

District Report from Cllr. Joe Porter October 2026

Community Litter Pick

It was great to recently join Endon Guides for a community litter pick along Caldon Canal and help them complete their mission to find specific types of litter throughout our community. This is all part of teambuilding and helping learn new life skills. Thank you to everyone who turned out.

Community Defibrillators

I am working with AEDdonate and the Parish Council to get a few additional defibrillators installed in our community, especially in places where we currently have no provision nearby. This is thanks to very generous funding from the former First Responders team. More updates soon.

Local Government Reorganisation

There is currently a pause in place on Local Government Reorganisation. This means that the District Councils elections will go ahead in May 2027 and

the planned Unitary elections will be cancelled for now.

Leisure Centre Reopened

MyActive Leek (previously Brough Park Leisure Centre) has now reopened following the regeneration project. The Nicholson Institute Museum has moved back into the main building and is due for completion later in the year.

Missed Bin Collections

A lot of the issues with missed bin collections during the launch of the new Garden Waste Bin and food caddy services have been resolved. But if any residents experience any issues, then please visit <https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/bin-not-emptied> or call 0345 605 3010 to report. Any further issues can be reported directly to me at joe.porter@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk. I have directly held the Council to account over these issues at scrutiny panel meetings and will continue to do so.

Planning Matters

The last Planning Committee meeting was on Thursday 9th October. I have supported local residents with opposing the application for up to 55 dwellings on Breach Road, Brown Edge. I am more than happy to support any local residents with the planning process with any applications.

Community Fund

My Councillor's Community Initiative Fund is still open until January 2027. Please contact me if you want support with any community projects or support with applying for any grants.

Contact

If you need to contact me about any community issues or need my assistance with anything, then please email me at joe.porter@staffs Moorlands.gov.uk or on 07415 560944. I am not currently on social media so please contact me via email, text or over the phone.