

# Your Local Conservatives

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# MySouthfields

## Southfields Park improvements



**Improvements to Southfields Park began in 2019 in order to bring it up to the same standard as other green spaces in the area.**

In the past few months, the park has received an extension to the popular skate park, a new and brighter entrance from Leicester Road, outdoor gym equipment, mini football posts and new lighting.

There has been a greater police presence to discourage drug-related crime and ASB, which had been a major blight on the park. We hope that once the lockdown measures are lifted the park can be enjoyed by everyone.

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*Paul Mercer and Ted Parton*



## Ted supports the budget at County Hall

Councils have to set a budget each year to show how we will raise money in order to fund the statutory services that we must provide.

- There has been a 20% rise in demand for vital services, such as adult social care and supporting children with special educational needs. Therefore, we will spend an extra £117 million on this in the next four years.
- We plan to invest £600 million on infrastructure over the next 4 years. This includes spending an additional £7 million maintaining roads, funding to dual the A512 towards the M1, creating 6,400 extra school places across the county and £16 million to tackle climate change.
- **We have not cut the funding of services to protect the most vulnerable people in Leicestershire.** These essential services such as looking after children in care are always ringfenced in the budget.
- Tackling coronavirus has cost the council over £60 million and we are calling on the Government to cover these additional costs in full.



## Bedford Square Gateway Project

A £1.9 million project has been approved by Charnwood Borough Council and the Loughborough Town Team.

The project will see wider pavements along Bedford Square and Wards End, as well as creating a new public space in Devonshire Square. At the same time there will be new signs, streetlights and benches to make that side of the town centre more attractive.

“Our key concern was keeping the short-stay parking in Bedford Square and Wards End, as this is vital to the many independent businesses in that area” said Ted. In the plans announced parking has been retained.



## Police launch ‘Neighbourhood Link’

There were almost 12% fewer crimes in Southfields ward in 2019 compared to 2018, and crime continued to fall in early 2020.

Paul and Ted will continue to work closely with the local police teams, led by Inspector Mark Botte.

You can join the new ‘Neighbourhood Link’ at [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk) to receive alerts from local officers. You can also report crime online at [www.leics.police.uk/reportcrime](http://www.leics.police.uk/reportcrime).

We are aware of ASB and criminality along True Lovers Walk and in the town centre. Police have increased their patrols in those areas and we are working together to thwart drug dealing in Southfields.



## Work on Mayfield House

Work is gradually progressing on Mayfield House and the site has now been cleared.

After numerous meetings, Ted and Paul have finally succeeded in getting the owner to start renovating the main property, which is gradually being converted into flats.



## Member grants

As part of the member grants scheme introduced in 2019, Paul has given his £1,000 to The Wellbeing Cafe Project.

“This money will pay for an instructor to run a new physical activity session each week and will make a real difference” explained Helen who runs the project.

Ted gave £500 to the Charnwood Food Project and £500 to the Friends of Queens Park.

