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## Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

This week's employment figures revealed yet more good news for Broxtowe. The number of claimants in December is down by 447 compared to December 2013. We are reaching record levels of employment locally which means there are more people than ever before in work with all the benefits it brings. Youth employment also continues to fall - down 40% in 2014. There's more good news so please keep on reading!

Enjoy the weekend,

Anna

### Supporting our Women's Refuge

Women's Minister, Nicky Morgan visited the Broxtowe refuge meeting its leader Cathy Saunders, and a number of residents. The women and family refuge is home for seven families and it was good to see some of the work to improve the accommodation. The refuge is provided by the charity, Midlands Women's Aid.

We talked about the additional £10 million of money being provided by the Government to refuges. I was really impressed by Nicky's understanding of the needs of abused women and she was seriously impressed by the great work the refuge does.



*It's been a pleasure to support Midlands Women's Aid over the years. Nicky Morgan (centre) with Cathy Saunders and me.*

### White Bull needs Blue Monkey to secure its future?

What a turn out at last night's last minute meeting to save the New White Bull. My thanks to Annette who brought everyone together. We learn that the Co-Op has not bought the pub which is very good news. We understand a developer is the new owner and he will be



*New White Bull supporters, including CAMRA, met in The Forrester's Arms - a great pub we saved a few years ago.*

opening it as a pub next Friday; this is also very good news. However, we also understand his plans do not extend beyond six months. We have today spoken to the neighbouring Blue Monkey Brewery who say they are still interested in buying the pub which frankly would secure its future and please us all. Blue Monkey say they will make further enquiries

Meanwhile, my thanks to everyone who has contacted me about an amendment to a Bill which is set to be debated on Monday. The proposal is to prevent the demolition or change of use of a pub without planning permission. I have spoken to the Minister in charge of the Bill today and we agree there is much merit in the amendment. I very much hope we can sort out something to help secure the future of our great pubs without buildings lying empty for years and overly burdening local Councils.

## **The benefits of our great green open spaces - Environment Secretary pays tribute to Attenborough Nature Reserve**

The Attenborough Reserve has been described as "vital" for wildlife and as a place to visit by Liz Truss who is Secretary of State for the Environment. I brought Liz to see the great work of Notts Wildlife Trust at Attenborough and like me she was particularly impressed by the educational facilities for children.

Liz said " Sites like Attenborough are vital for our wildlife and also in providing local communities with access to nature and green spaces."



## **A52 and Bramcote Island works**

Thank you to everyone who has written to me about the work to Bramcote Island; I have written to the Highways Authority about all their concerns and as soon as I get a reply I will send it everyone who has contacted me. I also know there are concerns from other residents in Bramcote about the work being carried out on the A52 which has exposed people's gardens. Again I will take up these complaints and enquiries and report back.



## Forest in the Community 25th Birthday Party

I don't do many "do's" but I made a special effort to attend a reception in the House of Commons to celebrate 25 years of "Nottingham Forest in the Community". There was a fair sprinkling of MP's, footballers, workers at the charity and, perhaps most importantly, some of the young people who have benefitted from their work. Forest in the Community launched a new campaign aimed at helping youngsters into work. Find out more by clicking [here](#).

For the record - I watch Forest and County and support both in equal measure!

## Beeston Rylands development hold up

There is growing concern in the Rylands that important sports grants will be lost if Broxtowe Borough Council doesn't reach an agreement with the developers of the Beeston Business Park. I have written to the leader of the Borough Council asking him to expedite matters. I have also been told by Nottinghamshire County Council that they have no concerns the 240 plus extra homes will add to local traffic congestion - which will surprise a few locals I suspect.

## ***And finally .....***

The BBC was back in Beeston this week. A film company is making a documentary about the perils of digging up roads. Apparently they have been to Leeds to see how good planning and management can make a difficult piece of infrastructure cause the minimum of disruption and to Beeston to see what happens when planners and constructors get it horribly wrong. Members of the Facebook Tram Ranting Room were filmed in Relish telling it like it has been and I was filmed yesterday. Yes we have to learn the lessons but we also have to restore Beeston's fortunes now and I spoke most of my time singing Beeston's praises. Hm - guess what will end up on the cutting room floor!

I will let you know when the documentary is being broadcast. BBC East Midlands has also made a short video for Inside Out which I believe is being broadcast on Monday February 2nd at 7.30am

*Congratulations to the Tram Ranting Room on hitting 1800 members - and growing. Join them by clicking [here](#)*

## ***What's on in Broxtowe***

**Friday 23 January**

**Strelley Village Panto - Mother Goose**

7pm

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

**Saturday 24 January**

**Beeston Film Festival**

1pm concluding Sunday at 22:30pm

Where: White Lion Bar and Kitchen.

