



Anna Soubry MP
Working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,
I hope you are enjoying the summer - whatever the weather! I am away for two weeks tomorrow which means I won't be able to enjoy a large number of excellent events detailed in the diary section. It's been a very busy two weeks so this is a long newsletter!
as ever,
Anna

Tram all set to open (almost!)

It's eight months late, the works created chaos and brought suffering to residents, businesses and commuters but it's finally coming to an end. The new tram line to Toton Lane is set to open. Earlier this week a packed tram completed the test run from Toton Lane to Nottingham.



Taking the tram from outside my office on High Road and the view from the cab in Beeston. This Sunday sees more final works off Devonshire Avenue.



Eskdale Drive campaigners, Cllr Graham Harvey, Margaret Braham and Daryl Craske



Beeston resident and BBC Radio Nottingham's Notts County commentator Colin Slater, at Toton Lane celebrating a tram being named after him.

During the tram ride I raised a number pressing issues with NET. There is growing concern that there is inadequate fencing on Eskdale Drive near the schools (more details below). I am also very concerned that the Chilwell High Road stretch is dangerous to cyclists and have again asked NET to take urgent action to keep cyclists safe. I am having a formal meeting with the Chief Exec of NET about these and other issues.

Join the Eskdale Drive campaign and sign the petition on the Nottingham Post web site >>

Well done to all our sixth formers

Congratulations to all our schools on this years A level results though Kimberley haven't confirmed theirs to me yet. 80% of students at George Spencer got A*-C grades and their Top 10 pupils had a stunning set of A's and A*. Bramcote College are rightly "delighted" at their results which mark another year on year improvement. It's the same at Chilwell Comprehensive with another pupil all set for Cambridge University. All our schools report pupils getting great results to enter the world of work via jobs and apprenticeships.



Moto say yes to Shortwood shortcut

Moto who own Trowell services have to agree to support an application to allow HGVs from the proposed Shortwood open cast coal site directly on to the M1. I have shared their very helpful letter with UK Coal, Highways England and Notts County Councillors. I am urging all parties to work together to help mitigate the adverse effects of open cast coal mining on this stretch of our Green Belt. I will let you know of any response.

£20 million facility for youngsters with mental health problems

Notts Healthcare Trust shared their plans with me for a new 33 bed facility for young people with mental health problems. There will be three times as many beds than exist now and this £20 million investment represents the improvement in mental health services for youngsters that we need.

Beeston Canalside Heritage Centre on its way!

Congratulations to Beeston's Canalside Heritage Centre who have have secured over £850,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The work will now begin to restore the Lock Cottages and create a museum, gallery, cafe, cycle hire and even a fishing tackle shop! This is a fabulous scheme I have been proud to support. Huge credit goes to Stuart Craven who has worked so hard to secure the scheme and create a great team of volunteers to advance it.



DayGlo books especially good for dyslexics

It was a real pleasure to meet Gloria Morgan again and hear about her new venture - publishing books specifically for people with dyslexia. Gloria, you may recall organised a Book Festival in Kimberley a few years ago. We met in the Madhatters tea room where I was persuaded to buy her latest publication - Nygel Stevenson's autobiography "Memoirs of a Madhatter"!

[Visit the DayGlo book web site >>](#)

Beeston traders' meeting

My thanks to everyone who attended a meeting of some of Beeston's independent traders; we discussed a number of issues including tram work compensation, the role of the Borough Council and the future of the town. Making sure Beeston is able to take full advantage of the benefits promised by the tram must be a priority for us all. It was noticeable that the approach on the tram to the town centre from Toton Lane and the city reveals the rear of the Square, and this is something that needs addressing urgently. Pity the original plans didn't address this problem - another "lesson to be learnt"!



Kimberley Miners' Welfare Football Club Town meeting

I joined Kimberley Town and Borough Councillors for a meeting with Kimberley Miners' Welfare Football Club to discuss their plans for the future of the club. I believe we have a way forward so they can remain at the Stag ground and get a new and much needed Club House. I will keep you updated.

Jan champions Sherwin Island!

Bramcote Borough Councillor, Jan Gould has found some wannabe sponsors, got Highways England to sort out the current mess on the roundabout and has now secured a full review of the site. She and I met Highways England yesterday and they undertook to survey the roundabout with view to a new scheme to make it a fitting 'gateway' to Bramcote and indeed, Nottingham.

Kimberley set to get a new Co - Op?

Kimberley Borough Councillor, Mel Crow tells me the Co - Op has applied for planning permission to open a new store the former Golden Guinea on Maws Lane. If successful the new shop would employ 20-25 full and part time workers.



Green Flags all round!

Bramcote Sunken Church has won a Green Flag joining a number of wonderful open spaces in Broxtowe who have this prestigious award. Bramcote Hills Park. The Alexandrina Plantation and Sandy Lane open space have also been awarded Green Flags. The latter two are supported by [Friends of Bramcote Ridge](#) (check out their web site).

