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Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

The Scottish referendum has dominated the news and I suspect like you, I am very pleased the majority voted to stay as part of the United Kingdom. It has been a busy week and I have a real mix of good news, events and some bad news about Wednesday evening's vote by Broxtowe Borough Council to allow thousands of houses on our Green Belt land. So I hope you will read on!

As ever,
Anna

Broxtowe's Citizens Advice Bureau's 40th Birthday celebrations

It was a real pleasure to attend Broxtowe CAB's 40th Birthday Party at Swancar House near Trowell. I reckon our CAB is one of the best in the country thanks to the outstanding team of volunteers and the excellent efforts of their leader, Sue Maslowska who has an outstanding ability to seek out pots of money and deliver a first class service. We work well together and I am proud to help them in any way I can.



Kingsbridge Way meeting

I met County Councillor Muriel Weisz and her officials today to discuss the planned closure of Kingsbridge Way's respite services. The County Council will not change their mind but that aside, it

was a very good meeting which I will discuss with carers.



Flooding matters in Newthorpe and Trowell

Residents fed up with years of flooding had the opportunity to express their views to Nottinghamshire County Council and Severn Trent in Newthorpe and at Boundary Brook, Trowell.

I was pleased that local County and Borough Councillors also took up my invitation and my thanks to everyone who attended.

In Newthorpe, a relatively new development has added to a longstanding flooding problem. It really is unacceptable that the developers appear to have failed to provide adequate water drainage and management, something I will try to rectify. I am bound to say that it is surprising Broxtowe Borough Council didn't ensure this aspect of the development was properly planned.



Boundary Brook in Trowell has been causing serious flooding problems for over 14 years. Residents are due to see the work they desperately need, but not for another 6 years! I have undertaken to see if the works can be speeded up!

Toton and Stapleford lose their Green Belt

Broxtowe Borough Council has voted to allow thousands of houses to be built on our Green Belt land. Top of their list is Field Farm at Stapleford (for which they have already granted planning permission) and the Green Belt land at Toton. This flies in the face of Government policy which is that Green Belt land should not be developed save for "exceptional circumstances".



I greatly fear the decision to allow a minimum of 500 houses at Toton will have an adverse affect on plans to site the HS2 East Midlands hub at the Sidings. HS2 is as much about economic growth and improving transport connectivity, as it is about faster trains to London and Leeds. It is not about hundreds of houses.

Meanwhile, the Council claims to be pushing brown field sites, but they have failed to explain these sites are, in fact, taking second place to development on our Green Belt, and are not part of our five year land supply.

Wednesday evening's meeting was not a good experience. Three Labour Councillors were on holiday including Councillor Steve Barber who has championed the Council's plans. Lib Dem Councillor David Watts said we would lose "only 2%" of our Green Belt, when in fact it is 100% of what is left of Toton and Stapleford's Green Belt. The vote fell on party lines though all claimed not to be whipped, with Labour and Lib Dem Councillors voting in favour of the plan and only Conservative Councillors voting against it.

Broxtowe's plans were drawn up in collaboration with Nottingham City and Gedling Councils and all three will be the subject of a legal challenge from a group of Parish Councils in Rushcliffe and Gedling.

Having fought Broxtowe's plans since 2007 I am obviously very disappointed by the decision. I have held two debates in Parliament, numerous public meetings and meetings with and letters to Ministers, including a trip by one to the constituency. There have been some successes; thanks to some great residents and their Conservative Councillors we managed to see off the threat to the Green Belt in Greasley and Nuthall.

I sense a widespread distrust of politicians and the political process. My experience of trying to defend our Green Belt from housing development has done little to arm me with the tools to convince the cynical that they are wrong. Having failed locally to persuade Broxtowe to do the right thing and given they have defied stated Government policy, you would expect me to be able to go to Government and ask them to intervene and protect our Green Belt. I have tried and without success which makes me as frustrated as you. But I can assure you I will continue my campaign at the highest level.

If you would like to join the campaign to save our Green Belt please click [here](#) or send me an email on anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk

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BROXTOWE'S
GREENBELT**



High Road from my constituency office this afternoon

Rant On!

Constituents fed up with the tram works have created a Tram Ranting Room on Facebook and I have taken up a number of their complaints.

The language and some of the comments might offend but the Tram Ranting Room provides information, is creating a community forum and at times, some hilarious comments. There is also a Broxtowe Borough Council Ranting Room which is gaining a following. Membership of both groups is not automatic, especially after moderators claimed Labour party supporters had infiltrated using false names!

[Click here to join the Tram Ranting Room on Facebook...](#)

[Click here to join the Broxtowe Borough Council Ranting Room on Facebook...](#)

Heritage Open Day success

Last weekend's Heritage events throughout Beeston and in parts of Chilwell and Toton were a great success; congratulations to all the various organisations who took part. I particularly enjoyed the women Morris dancers at the Boat and Horses Pub in the Rylands. The dancers were part of a day long celebration which raised well over £1000 for

the Canalside Heritage Centre project.



