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Working hard for Broxtowe

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Urgent meeting about dangerous cycle route

Hello again,

I have arranged an urgent meeting next Tuesday with senior executives from Tramlink and NET, the police and Broxtowe and Notts Council officials and Councillors. I am calling for urgent action to make Chilwell/High Road in Beeston safe for cyclists. The problem is that wheels are getting trapped in the tram tracks with serious consequences.

Since my last email newsletter I have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have contacted me about their cycling accidents along the road. Many experienced and responsible cyclists have suffered serious injuries through no fault of their own. The Beeston Cycling Club will not use the route and other cycling groups accept it is dangerous. A large number of accidents have gone unreported and we are keeping a full record of incidents brought to my attention.



The entire stretch of road has confusing signs. But doesn't warn cyclists of the dangers. Cyclists have told me the tracks are particularly dangerous when wet.



Like many others John didn't realise the danger by the tram stop. The pavement is raised and there is a very narrow space between it and the tram track. The double yellow lines create a further hazard.

Campaigning to make John's accident the last

I had a long meeting with Margaret Melia, wife of John Melia; John had the very serious cycling accident just before Christmas which attracted a lot of publicity. You may recall that having caught his front wheel in a tram track John ended up under a car.

John's injuries were so serious he was placed in a medically induced coma and it was heart breaking to hear from Margaret that she and their family feared he would not survive. John's injuries included two punctured lungs, all of his ribs on one side broken, five broken on the other side in two places, both arms were fractured, four lumbar cracks and a crack to the thorax. John was recently discharged from hospital after some six weeks. John Melia was a very fit man who loved his sport especially who cycling and golf. He was a very experienced and careful cyclist; I wish him a full recovery though it will take a long time. I am sure you will agree with me that we need to make the road safe for cyclists so his is the last accident.

Until speaking with Margaret Melia I hadn't appreciated just how remarkable a number of traders and passers by had been in helping John. Not only did they lift off the car to release him but



they looked after him until the ambulance arrived. A huge thank you to everyone at the QMC and especially the ambulance crew,

Have you been injured in a cycling accident involving the tram tracks?

I am holding a meeting of all those who have had an accident along this stretch of road on 26th February. Please do contact me if you have not already done so.

New White Bull update



I am sorry to report that the owners of The New White Bull in Newthorpe have won their appeal. Broxtowe Borough Council courageously refused planning permission to turn the popular pub into a Co-Op using new powers brought in by the last Government. The owners appealed the decision to the Inspector and were successful. This is a blow after a long campaign. The Inspectors findings need careful analysis so we can be sure the new legislation is working and what lessons can be learnt. Please be assured I will continue to do all I can to oppose the application and secure a sale to the neighbouring Blue Monkey Brewery.

White Hills Park Federation plans for new school



WHPF have announced plans to build a much needed new school on its Bramcote campus. As the plans involve selling land to build houses this is bound to be controversial. You can be assured I will represent all views to the school and any planning authority in due course.

[Read more on Bramcote Today >>>](#)

Save Kimberley Swimming Club

I am supporting Kimberley Swimming Club who face closure because of Broxtowe Borough Councils plans to run their own swimming lessons in the Leisure Centre. I have written to Broxtowe urging them not to impose the policy decided before Kimberley elected two Conservative Borough Councillors! Like all swimming clubs Kimberley is run by wonderful volunteers, has members of all ages and abilities and their demise would be a serious loss to our community.

Kimberley Primary School visit

I was delighted to be invited to visit Kimberley Primary School last week where I met the outstanding head teacher, Mrs Porter and the very impressive Junior Leadership Team. The pupils, who showed me around and gave me somewhat of a grilling in a question and answer session are clearly passionate about their school and I was delighted to receive such a warm welcome. I invited them to Westminster and like



many of our schools I very much hope they will take up the invitation and I can return their kind hospitality.

Vote on Thursday in Toton & Chilwell Meadows and Greasley

Thursday is polling day in Greasley and Toton & Chilwell Meadows. I am very happy to support Eddie Cubley (Greasley) and Stephanie Kerry (Toton & Chilwell Meadows). They will be excellent Borough Councillors and I very much hope you will vote for them if you can. Polls open at 7am until 10pm.

Bits and bobs

The Post Office on Central Avenue in Beeston is to be modernised. It will close on March 2nd for a refit and will offer longer hours and even better services when it reopens on the 11th. Meanwhile, I am delighted the post box on Larkfield Road in Nuthall had been repaired and is back in use. It was a pleasure to help get it sorted.

Work in Parliament



Parliament is now on recess for the half term, though I am only taking a short break next weekend.

I am in Brussels from Sunday to represent the UK at an important EU meeting to help our energy intensive industries. Later in the week I am in Kendall to support businesses severely affected by the winter floods.

