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Working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,
It is undoubtedly "that time of the year". The clocks go back tonight, this year's Poppy Appeal was launched at the Legion in Beeston last night, the diary is full of Bonfire Night events and dare I admit it? I have just bought some Christmas presents.

There is some important news on the future of our Green Belt and a few 'lighter' matters to report on so please read on.

As ever,
Anna



Broxtowe Business Club

Thank you to everyone who came along on Thursday to the second meeting of Broxtowe Business Club. We met at The Victoria pub in Beeston to listen to Liz Fothergill CBE, President of the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce and enjoy a good question and answer session. The Business Club has got off to an excellent start with more events planned - please contact me if you would like to join anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk

News on Beeston Business Park

Beeston Business Park has been sold to an investment company called Bridges Ventures, in a deal worth £22 million.. I am meeting the new owners to ensure the future of the development plan which includes improvements to the Trent Vale playing fields, hundreds of houses in the Rylands and a vibrant business park by the station.

We're in it together?

I suspect you have not heard of plans to devolve substantial powers from Whitehall to a new 'combined authority' of all the city, county, borough and district councils in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. I don't think there is much doubt that allowing us to make decisions about skills training, economic growth and transport at a local level, is a good thing and the "devolution deal" being negotiated with Government will bring real economic benefit.

However, the plans are not without controversy. The idea is to create an elected Mayor to head up the combined authority and incorporate the roles of the Police and Crime Commissioners for both Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

I would be very interested in your views and you may find it helpful to read more about the plans on the Notts County Council web site. I discussed the plans in meetings with Broxtowe Council leader, Richard Jackson and City Council leader, Jon Collins.

[Learn more about the devolution plans for Notts >>>](#)



Toton's future

Residents throughout Toton are being consulted about the future of their Green Belt. Broxtowe Borough Council is writing to everyone in the area and I very much hope if you live in Toton you will join in the consultation.

The previous Lib Dem/Labour Council agreed to a minimum of 500 houses on the land by Toton Sidings and there are plans for 800 houses where is widely agreed, the HS2 hub will be sited.

I remain opposed to any houses on this Green Belt land and in favour of a world class business park to take full advantage of the growth HS2 will deliver. I am not in favour of that economic development taking all the fields!

Toton Councillor Mia Kee has an excellent blog which explains the consultation process and gives her views on the situation. I would urge Toton residents to read it (details below).

On Friday I had a good (and lively) meeting with TEPS, the Toton campaign group dedicated to protecting the areas Green Belt. As it happened they met Jon Collins, leader of Nottingham City Council who was early for his meeting with me! In short we had a very productive and informative discussion about the future of the Green Belt at Toton.

In my view I believe we can find a solution which will stop the planned houses on the land between the sidings and Stapleford Lane, secure a site for a business park and preserve a large amount of Green Belt which everyone can use and enjoy - a country park.

Because Broxtowe cannot change the housing target set by the last administration, the Council has to find alternative sites for a minimum of 500 houses. I don't want those houses being built on Green Belt land in other parts of the constituency. I have asked Jon Collins for assistance from the City Council and the Borough Council is urgently looking for more brownfield sites including land at Chilwell Barracks (something I am pursuing with the Ministry of Defence).

[Read Cllr Mia Kee's blog >>>](#)

[Have your say about Toton's future >>>](#)



Operation Orphan - a charity to be proud of

Brad and Cyrilyn Moore from Chilwell came to see me about their remarkable Attenborough based charity, Operation Orphan. They provide direct support to orphaned children throughout much of the world - whether it's warm clothes or psychological help for victims of war and conflict. However, unlike a number of charities, their work continues throughout a child's life until they reach 18. As you might imagine they are keen to help Syrian orphans coming to Nottinghamshire in the next year and I have agreed to support their work.

[Find out more about Operation Orphan >>>](#)



Kimberley Cemetery Chapel update

Congratulations to the new leadership on Kimberley Town Council who are fulfilling their mandate to restore the Cemetery Chapel and abandon the former leaderships plans. Town and Borough Councillor Shane Easom tells me the floor has been replaced, the pews stripped and polished, quarry tiles replaced, new lighting is being installed and they hope to have replaced the windows by Christmas. A large amount of the work has been done by volunteers. Well done to all concerned.



Philippa relaunch success

It was a real treat to open the re-vamped Double Image Photography on High Road, Beeston. The brilliant Philippa Double has battled on despite the tram works and her studios are now even better.. Check her out and support a great local small business

[Take a look at Double Image here >>>](#)



Top House sunflower

I took this photo a few weeks ago of the 11 foot sunflower at the rear of Bramcote's White Lion (Top House). I know the Nottingham Post challenged anyone to beat the monster but can't find any update. Can you assist or is this the tallest in Broxtowe this year?



