



News from Anna Soubry MP

working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again and a belated happy new year,

Like many constituents I was struck down by a nasty bug over Christmas. Unfortunately it returned with a vengeance on Wednesday so I was forced to miss an important debate in Parliament on the NHS. I am now on the mend. On Tuesday the Prime Minister will give a speech setting out her Brexit objectives. As I suspect you know I will honour the referendum vote and will vote to trigger A50. I want us to stay in the single market and I believe in the free movement of people - which is where the PM and I part company. I suspect most people are tiring of the Brexit debate - we all need to move on, come together and get the very best deal for everyone in the UK.

There's a lot of news and views so please read on.

With all good wishes as ever,

Anna

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[Broxtowe Borough Council's web site](#)



Unprecedented pressures on QMC A&E

There is no debate about this - the Emergency Department (what I still call A and E) at the QMC has had a record number of people attending, placing intolerable pressure on staff and unacceptable delays for patients.

In the nine days over Christmas leading up to January 2nd, admissions were almost double the normal average. At one time on January 2nd there were a record 180 people seeking treatment in A and E and there were 395 more admissions than discharges in the nine days. I raised the situation in Parliament and you can read my exchange with the Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, below

I am sure you will join me in thanking everyone working during this time at the QMC and City Hospitals and in A and E in particular.

A number of constituents have contacted me with details of appalling long waits for ambulances and then hours spent on trolleys in A and E at the QMC. One 91 year old constituent fell and broke her hip. The ambulance finally attended four hours after it was first called. The patient then had to wait a further three hours before being seen by a doctor at QMC and another three hours before being placed in a bed on a ward - by which time she had developed pneumonia. Her family cannot speak highly enough about the treatment she received but could not be clearer about the dreadful situation in A and E that day. No-one should have to suffer this sort of delay, especially our older fellow citizens.

The causes of what many see as a crisis in our NHS are as complex as the solutions. We are told up to a third of people who attend A and E should have gone elsewhere - to their GP or pharmacy for example. We know we have too many people who don't take enough responsibility for their health; we all have a duty to keep to keep our weight down and stay fit. It will curb, for example spiralling levels of obesity and diseases like Type 2 diabetes. We should be delighted that we are all living longer - from 2005 to 2015 the number of people living over 85 increased by 31%. But however fit and healthy we are, as we get older we become more frail and susceptible to conditions like dementia. We have serious problems of recruitment and retention in many parts of the NHS and we need short and **long** term fixes. And throughout the NHS there is agreement systems can be improved; by way of example the mother of a friend of mine was discharged by the doctor treating her at the QMC but it took 36 hours for her to return home.

There may well be a case that even with spending at record levels our NHS requires even more money. But simply throwing money at the NHS is not the long term sustainable solution we need to ensure no one else lies waiting hours and hours on a trolley with a fractured hip.

[<< Read my question to Jeremy Hunt >>](#)

Social Care needs new sustainable funding

Adult Social Care which looks after older people in particular, is provided by Nottinghamshire County Council and is funded from both national and local taxation. I fully support local Conservative County Councillors who this week criticised Governments of all persuasions for decades of underfunding. They called on cross party working to deliver long term sustainable funding for social care. In the meantime Notts Conservatives support a special 3% extra on our Council tax to help fund social care in our County.

Sadly, Labour County Councillors could not support these sensible and fair proposals. It is time we stopped playing party politics and worked together to improve these critically important public services.

GP services in Broxtowe

In the wake of the controversy that too many GP's are not providing a good enough service I've been taking a look at the opening times of Broxtowe's GP surgeries including the times when you can book to see a GP or get an emergency appointment. None offer weekend surgeries but they all appear to be working very hard and provide very good services - indeed some of our Broxtowe GP surgeries have been rated "outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission.

I also note that some of our GP's publish details of their income on their web sites.

The average pay for GPs working at Stapleford's Hickings Lane Medical Centre (rated outstanding by the CQC) was £74,400 before tax and National Insurance. This was for 1 full time GP and 2 part time GPs.

