information by completing a short survey or sharing ideas on The Let's talk Lincolnshire Platform. Information can be recorded on a resident's own behalf or that of a relative/friend/neighbour.

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund

West Lindsey District Council have received a grant of £2.7million from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to spend on improving the district. [UKSP is the grant money made available by The Government to replace European Grants]. The exact schemes which will benefit from the fund have yet to be finalised. They will be based on the following themes: Crime, Fuel Poverty, Community Infrastructure for the young and elderly, access to broadband and education/training opportunities to develop the skills of local people.

UKSP schemes are in addition to projects covered by The Corporate Plan.

I will be working with local members to ensure that the UKSP projects benefit the whole district and not just the major urban areas.

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