Cossall anti-social motor bikes

The police have agreed to take action to stop illegal motorbikes on and around Bennerley viaduct. I was contacted by a Cossall resident who like many others has been annoyed by this anti-social behaviour for a number of years. There will be an even bigger "thank you" to the North Broxtowe police when this long standing problem is stopped.



Fuchsia show in Attenborough

Congratulations to all the entries and especially the winners in this year's Fuchsia annual show in Attenborough. I was delighted and honoured to present the prizes. The Nottingham and Notts. Society is always looking for new members so please contact me if you would like to join.

With prize winner Keith Cocking

What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 15 August

Summer Party - Bramcote

10am till 2pm

Where: Bramcote Lane Shops.

What's on: BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Free Parking and much more.

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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: Come and help your local community allotment and learn new skills. Please click [here](#) to learn more about Dig In.

Sunday 16 August

Bramcote Old Church Tower Open Day

1pm till 4pm

Where: Moss Drive, Bramcote.

Monday 17 August

Summer Holiday Club at the Pearson Centre

9am till 4:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Beeston.

What's on: From Monday 3rd till Friday 28th August the Pearson Centre will be running a summer holiday club. please click [here](#) for further details.

Tuesday 18 August

Chilwell Play Day - Free activities for young children

Where: Inham Nook Recreation Ground.

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

Wednesday 19 August

Beeston & District Local History Society - meeting

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell.

What's on: The life and travels of Robert Bruce, further details [here](#).

Friday 21 August

Mothers' self help group for anxiety

10am till 12 noon

Where: Rumbletums Cafe, Kimberley.

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

Saturday 22 August

Stapleford Produce Show and Auction

1:30pm

Where: Conservative Club, Walter Parker V.C square, Stapleford.

What's on: Annual produce show and auction; there will be colorful displays of home grown produce as well as a raffle, treasure hunt, crafts, home made cakes and plant stalls.

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'I Love Beeston' Arts Trial

Where: Beeston Town Centre.

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

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Beeston Proms

7pm till 10pm

Where: Bandstand, Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground, Beeston.

What's on: Bring a picnic, rug or some seating and make the most of the evening of free live music and spectacular firework finale.

Tuesday 25 August

Bramcote and District Ladies Probus Club

10am

Where: New Stapleford Community Centre, Washington Drive, Stapleford.

What's on: Coffee morning and fund raising.

Wednesday 26 August

Attenborough Friendship Group coach trip - Belton Garden Centre

1pm till 6pm

Where: The coach will depart the village all at 1pm.

What's on: The cost is £6pp, please call Shirley on 115 922 1183.

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Summer Fete

10am till 12 noon

Where: Washington Drive, Stapleford, NG9 8PY.

What's on: Hosted by the Helpful Bureau in partnership with Early Years Playgroup. There will also be a raffle, tombola, hook a duck and much more.

Thursday 27 August

Stapleford WI

7:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

What's on: Stapleford WI meet every 4th Thursday of the month and have a varied programme of events throughout the year. Please email staplefordwi@outlook.com for more information.

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Autumn Years Activity Club

10am till 2pm

Where: St Helen's Church Hall, Frederick Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Resource centre for the over-60's full details of this weekly event [here](#).

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Tophouse Garden Party and Beer Festival

Where: The White Lion, Town Street, Bramcote, NG9 3HH.

What's on: Running from 27th to Monday 31st August, there will be 20+ beers and ciders including 10 for within 10 miles. + Live music acts on the Saturday and Sunday.

Friday 28 August

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Voluntary Action Broxtowe Garden Party and AGM

1pm till 3pm

Where: Orban House, 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston.

Saturday 29 August

Get your skates on Beeston

Where: Sandgate Park Beeston.

What's on: The Adam Cullen Skating Trust will be raising funds in order to become a registered charity. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Sunday 30 August
Family Fun day - Nuthall

1pm till 5pm

Where: Basil Russel Playing Field, Maple Drive, NG16 1EJ.

What's on: Free entertainment, including sports, bouncy castle, puppet shows, craft activities and displays by local groups.

Saturday 5 September
Stapleford Carnival

11:30am

Where: Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, NG9 8JJ.

What's on: Please click [here](#) for all the days events.

Thursday 10 September to Sunday 13 September
Heritage Open Days

There are many varied events taking place all over the Borough, please click [here](#) to see all the events.

Friday 11 September to Sunday 13 September
All Saints Church Strelley open days

10am till 5pm

Where: All Saints Chrch, Strelley Village.

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

Saturday 12 September
Beeston Celidh

7pm

Where: The Boat and Horses, Trent Road, Beeston Rylands.

What's on: Barn dance with Fred's Folk Band.

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