



## News from Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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Congratulations to Ginny Hartman for the Beeston event, Richard Macrae for the Stapleford party and everyone else who organised or joined Great Get Togethers to mark the life and ideals of the murdered MP, Jo Cox (Beeston photos taken by Sal Owens)

Hello again,

It's just over a year since Jo Cox was murdered by an extreme right wing terrorist. Within days of many of us gathering to celebrate Jo's belief that "we have more in common than that which divides us", there was another hate filled attack in London. This time the target were Muslims and it seems the attacker was motivated by a hatred of Islam, no doubt based on ignorance and intolerance.

As we basked in the weekend sunshine at Great Get Togethers, it was also a time to reflect on where we are as a society - as a country. The last twelve months have indeed been momentous, but I am far from convinced we have emerged a better, more united people. Indeed, I believe we are more divided and the language of hate permeates through too much of British life.

During the election campaign I was supported by More United - a group which is campaigning for more tolerance, a fairer economy, stronger democracy, environmental protection and openness. Candidates from all parties gained their support and many of us were successfully elected into Parliament.

After Jo Cox was murdered, I wrote and spoke about the need for all of us involved in politics to "re set the dial" and curb our political language, I had some success but only for a matter of weeks.

As your MP, I get quite a lot of abuse and from most quarters! Much doesn't trouble me, though it is unpleasant, but there is a level from the far right and hard left that is not acceptable and which I am not going to tolerate. I am also not going to tolerate their attempts to stifle debate and democracy either locally or nationally. It's an uncomfortable truth, but there are Conservative members in Broxtowe who refuse to stand for election because they fear abuse (especially on line) from their neighbours - and it's a particular problem in Beeston. We are all under a duty to stand up to these bullies.

There were no real winners in the General Election. The Conservatives lost their majority winning 318 seats. Labour gained seats but at 262 still 56 behind and the Libs Dems made modest gains, now having 12 MPs.

I think the overwhelming majority of people have had enough of elections for the time being. They want their elected representatives to "get on with it". And by "it" they mean governing - whether it's the Brexit negotiations, providing economic stability and growth so there's more money for our public services or making sure everyone can sleep safely in their own bed at night. We all need to remember that most politicians share common goals based on our desire to make everyone's lives better - what we disagree about is how to achieve what we all want.

As ever,

Anna



[Click here](#) >> for more information from Broxtowe Borough Council for tenants about smoke detectors, fire alarms and the regular gas and fire assessment checks they make to all their properties.

## Grenfell Tower Fire disaster; Broxtowe asked for extra assurances.

Following the terrible disaster at the Grenfell Tower in London Broxtowe Borough Council has reassured tenants throughout the constituency that none of their buildings have the same cladding used on the Grenfell Tower and that any cladding is fixed without any void to buildings. We don't have any high rise buildings in Broxtowe - that is, none over 18 metres high.

I have asked Broxtowe Borough Council for details of their contingency plans to assist survivors in the event of a similar local emergency. Yesterday, the Prime Minister apologised for the unacceptably poor response from local and national Government to the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Important lessons can be immediately learnt and implemented, not only to change existing fire regulations but also improvements to how Councils and other agencies make sure victims of such devastating and traumatic incidents are immediately supported and rehoused.



## Armed Forces week

I joined our Mayor Halimah Khaled and veterans at the flag raising ceremony on Monday in Beeston, to mark the start of Armed Forces week. There will be a Freedom Parade through Stapleford on Saturday from 11am (details in the diary section) and I hope as many people as possible will gather to thank our Armed Forces and their families past and present, for their service.



## Queen's Speech dominated by Brexit

Yesterday's Queen Speech revealed that Parliament will be dominated by Brexit legislation in the next two years. Some 8 Brexit related Bills will be introduced and one of the most important (the so called Great Repeal Bill) will put all existing EU law into British law notably safeguarding workers rights and environmental protection.

I am pleased to see there are no plans for a free vote on changing the Hunting Act and the manifesto commitments on grammar schools appear to have been binned as well. The Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill may at first blush sound rather dull, in fact it will help escalate sales of electric vehicles in particular. I will also pay particular attention to the Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill which is set to make some important changes to the existing law in a much needed effort to eradicate this long standing problem.

[<< Read the Queen's Speech here >>](#)

### Redwood Crescent result!

Congratulations to residents on Redwood Crescent in Beeston who have persuaded Broxtowe Borough Council to listen to their views on the future of their community land. I have been keen to support the residents - we agreed some housing was acceptable as long as the remaining community land was greatly improved (I also want better parking in the area). Well done Broxtowe Councillors for listening and a new scheme will now be worked on.

### Hindhu Temple improvements get go ahead

I am also very pleased that Broxtowe Borough Council has agreed plans to improve the facade of the Hindhu Temple in Beeston Rylands.

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### What's on in Broxtowe

**Saturday 24th June**

To mark **Armed Forces Day** there will be a Freedom of Entry Parade in **Stapleford** at **11am**. Soldiers from 170 (Infrastructure Support) Engineer Group, stationed at Chetwynd Barracks, will march through the town to exercise their freedom of entry to the Borough of Broxtowe. Please come along and thank our troops for all they do to keep us safe.



## Sunday 25th June

### Toton, Chilwell Meadows, neighbouring parts of Chilwell

Neighbourhood Forum update. 5pm Village Hotel Vibe. All welcome

### Bramcote

St Michael and all Angels Church Bramcote 'Winnie the Pooh Afternoon Tea. 4.30 pm. Readings and a posh tea, including honey cakes! £5 per head.

## Monday 26th June

### Nuthall

#### Monday Munch Club

Temple Centre, Nottingham Rd, Nuthall

12 for a 12.30pm lunch!

£4.50 a head 2 course meal. Make new friends and catch up with old ones!

## Wednesday 28 June

### Wednesday mornings with Dig In Stapleford

10am till 12 noon. Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford Full details [here](#).

## Saturday 1 July

Broxtowe Community Celebration from 1pm, Roundhill Primary School, Foster Avenue, Beeston

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Steve & Penny Benford (Celtic tunes)  
Lucia Holmes • Colin Tucker  
(Singer-songwriters)

Doors 7.30pm  
Music from 8pm-10.45pm  
Venue: Middle St. Resource Centre,  
Middle St., Beeston NG9 2AR



Tickets £6 from:  
• Oxjam Books & Music, Beeston  
• Middle St. Resource Centre, Beeston  
• [www.wegotickets.com/event/398934](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/398934) (+ 60p booking fee)

Licensed bar • Food available  
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 **OXJAM BEESTON MUSIC FESTIVAL**

## Saturday 8 July



**BEESTON CARNIVAL**

*Saturday 8th July*

**2017**

*From 10:30am in Beeston Square  
and 12 noon in Broadgate Park*

## Sunday 16 July

### Bramcote

Bramcote Old Church Tower Strawberry Fayre Strawberries and Cream tea, 1pm til 4pm.  
Proceeds towards Tower restoration. Everyone welcome, come and hear the history and story  
behind Bramcote's ancient Tower!