For the full line up please click [here](#).

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### **Guided Walks at Attenborough**

10am till 1pm

Meeting point: Attenborough Nature Reserve car park.

What's on: Beeston Wildlife Groups walks are free of charge please click [here](#) for full details.

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### **Free Gardening at Dig In, Stapleford**

10am till 12 noon

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

What's on: If you enjoy growing your own food, or would like to give it a try, come along to Dig in Community Allotments.

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### **Strelley Village Panto - Mother Goose**

2pm & 7pm

Where: St John's Church Hall, Graylands Road, Bilborough, NG8 4FD

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### **Forever Stars 1st Anniversary Concert**

6:30pm

Where: William Booth Memorial Halls.

What's on: Forever Stars 1st anniversary concert presented by Nottingham Salvation Army. Full details on this free event [here](#).

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### **Sunday 25 January**

#### **The Print Project Group**

10am till 4pm

Where: The Rainbow Gallery, NG16 3DZ.

Exhibition of their latest works will be on display Tuesday - Sunday for more details please click [here](#).

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### **Tuesday 27 January**

#### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

10.50 am

Where: The Walled Garden, Bramcote Hills Park.

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### **Thursday 29 January**

#### **Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime**

7:15pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Nuart Road, Beeston.

What's on: The Pearson Centre for Young People are performing their 65th annual pantomime. The Pantomime will be also running on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Full details including cost [here](#).

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### **Saturday 31 January**

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### **The Haven Church and Community Centre Open Day**

2pm till 7pm

Where The Haven, Wadsworth Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Family open day in their new building, and also a chance for you to learn of their 23 community projects.

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### **Greasley Neighbourhood Plan - Drop-in Session**

10am till 12 noon

Where The Greasley Sports and Community Centre.

For further details please contact Margaret Handley on 01773 531466.

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### **Thursday 5 February**

#### **Beeston U3A Open Meeting**

10am

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.

What's on: Mike Spicer will be giving a talk on Tudor Dance. Full details [here](#).

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### **Friday 6 February**

#### **Beeston U3A Open Meeting**

10am

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.

What's on: Mike Spicer will be giving a talk on Tudor Dance. Full details [here](#).

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### **Nottingham Country Market**

7:30am till 11:45am

Where: Wollaton Road Methodist Church.

What's on: Everything is home grown, home baked and hand crafted. The Market runs every Friday Morning.

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### **Tuesday 10 February**

#### **Hope Cafe Open Day**

12 noon till 2pm

Where: Hope House, Boundary Road, Beeston, NG9 2RF.

Full details [here](#).

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### **Wednesday 11 February**

#### **Development Control Meeting - Decision on the Bramcote Hills Golf Course Planning Application**

7pm

Where: Beeston Town Hall.

What's on: The Council's planning departments decision will be made on building a retirement village on the old site. This meeting is open to the public.

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### **Friday 13 February**

#### **Beeston and District Civic Society Meeting**

7:30pm

Where: John Clifford School, Nether Street, Beeston.

What's on: Matt Orchard and Sarah Alton will give an update on NET progress. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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### **Saturday 14 February**

#### **Tom McConville & The Transpennie Sessions : in Concert**

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.

What's on: A high energy show, full details [here](#).

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### **Sunday 15 February**

### **The Print Project Group**

10am till 4pm

Where: The Rainbow Gallery, NG16 3DZ.

This is the last day of the Exhibition details [here](#).

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### **Wednesday 18 February**

#### **Beeston and District Local History Society - Meeting**

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Peter Robinson on Blue Plaques, details [here](#).

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#### **Bramcote Hills Community Association AGM**

7pm for 7:30pm

Where: In the hall at Grangewood Methodist Church.

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### **Friday 20 February**

#### **Day trip to London - Natural History Museum**

Departing from Stapleford (NG9 8PY) at 7:30am please arrive between 7am & 7:15am.

What's on: Stapleford Community Group are arranging the coach trip. Cost is £15pp please contact Richard on 07740344427.

#### **My surgeries**

Please call the office (0115 9436507) to make an appointment at my weekly surgery. For obvious reasons we are not publishing my full surgery details.

"a decent Conservative" *Kevin McGuire, Daily Mirror*

"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." *David Aaronovitch, The Times*

"she has a record of unusually free speech" *Simon Carr, The Independent*

"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" *Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

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