At Saxon Cross Surgery (also in Stapleford) the average was £33,791 before tax and national insurance. This was for 6 part time GPs.

I suspect I am not alone in taking the view our GP's deserve every penny they earn - I welcome your comments. I would also be grateful for your views of the service provided by your GP. Do you want longer surgery times and weekend appointments?

[<< learn more about GP services in Broxtowe >>](#)



Campaigners led by Councillors Eric Kerry and Joan Briggs were grateful for positive publicity in the Nottingham Post

Attenborough pedestrian rail crossings campaign update

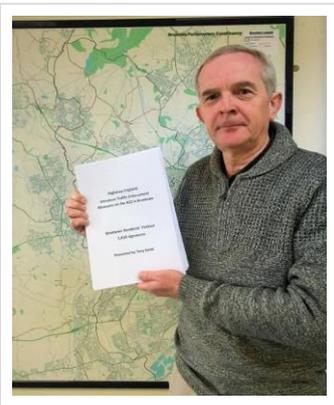
Thank you to everyone who has supported the campaign to keep the crossings open in Attenborough. Hundreds of people have emailed Network Rail explaining why they oppose their plans and my on line petition has over a thousand signatures. I will be meeting Network rail in the next few weeks. Attenborough resident and Councillor, Eric Kerry and campaigners have delivered a leaflet to residents in the village and surrounding areas.

I am also very grateful to a number of cycling and walking groups who have contacted me; I have urged them and all their members

to contact Network Rail. Please email your views to Network Rail on crne@networkrail.co.uk

<< [Sign the petition to save the crossings >>](#)

Network Rail wants to close the crossings and has suggested they are placed with bridges. There is considerable concern this hugely costly alternative will be dropped and the crossings will simply be closed. No-one objects to making the crossings even safer but with few exceptions no-one wants these hugely valued and important crossings to close. The consultation ends on January 25 and Network Rail is holding a drop in the Parish Hall on February 8 3pm and 7.30pm.



Tony Smith's petition will be presented to Parliament.

A52 speed review underway as petition gathers 1600 signatures

Bramcote resident Tony Smith has collected over 1600 signatures on a petition calling for speed calming measures on the A52. Tony started the petition after two people were killed last November on the section between Priory Island and the Bramcote roundabout. Local people have complained that the A52 is being used as a race track by some motorists.

Following my letter to Highways England they have announced a review of the A52 which will report at the end of March. In the meantime I will present Tony's petition in Parliament.

A grateful thanks to everyone in and around Bramcote who supported the petition - especially Councillors Martin Plackett and Jan Gould. Martin was particularly helped by a number of shops who put the petition on counters. 1600 signatures in just a few weeks is a remarkable achievement.



Helping Aldi come to Stapleford

I had a very positive meeting with Aldi on Friday about their plans to open a store in Stapleford. Everyone wants Aldi to open as soon as possible but there is delay because of a (perfectly reasonable in my opinion) requirement for them to deliver 10 new homes at the same time. I explained to Aldi the very real pressure Broxtowe Borough Council faces in delivering the previous administration's housing target and protecting our Green Belt. Broxtowe Borough Council reaffirmed their conditional planning permission this week which I know has frustrated a number of residents but I do believe it was the right decision. With some quick and clever thinking, Aldi can deliver both a great new store and 10 much needed homes. Time to get on with it!



Trowell residents urged to attend HS2 meeting

HS2 is holding a public 'drop in' at Trowell Parish Hall on Friday January 27th from 12pm until 8pm. I have written to residents in the village about the planned route along the M1 as it passes Trowell. There will be an extensive public consultation about the planned route which also affects parts of Stapleford, all of Strelley Village and parts of Nuthall. The Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, gave me an assurance that all views will be carefully considered and if necessary changes will be made to the route.

<< Transport Secretary promises full public consultation and route changes if necessary >>

HS2 have provided some good maps of the Trowell route Please contact me if you live in the village and would like one or if you have any questions or concerns about HS2.



Greasley Beauvale

It's always a pleasure to visit schools in the constituency and none more so than Greasley Beauvale. Their excellent pupil Parliament gave me a suitable grilling. I was particularly impressed to hear details of how pupils are encouraged to care and support each other and get involved in the local community.

