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Welcome

Climate Week takes place this month and we have planned a whole host of events across the district to help us lead a greener lifestyle and help reduce climate change through your actions.

The green agenda has always been important to the Council and we have strived to lead by example through our Green Footprints Challenge. So much importance is placed on this initiative, that we have made it one of our Council priorities for 2011/12.

We are pleased to announce that last month we won the Urban Design Group’s Public Sector Award 2011 for the Council’s ourplace scheme. This is a fantastic achievement representing our commitment to encouraging all developers in our district to produce new buildings and housing to a high design standard.

Earlier this year we also found out that the Hermitage Leisure Centre is now one of the top 30 on the country. Following an assessment last year, we were told that we were now rated ‘excellent’ – another great achievement.

And the regeneration of Coalville received a boost last month when we were able to approve the detailed planning application for the new Tesco store in the town centre, along with new retail units, accommodation, a tourist information centre, a new shop mobility centre and additional car parking. We are looking forward to work beginning on the site very soon.

Finally, as the District Council elections take place in May, I would like to take this opportunity to say what an honour it has been to lead this Council over the last four years.

District Council freezes Council Tax for the second year running

At February’s Council meeting, members agreed the budget for 2011/12, including a Council Tax freeze.

Council Leader, Councillor Richard Blunt explains: “As a council we are faced with a tough few years with dramatic cuts in our income and a need to tighten our belts even further.

“What we do not want to do is pass this on to the residents of our District. Where possible we aim to protect the services that are important to our residents and will look to other ways to find those savings.

“Because of this we will not be increasing Council Tax for the second year running. We believe by doing this it will help residents faced with increased costs from other sources, such as fuel and food.”

The is the fourth year residents of North West Leicestershire have enjoyed the lowest Council Tax increase in the County and Councillor Blunt intends this trend to continue.

He adds: “We are planning to freeze Council tax for a further four years.”

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