

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM TREVOR CARTER

For the past 12 months the whole of the country has been under the cloud of Covid-19 and for many of us it life as we knew it became almost unrecognisable. Certainly my role as District Councillor was significantly affected by the inability to meet residents in need of assistance in person. Having to rely on phone calls and emails invariably made understanding of the need

and how it might be resolved, more complicated. However, despite Covid restrictions It has been possible to deal satisfactorily with the the majority of issues raised by residents.

Some of issues have involved shopping, either by helping to arrange on-line shopping, or seeking help from friends or neighbours to assist in various ways - collecting medication and so on. I have also been contacted by distant relatives of elderly or infirm residents to check that they are alright. I have been impressed by the way that local communities have sought to help in any way they can.

...On a wider front Covid does not appear to have reduced Fly-Tipping in our area. During the last 12 months on my weekly drive around the Ward I have found and reported 63 fly-tips of various sizes and content, another 20 have also been reported by residents - help which is greatly appreciated. Mu...

On a more positive note I have been able to support a number of applications for grants for improvements to Village Hall kitchens and other facilities, also improvements to Roofing, doorways, windows and flooring. Substantial grants have also been provided for improvements to play equipment.

Breckland Council as also maintained its ranking as the Local Authority with the lowest Council Tax in the country with the minimum rise for the coming year, as well as providing extensive grants to assist local businesses.

As your local councillor I have sought to assist parish councils and residents in any way possible and will continue to do so to the best of my ability and I thank you all for your continuing support. Stay Safe and Stay Well.

Trevor Carter

Breckland District Councillor for Hermitage Ward.