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Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." *David Aaronovitch, The Times*

"she has a record of unusually free speech" *Simon Carr, The Independent*

"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" *Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

Hello again,

I had a good visit to Nottingham Prison on Friday to see some of the improved facilities, especially in relation to the education and health needs of inmates. Despite working as a criminal barrister for fourteen years, before being elected in 2010, and visiting many a client in prison, I had never been in a cell before!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to the "Meet the Team" event in Kimberley and a particular welcome to new subscribers from Kimberley to this email newsletter.

as ever,

Anna

Nottingham City Council leader has change of heart

City Council leader Jon Collins has relented and agreed to meet me on Tuesday. We will discuss the need (in my view) to change the current Financial Assistance Package for businesses in Beeston to reflect the complete closure of High Road and Chilwell Road and compensate traders properly.

I also have a long list of residents' complaints about all manner of matters, including the need for higher fencing and better communication.

There is another very serious matter which I will raise concerning properties on Lower and Fletcher Road, which are subject to compulsory purchase orders. In fact it is more of an option on small plots of front gardens but the effect is very serious, namely that mortgage lenders will not lend, meaning they are almost impossible to sell. For some reason this has only recently come to light.

I am meeting residents on Lower, Fletcher and Albert after the meeting with Councillor Collins and I hope I will be able to give them some positive news.

Finally, full credit to Queens Road resident Alison Dobbs who has made terrific progress with the tram constructors to resolve a large number of residents' concerns.



Last weekend's Strelley Village public meeting

HS2 consultation opens

The public consultation on the HS2 route through Broxtowe has opened and closes in January.

Having attended last Saturday's meeting at Strelley Hall where villagers made their opposition to the route clear, I undertook to do a regular HS2 newsletter. It provides important information on the public consultation and planned exhibitions of the plans. I have written to HS2 asking for exhibitions in Trowell, Nuthall and Toton.

Meanwhile I support Strelley Villagers who want a full tunnel as opposed to the planned boxed tunnel outlined in HS2's preferred route.

Click [here](#) to read my HS2 newsletter and please let me know if you would like to subscribe to it.

City Hospital visit

I visited the City Hospital to see a variety of Departments, in particular the Stroke Unit, having met with a number of constituents concerned about the level of service.

Huge strides have been made over the years to get victims of strokes straight into specialised units, not Emergency Departments. As such, there's a good argument to have a new Stroke Unit at the QMC right next to A and E. The City unit have a great team of staff but it is clear their current accommodation is tight.



I also visited the Radiotherapy Unit and then went on to see a new project to assist frail elderly people coming in for surgery in the weeks before their operation.

The City Hospital has some of the most up to date Radiotherapy equipment in the country.

It is a new idea and appears to be very successful. The project was started thanks to funding by Nottingham Hospitals Charity. It was a pleasure to meet Barbara Cathcart who heads it up on the City site; Nottingham Hospitals is a longstanding charity raising millions of pounds to improve patient experience, whether it is artwork in seating areas through to the project I saw. If you would like to donate or help in any way please contact Barbara by clicking [here](#).

My mother worked in the NHS for 40 years as a radiographer and I am confident the equipment at the City Hospital would have "blown her away"!



Save our Green Belt - important information on how to have your say

The public inquiry into Broxtowe Borough Council's plans for development in the constituency opens at 10:00am on Tuesday 15th October until the Thursday or Friday. There will then be a break for half-term and the sessions will recommence on Tuesday 5th November- again they will run for the week, possibly onto Friday. The inquiry or 'hearings' will be held at Nottingham Central Methodist Mission, 22 Lower Parliament Street in Nottingham.

I plan to attend and speak at the relevant hearings. Information on how to take part is available on the Save our Green Belt page of my website (click [here](#) and then scroll to the bottom of the page to the attachments). Email me if it is quicker and easier!

I should add that written representations carry the same weight as representations made orally. All statements, for both oral and written representation matters, should be sent to the Programme Officer, Carmel Edwards, by 1pm on Thursday 19th September 2013. These can be sent to: Ms Carmel Edwards, C/O Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG or via e-mail to: programmeofficer@gngrowthpoint.com

Residents and shops hit by bus route merger

Nottingham City Transport's Number 13 bus will be merging with the number 14 from September 1st, leaving residents along the Queens Road East area without a return service into Beeston town centre. Residents will still be able to catch the Orange Line Number 36 into Beeston but I am told there is no bus back - not good if you have a load of shopping! So, bad news for residents and Beeston's shops which are already struggling because of the tram works.

I have complained to Nottingham City Transport and have also written to Cllr Kevin Greaves at the County Council; I will keep you informed of their responses.

Kimberley Butchers to close - Broxtowe agree to meet to discuss plans to secure the future of our towns.

Kimberley's family butchers, which has traded in the town for nearly six decades is set to close when owner, Michael Woodcock, retires, and brother Ronald moves to work at the butchers in Newthorpe.

This is another blow for Kimberley and will form part of my submission to Broxtowe Borough Council who have agreed to meet with me to discuss the future of our town centres.

The Government has already given £150,000 to help rejuvenate and regenerate Stapleford, Beeston, Kimberley and Eastwood and I am keen to know how the money is being spent. Boots have very kindly offered to provide top level advice and assistance, notably in Beeston, and I need to be sure Broxtowe is willing and able to turn around our towns.

Queen Elizabeth Park improvements

Tennis courts at Queen Elizabeth Park in Stapleford are to be resurfaced, the fencing will be replaced and disabled access will be installed after a £18,500 grant to Broxtowe Borough Council.

What's on in Broxtowe

Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 August

10:00 - 17:00

Montrose Court Stapleford

Fit for Fun

Fun sports activities funded by Broxtowe Borough Council for children aged 8 -11 contact Richard MacRae on 07740344427 to secure a place

Cost: Free

Friday 16 August

12:00 - 16:00

Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground

Stapleford Play Day

Broxtowe Borough Council are providing 4 summer play days, they are offering children the chance to have fun and get active during the summer holidays

Cost: Free

Saturday 17 August

10:30 - 12:30

Beeston Square

Live Music Entertainment

A range of live music in Beeston Square whilst you shop



And finally

Congratulations to Katy Adams who married Paul Riordan at St Helen's in Stapleford on Saturday. Katy worked in the constituency office and now teaches at George Spencer, where she and Paul were pupils.

Next Saturday sees another "office" wedding when my brilliant caseworker, Emma Martin, marries Benjamin Youd. They will be living in Beeston. Unfortunately, I am on holiday next Saturday so will miss Emma's big day.

I will send out a newsletter whilst I am away, but as you might imagine my family is "banning" me from too much work on our two week break!

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