I also took the opportunity to have a catch up with the excellent Head, Donna Chambers. Donna made the news last month after receiving considerable praise from the former Chief Inspector of Schools for her system to encourage parents and carers to get involved with their child's education. The scheme grades parents and has been operating since 2011. It has been a great success with the school now being graded good and hardly any families not involved with the school. Donna is indeed in Ofsted's words, "inspirational".



Legal Aid and questioning victims in family cases

There is all party concern that victims of domestic abuse are routinely being questioned by their abusers in family proceedings. I had such a case and my constituent was time barred from having Legal Aid. That rule has now changed but there remains a problem that too many people are representing themselves. I raised the matter in Parliament this week.

[<< My question to the Justice Minister >>](#)

Chinese New Year celebrations

Like many people I was very disappointed to learn that the Chinese New Year celebrations in Beeston have been cancelled. The decision was taken by Council officials not Councillors which is concerning. Broxtowe Borough Council has changed how Leisure iServices are organised in order to save money. Contrary to some social media reports it has not been privatised. As regular readers know

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I was concerned about the Christmas Celebrations notably in Stapleford but also Beeston. I have spoken to the leader of Broxtowe Borough Council Richard Jackson and he assures me, residents and community organisations will have a greater say and a bigger role in these type of events in the future.

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Barton's plans for 250 homes

I am pleased that my landlord (Simon Barton) has submitted plans to develop the brownfield site at the back of my office in Beeston. I have no doubt 250 new homes on a brown field site are to be hugely welcome!

[<< Read more in the Nottingham Post >>](#)

What's on in Broxtowe

Monday 16 January

Beeston Mens Probus Club

10am

Where: Beeston Methodist Church.

What's on: Social Club for retired men.

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Lunch and Board Games - Toton

12 noon till 3pm

Where: Toton Methodist Church, Stapleford Lane, Toton.

What's on: For those home alone or feeling alone, come along and enjoy a simple lunch followed by the opportunity to play a few board games. Full details [here](#).

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Bramcote History Group

7:40pm

Where: St Michael's Church, Bramcote.

What's on: Varied programme of talks and events, full details [here](#).

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Beeston Players - Meeting

7:30pm

Where: Christ Church Chilwell.

What's on: Friendly local amateur dramatic group weekly meeting, all welcome. Further details [here](#).

Tuesday 17 January

Coffee Morning - Attenborough

10:30am till 12 noon

Where: St Mary's Church, Attenborough.

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Friendship Club - Beeston

2:30pm

Where: Hope House, Boundary Road, Beeston.

What's on: Please contact Barbara on 0115 917 5624 for further details.

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Social Badminton Group - Greasley

5pm till 7pm

Where: Greasley Sports and Community Centre, Dovecote Road, Newthorpe, NG16 3QN.

What's on: The community badminton sessions are run every Tuesday and are for all ages and abilities. For further details please call the centre on 01773 760072.

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Beeston Business Network

6pm till 8pm

Where: The White Lion, Middle Street, Beeston.

What's on: Networking group for businesses

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Notts - Derby Hemlockstone Lions Club

8pm

Where: Upstairs Room, Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane, Beeston.

What's on: Have fun raising money for charities and good causes, full details [here](#).

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Wednesday 18 January

Beeston Wednesday Market

8am till 4pm

Where: Beeston Square.

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Nottinghamshire Carers Hub - Toton

10am till 12 noon

Where: Tesco Toton Community Room.

What's on: The support group runs every 3rd Wednesday of each month and provides support and assistance. Further details [here](#).

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Attenborough and Chilwell Womens Club

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Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Wide variety of activities; quizzes, outings, demonstrations and speakers.

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Beeston Cycle Centre Guided Ride

10am till 1pm

Where: Hetley Pearson Recreation Ground Pavilion, Queens Road West, Beeston, NG9 1GT.

What's on: Free guided ride that takes place every Wednesday. Please call Ridewise on 0115 955 2288 for further details.

