

Hello again everyone and welcome to the latest instalment of Know Your District Council.

As always it has been a busy time recently here at Bassetlaw District Council, and a lot of hard work has been put in to make the district a better place to live.

Council officers have been working with community organisations across Bassetlaw that make up the Play Partnership to put together a £250,000 bid to the National Lottery.

Of course, this is a competitive process, and the money is by no means guaranteed, but if successful, it would see the money ploughed into play equipment and services for young people.

Although the Council has played its part in the bid, it has been a real team effort by the Play Partnership to really make a difference in the District. It is an example of partnership working at its best. Fingers crossed the bid is successful.

I know a lot has already been written about the floods earlier this year, but I wanted to take this opportunity to remind people that help is at hand for those who need it.

Bassetlaw District Council was given £250,000 by the Government to help the victims of the flooding. Officers from this Council acted swiftly to set up a panel of community figureheads to advise where the money should go, but there are still victims out there who have collected a form to apply for a grant but not yet returned it. Please let us have your forms back ASAP.

If you need any help filling it in, please get in touch with the Council on 01909 533157. Grants range from between £50-£1,000 and on average we award around £400.

And I want to end this column by mentioning that my Niece, the international Classical Soprano Michelle Todd will be performing on Sunday 30th September at the Chairman's Charity Concert.

Michelle lives in Canada but is coming over to this country to perform in this special event. Hopefully we will raise lots of money for the Chairman's Charities. The Chairman (Councillor Wendy Quigley) is trying to raise funds for Bassetlaw Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society. Ring 01909 533117 for more information.