What's on in Broxtowe

Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

Holiday Club - Beeston

9am till 4:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Beeston, NG99 2NH.

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

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Monday 26 October - Friday 20 November

Broxtowe EnergyFest

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

Monday 27 October

Energy saving event - Kimberley

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Rumbletums, Victoria Street, Kimberley.

What's on: For full details on this free event please click [here](#).

Thursday 29 October

Autumn Years Friendship Group

10am till 2pm

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

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

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Super Kitchen

12 noon

Where: Washington Drive Community Centre, Stapleford.

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

Saturday 31 October

Mind Body Spirit event

10am till 5pm

Where: The Royal British Legion, Beeston.

What's on: There will be candles, crystals, jewellery, tarot cards, oils, soaps and much more..

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Fireworks Extravaganza, SW Notts Scouts - Bramcote

17:30pm

Where: The Hemlock Scout Camp, Bramcote, NG9 4DT.

What's on: Fireworks start at 19:30. Admission is £6 for adults and £3 for children on the gate.

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Halloween Street Party - Bramcote

10am till 2pm

Where: Bramcote Lane Shops.

What's on: Free face painting, bouncy castle, apple bobbing, food and may more spooky activities.

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Halloween Party - Awwsworth

5pm till 8pm

Where: Awwsworth village Hall.

What's on: Fancy dress competition, prizes and much more.

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Fireworks Display - Attenborough

6pm

Where: Attenborough Village Green.

What's on: Attenborough Cricket clubs annual display, food and a bar will be available. Admission is £4 for adults and £2.50 for children.

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Craft Fair

10am till 12 noon

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: This is an annual event in aid of Christian Aid.

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Monster Bash

7:30pm

Where: Beeston Victory Club.

What's on: Northern Soul Halloween Special, fancy dress is optional.

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Global Beeston - Beeston goes Underground

7:30 pm

Where - University of Nottingham, Portland Building

What's on - Global Beeston is a unique program organized by the Beeston Film Festival where over 4 nights in 4 months, an evening of short films from Tasmania, Taiwan, Germany and East Midlands. Full details [here](#).

Sunday 1 November

Annual Bereavement Service

10:45am

Where: St Michaels Church, Bramcote.

What's on: All welcome please contact the church office for further details.

Wednesday 4 November

Attenborough CAT meeting

7pm

Where: Attenborough village Hall.

Thursday 5 November

Autumn Years Friendship Group

10am till 2pm

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

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

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Fireworks Extravaganza with Magic and Miracle Fireworks

6pm

Where: John Clifford School, Nether Street Beeston.

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Beeston U3A meeting

6pm

Where: Chilwell Methodist Church.

What's on: Jean Townsend will give a talk 'The last laugh, an amusing look at Epitaphs'

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Bonfire Night - Kimberley

6:45pm

Where: Kimberley cricket Club.

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

Friday 6 November

Beeston and District Civic Society visit to the Tram Control Room

10:30am

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

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Fireworks Spectacular!

6pm

Where: College House Junior School.

What's on: Fantastic fireworks display set to music! Hot food, refreshments and lights up toys for sale.

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Cabaret Show - Carry on Cabaret

6:30pm

Where: Royal British Legion, Beeston.

What's on: Artist appearing are Tina Majors, Female Vocalist plus Brian Ruben James, Versatile compère.

Saturday 7 November

St Michaels Christmas Bazaar

10am

Where: St Michaels Church, Bramcote.

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Poppy Stall - Beeston

10:30am till around 3:30pm

Where: Beeston Square.

What's on: The RBL will have a their stall in the square, please go along to support.

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Christmas Craft and Coffee morning

10am till 11:45am

Where: Scout Hall, 5 Middle Street, NG9 1GA.

What's on: Stalls include; Christmas Crafts, Cakes, Gifts, home made jams and much more.

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Bonfire Night - Beeston Marina

6:30pm

Where: Beeston Marina, Riverside Road, Beeston, NG9 1NA.

What's on: Bonfire night with fireworks display, BBQ, hot and cold food, licensed bar and much more.

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Fireworks Extravaganza!

6pm till 10pm

Where: George Spence Academy, NG9 7EW.

What's on: Licensed bar, hot food, fairground rides, tombola and raffle. Further details [here](#).

Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Sunday

What's on: There will be services taking place all over the constituency; Awsworth, Beeston, Cossall, Greasley, Kimberley, Nuthall, Stapleford and Trowell. The Civic commemoration is in Beeston with a parade starting from the RBL to the War Memorial.

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