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Wednesday mornings with Dig In Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Full details of this weekly event [here](#).

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Hope Computer Club - Beeston

1:30pm till 3:30pm

Where: Hope House, Boundary Road, Beeston.

What's on: For further details of this weekly event please call Michael on 0303 040 1110.

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Kimberley Pensioners Association

1:30pm till 3pm

Where: Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley.

What's on: Weekly event with bingo, dancing, entertainers etc. Cost is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. For further details please contact Anna on 0115 938 5362.

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Craft and Laugh - Stapleford

6pm till 9pm

Where: Kitty's Handmade, 210 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Come along to the weekly craft and laugh sessions, where you will run your own project and also a mini project. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits, cost is £5.

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Chinese painting - Toton

7:15pm till 9:15pm

Where: Tesco Toton Community Room.

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

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Beeston and District Local History Society - Meeting

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: Varied programme of talks each month. Robert Mee will give a talk on Nottinghamshire Castles. Full details [here](#).

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Knit, Stitch and Natter - Stapleford

7pm till 9pm

Where: Two for Tea, 92 Derby Road, Stapleford, NG9 7AD

What's on: A place where needlecrafters can meet on a weekly basis, share their projects and learn from each other.

Thursday 19 January

Hemlock Garden Club - Bramcote

7:30pm

Where: Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote.

What's on: Monthly meeting, new members welcome. For further details please click [here](#).

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Toton Over 50s Club

2pm

Where: Greenwood Centre, Chester Green (off Banks Road), Beeston.

What's on: Talks, quizzes, walks and crafts, new members are most welcome.

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Two O'Clock Club - Beeston

2pm till 4pm

Where: Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell Road, Beeston.

What's on: Varied programme of outings and talks. For further details please call 0115 925 9199.

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Beeston Camera Club

7:30pm

Where: Beeston British Legion Club, 16 Hall Croft, NG9 1EL.

What's on: The Camera Club meet on a weekly basis, for further details please click [here](#).

Friday 20 January

Knit and Natter - Stapleford

10:30am till 12:30pm

Where: Kitty's Handmade, 210 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Knit and natter session held on a weekly basis. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits cost is £3.50 per person.

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New Horizons Over 50s Club - Chilwell

2:30pm

Where: Grove Court, Chilwell.

What's on: Regular outings and entertainment, come along and join in with tea and cake. for further details please call Anne Hunt on 0115 837 4529.

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Strelley Village Panto - Robin Hood

7:30pm

Where: St Johns's Hall, Graylands Road, Bilborough, NG8 4FD.

What's on: For further details please click [here](#).

Saturday 21 January

Stapleford Cycle Centre - Training and Guided Ride

9am till 12 noon

Where: Hickings Lane Recreation Ground Pavilion, Stapleford.

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Monday 23 January

Kimberley Death Cafe

7pm till 9pm

Where: Rumbletums, Kimberley.

What's on: The Death Cafe offers the opportunity for a full, frank and friendly discussion on any aspect of death or dying.

Tuesday 24 January

Bramcote and District Ladies' Probus Club

10am

Where: New Stapleford Community Centre, Washington Drive, Stapleford, NG9 8PY.

What's on: The music halls of Nottingham by Trevor Lee. If you are interested in joining the club please email bramcotelprobus@gmail.com or just turn up at any of the meetings.

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Rumbletums Parents' and Carers' Group - Kimberley

10am till 11:30am

Where: Rumbletums Cafe, Kimberley.

What's on: Networking, information and mutual support for parents and carers of children, young people and young adults with learning disabilities. The group meets the last Wednesday of every month.

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Where: Middle Street Resource Centre, Beeston.

What's on: Safe and friendly venue for folk with dementia and those who support them to meet other people in a similar situation.

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Holocaust Memorial Day

11am

Where: The Walled Garden, Bramcote Hills Park, Ilkeston Road, Bramcote, NG9 3JT.

What's on: Event to remember those affected by the crimes against humanity committed during the Holocaust and in subsequent atrocities throughout the world.

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What's on: Details of the plans and how you can have your say.

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