Community champion wins Prime Minister's award

Well done Stapleford community champion, Richard MacRae who has won the Prime Minister's "Point of Light" award for his work in organising jobs fairs in Stapleford. More than 200 people have found work because of Richard's efforts. You can read more on the Stapleford Community Group's web site by clicking [here](#).

Bramcote Hills Golf Course Tidy up

I am pleased to report that the entrance to Bramcote Hills Golf Course is finally being tidied up. I complained to Broxtowe Borough Council and asked if they could assist, which they have done. The owners have been contacted and have agreed to maintain their property.



Poppies in the moat

As part of the Invictus Games I joined Government Ministers and senior military personnel from participating countries, who planted ceramic poppies in the moat at the Tower of London. This incredible memorial commemorates every British and Commonwealth serviceman who died in the First World War; 888,246 poppies will have been planted by Remembrance Sunday. It was a great honour to plant a poppy as the UK Veterans Minister. You can buy a poppy which will be delivered sometime in the New Year. For more details please click [here](#) for the Royal British Legion web site.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

This weekend

Beeston Food and Drink Weekend

What's on: A weekend celebrating all of Beeston's food and drink establishments, street food market, farmers market, street entertainment and much more. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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Vintage Tea Parlour

10am till 4pm

Where: Oban House, 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston.

What's on: Homemade cakes, afternoon tea, toasties and much more.

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Saturday 20 September

Surgery

10am -12pm
Beeston Library

Readers Network Event

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Where: Beeston Library.

What's on: For anyone who likes reading and talking about books; fiction, nonfiction and poetry. There will be a poetry theme this time, so please bring a poem about a tree - this is optional, there is also the opportunity to swap a poetry book. The Vintage Pop Up Cafe will also feature. Any question please contact beestonreaders@gmail.com.

Wednesday 24 September

MacMillan Coffee Morning

10 am - 12 am

St.Barnabas Church, Inham Road, Chilwell..

Cabaret Show - Paul Tayler's Swing Thing

8pm

Where: Boat & Horses, Trent Road, Beeston Rylands.

What's on: Music from the 60's, 70's and 80's; providing a social evening for people to meet and enjoy the shows. Cost is £5 on the door.

Nuthall and Kimberley Memory Group

10:15 till 12 noon

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley

What's on: Self-help group meeting to offer support to dementia sufferers and their carers.

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Friday 26 September

Country Market

7:30am - 11:45am

Where: Wollaton Road Methodist Church, Beeston.

What's on: The market takes place every Friday morning, everything is home grown, home baked and hand crafted.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

10am - 12 noon

Where: Hickings Lane Surgery

10.30 - 12 noon

Where: Beeston Conservative Club, Station Rd, Beeston

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Monday 29 September and every Monday in October

Tea for Two

10am and 1pm

Where: Voluntary Action Broxtowe Oban House, 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston.

What's on: Everyone is welcome but places must be pre booked. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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Friday 3 October

Forever Stars Gala Dinner

7pm

Where: East Midlands Conference Centre.

What's on: Event in aid of Beeston based charity Forever Stars Charity. Tickets are £45pp, for more information please email richard.daniels@mac.com. All proceeds to help build facilities for parents at the QMC who have suffered a still birth.

Sunday 5 October

Kimberley and District Striders 10K Goose Fair Gallop

10am

Where: Race starts at Kimberley leisure Centre.

What's on: The event involves a 10 Kilometre run along roads, bridle ways and path ways. For full details please click [here](#).

Wednesday 8 October

Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

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

What's on: Dig In is Stapleford's community allotment, where people from different ages and backgrounds come together to share skills, knowledge and experience of food growing.

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Blue Plaque Unveiling - Beeston Station

11:30am

Where: The Victoria on Dovecote Lane, under the awning.

What's on: Sir Neil Cossons, former Chairman of English Heritage and a Senior Staff member of East Midlands Trains will unveil the Plaque. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Friday 10 October

World Sight Day - Notts - Derby Hemlockstone Lions Club

10am till 4pm

Where: Stapleford Care Centre, Church Street.

What's on: Celebrating Lions Sight Awareness Week, in trying to prevent sight loss and helping those people with sight loss and impaired vision. They are hoping to attract companies, charities and people involved with sight problems along to the event as well as the general public.

Saturday 11 October

Autumn Fair - Attenborough and Chilwell Women's Club

10am till 12 noon

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Autumn Fair where proceeds go to local charities, there will be stalls, refreshments, raffle, tombola and much more.

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Classical Oxjam

7pm

Where: Beeston Parish Church.

What's on:

A varied evening of Classical music. Please click [here](#) for full details.

Saturday 18 October

Friends of Bramcote Old Church Tower - Quiz Night

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall.

What's on: Quiz Night, tickets are £10pp which includes a jacket potato with fillings, tea and coffee. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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