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Hello again,

It has been a busy time since my last email newsletter. As you may have heard I was made a junior Minister of Health in last week's reshuffle and I have been settling into my new role.

I have had some very kind congratulations notably at Saturday's Hog Roast and Barn Dance organised by the Mayor of Broxtowe in support of her charities. Councillor Margaret Handley ensured a great turn out and it was particularly good to see and talk to Councillors from all parties in the crowd.

Finally, many congratulations to the organisers of the Stapleford Carnival who included warm dry weather in the festivities! It was a great afternoon which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Please scroll down for more details of my work as your MP in the last 10 days or so.

As ever,

Anna

Toton's Green Belt

I am anticipating an application soon from the developers of the Green Belt land in Toton to build hundreds of houses on the site and the developers have now leafleted homes throughout the area.

To be clear the land is at risk of development because Broxtowe Borough Council have accepted a housing target they don't have to accept and are putting forward Green Belt sites before brown field sites.

There has been much talk in the press about the Government's plans to stimulate house building; it's certainly my understanding that there are no plans to change our policy on the special status



afforded to Green Belt land.



Tramworks Update

Please click [here](#) to read the latest Tramwork News on my website, including the updated 'six-weekly works schedules' for Beeston and Chilwell.

There have been rumours that Chilwell Road will be closed early next year. NET assure me there is no truth in the rumour and that the proposal remains for a one way system to operate along the road when the main street works start.

I know there were considerable delays for many people in their journeys to work last week; how much was due to the schools returning and how much to tramworks we don't know; NET tell me they are looking into the problem. I am determined that constituents are not gravely inconvenienced on their everyday journeys to and from work!

Well done Attenborough Station

Attenborough station has reached national standards in station, passenger and staff security, and is now accredited under the Secure Stations Scheme.



Wildflower Mix!

I have seen a number of examples of how local authorities are using wild flower mixes (rather like the ones used in the Olympic Park) to brighten up roadsides and attract insects. A constituent has asked me to help the local bee population in particular - which has prompted me to write to Broxtowe Borough Council to ask if we can use wild flower seed on our verges.

Dates for your diary and surgery details

Wednesday 12th September:

Broxtowe Walk and Talk; Colliers Wood/Moorgreen

Meet at the Horse and Groom pub car park at 2pm for a one hour walk. More details on the Council's web site [click here](#).

Saturday 15th September:

Surgery

Greasley Parish Hall from 10am til noon.

Please call the office on 0115 9436507 to make an appointment..

Sunday 16th September:

Nottingham Rugby Club's Mini's Open Day

10:00am-11:30am

Boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 are invited to attend the free open day for the rugby club at Canalside, Meadow Road, Beeston Rylands, NG9 1JQ.

Wednesday 19th September:

Beeston and District History Society 40th Anniversary Celebration Chilwell

Memorial Hall at 7.15 pm with special guest speaker Sir Neil Cossons OBE.

Free to Society members - £2.50 for guests.

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th September:

Worlds biggest coffee morning

Nationwide event held in support of Macmillan at a number of venues in Broxtowe. Venues include: **Stapleford Community Group, Montrose Court, Stapleford, 28th September at 9.00am; The Nurseryman, Beeston, 28th September at 11.00am and Beeston Conservative Club, Station Road, Beeston, 27th September at 10.45am** . Please let me know if you would like me to publicise your group's coffee morning.

Out and About

Beeston Sea Scouts award

Congratulations to 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts who have been awarded £10,000 via "Awards for All" from the Big Lottery Fund. The funding will be used to build storage sheds, repair the onsite accommodation and improve the toilet facilities. Meaning the group's equipment can be stored securely and will improve the facilities for the beneficiaries.

Clayfields Winners

Young people at Clayfields Secure Childrens Home in Stapleford have been awarded a total of 13 awards as part of the Koestler awards, with 3 for creative written work, and 10 for art work. An impressive feat given the total number of entries submitted was 8,095. Well done to everyone.

Broxtowe CAB needs Friends!

Broxtowe's Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has formed a Friends of Citizens Advice Broxtowe. The aim is to raise funds and increase awareness of their work. As you may know I am considerable supporter of our excellent CAB which has offices in Beeston and Stapleford. Anyone interested in joining the Friends should call Sally Bestwick on 0115 917 3800, or e-mail manager@beeston.cabnet.org.uk.

The Queen's Volunteering Awards for 2012

Calling all community groups! The deadlines for both The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award are fast approaching.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service recognises the outstanding contribution made to local communities by groups of volunteers. Groups can self-nominate, and the nomination deadline for the 2013 awards is 30th September 2012.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award is a one-off award for this year which intends to reach out to national volunteering organisations which are not eligible for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and organisations that have worked specifically on providing volunteering support to the Olympic and Paralympic games.

Further details on eligibility and applications are available online at www.direct.gov.uk/qavs.



From Parliament The situation in The Gambia/ Community Hospitals

There has been considerable concern about the situation in the Gambia following an announcement from the President that prisoners sentenced to death would be executed after many years of not implementing its death penalty. This has all been very concerning in particular for one constituent whose husband is a political prisoner in the process of appealing a death sentence and conviction for treason. I've been working very closely with our excellent Foreign and Commonwealth Office team and asked a question last week on the subject (you can read the question and answer in Hansard by clicking [here](#)).

I made my first Ministerial speech on Community Hospitals last Thursday. It was somewhat nervous but got there! You can read the debate by clicking [here](#)

And finally...

It was a very pleasant surprise whilst watching Leicester Tigers on Saturday, to discover George Spencer Academy providing the half-time entertainment. I'll move swiftly on from the score but they managed to beat their opponents in the kicking competition! If anyone is interested I have some photographs of the occasion!

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