This will be my fifth visit to a flood affected area and I am pleased to see that £11 million package of support for businesses is being put to good use. I was keen to get the money out to business in days and it seems to be working! I seem to have done quite a few debates in the last few weeks on a good variety of subjects including getting more youngsters to take up careers in engineering and science to cash retentions in the construction business.

[Read debates in Hansard >>>](#)



What's on in Broxtowe

Friday 12 February

Beeston and District Civic Society - Transport Meeting

7:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre for Young People, Beeston.

What's on: Transport discussion, full details [here](#).

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Barton's Quarter

4pm till 8pm

Where: 43 - 45 High Road, Chilwell, NG9 4AJ.

What's on: Drop in event where the plans and proposals for new homes and public realm facilities will be on display, you will also be able to meet the project team and ask questions.

Saturday 13 February

Beeston Wildlife Group - Walk

10am till 1pm

Where: Attenborough Nature reserve, NG9 6DY.

What's on: A free guided walk around the reserve, full details [here](#).

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Barton's Quarter

10am till 12:30pm

Where: 43 - 45 High Road, Chilwell, NG9 4AJ.

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Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Coffee morning - Attenborough

10am till 12 noon

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Attenborough Sewing Circle invite ty to their coffee morning in aid of Lincs. Notts. Air Ambulance.

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Chinese New Year Celebrations - Year of the Monkey

4pm till 6pm

Where: Beeston Square.

What's on: celebrate Chinese New Year with live performances including; lion dance, martial arts demo, contemporary and traditional dance, interactive stalls, firework display and much more.

Wednesday 17 February

Beeston and District Local History Society - Talk

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Ann Featherstone on "Sidney Race's Nottingham Nights".

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Bramcote Hills Community Association - AGM

7:30pm

Where: Grangewood Methodist Church.

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Mother Goose!

Where: Kimberley School Theatre, Newdigate Street, Kimberley, NG16 2NT.

What's on: Nottingham West Music and Dance Society will be running performances from Wednesday 17th through to Saturday 20th February. Full details [here](#).

Thursday 18 February

Toton and Chilwell Meadows and Greasley By Elections

Polls are open from 7am till 10pm

Where: All polling station locations can be found [here](#).

Friday 19 February - Sunday 21 February

Beeston Film Festival

7pm

Where: The White Lion Bar and Kitchen, Middle Street, Beeston.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

Saturday 20 February

Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

Wednesday 24 February

Stapleford Town Team Workshop

16pm till 8pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Cliffe Hill House, Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8AA.

What's on: Stapleford Town Team is inviting local businesses, Councillors and Landlords to a brainstorming workshop. The purpose of the session is to provide a forum where local stakeholders can all share ideas and work together to create a bright future for Stapleford.

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What's on: Full details [here](#).

Sunday 28 February

Fairtrade Fortnight Launch - Bramcote

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Where: St Michael's Church, Bramcote.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

Monday 29 February

Tony Harper Police and Crime Commissioner Candidate - Question Time

7pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Bramcote.

What's on: Come along and give your views and ask about the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Further details [here](#).

Tuesday 1 March

Trowell WI - Ladies Beetle Drive

7pm

Where: Trowell Parish Hall, Stapleford Road, NG9 3QA.

What's on: Come along and have some fun with Trowell WI, tickets cost £3.50 for non members, full details [here](#).

Saturday 5 March

Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Farmers Market - Stapleford

9am till 2pm

Where: Walter Parker Memorial Square, Derby Road, Stapleford.

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Bramcote Old Church Tower Quiz Night

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall.

What's on: £10 per person which includes food. Full details [here](#).

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Attenborough Quiz Evening

7:15pm

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Quiz night in aid of Christian Aid. Further details [here](#).

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WoW Bollywood Ball

7pm

Where: The Village Hotel, Chilwell.

What's on: Wellbeing of Women Nottingham Branch are holding their annual ball, this years theme is Bollywood. Full details [here](#).

Wednesday 9 March

Stapleford Jobs Fair

10am till 2pm

Where: The Meeting Place, 22-26 Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

Thursday 10 March

Village Ventures Production - Call Mr Robeson

7:30pm

Where: St Helen's Parish Church, Stapleford.

What's on: Please click [here](#) for full details on this production.

Friday 11 March

Fairtrade Fortnight - Bramcote

7:30pm

Where: St Michael's Church, Bramcote.

What's on: There will be a large selection of Traidcraft produce to purchase as well as star guest David Greenwood-Haigh, Professional Chef and Chocolatier. Please email fairtrade@bramcoteparishchurch.com for details.

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Beeston and District Civic Society - Meeting

7:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre.

What's on: Meeting with Nigel Adams of Hope Nottingham, full details [here](#).

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