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## Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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### **Kimberley Residents Meeting - people power!**



Hello again,

More than 60 people attended a meeting of Kimberley Residents Association this evening amidst growing concerns about the running of the Town Council. 9 out of 15 original Councillors have resigned amongst them Independents, a Conservative and two Green Party members - most of whom attended the meeting. No-one is suggesting corruption but there is concern that the Council's reserves have all but been spent and Councillors are consistently denied financial details.

I have already written to the district auditors and will take up all allegations with the Borough Council's legal department. It now appears there will be a by-election for the two vacancies and I hope voters will exercise their right and send a clear message to the controlling Labour group that they are out of order, undemocratic and spending tax payers' money irresponsibly.

### **Pub refurb marks Stapleford on the mend?**

I opened the new look Midland Hotel in Stapleford last night and my best wishes to the new landlady, Kate Carlin. The town now has an excellent collection of pubs serving everyone's needs; with the new Iceland store reaching completion and plans for an Aldi in the town I just get the feeling that Stapleford's fortunes are on the up. I think

there is room for other supermarkets which would complement not out-compete existing independent retailers. In my view local businesses and traders tend to know better than politicians and officials but we need ideas from everyone, a vision and advice from experts.



## Save Our Green Belt!

It is more than likely that there will be a legal challenge to the plans for housing development as put forward by Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City Councils. The challenge is likely to come from a group of parish councils outside Broxtowe but if successful could play a huge part in saving our Green Belt from Broxtowe's plans to allow more than 3,000 houses on it. I understand that STRAG (who I am honoured to work with to stop development on Field Farm in Stapleford) will be supporting the legal challenge. I particularly support the argument that Broxtowe has failed to look and assess all our brownfield sites - there is growing evidence we can build thousands of new homes on these sites and spare our Green Belt. I will keep you informed of what is happening.

## Tram meeting

I am meeting the City and County Councils, NET and constructors tomorrow for our regular get together when I raise constituents' concerns about the tram works. The recent gridlocks will be high up the list!



View from my office this afternoon.

## Lower/Fletcher/Albert Roads

My thanks to Alison Dobbs who so ably represents and works for residents on Lower/Fletcher and Albert Roads and who has provided me with a troublingly lengthy list of problems.

## Fencing

Broxtowe Council leader Milan Radulovic has assured me he is determined to keep his promise to residents and ensure they get 3m solid with .4 trellis fencing if they want it to screen homes from the tram. TWA have different view on this ridiculous situation which needs sorting along with other problems residents face. I find it staggering that residents who have put up with so much, have lost their peace and quiet, can't have the ruddy fence they want!



## Tram lines catch cyclists

A number of constituents have suffered serious injury after falling from their bikes whilst negotiating the new tram tracks. There clearly is a problem and I have accordingly

contacted NET. In turn they have helpfully provided me with details on advice to cyclists. Again I will raise these matters at tomorrow's meeting.

[Click here to read more about safe cycling and the tram](#)

### **Tram fine scandal**

I have had a number of very serious complaints about the way passengers have been treated by ticket enforcers on the tram. In one case a lone female passenger was reduced to tears; everyone who has contacted me commented how they were humiliated, escorted off the tram and made to feel like a "common criminal" because they didn't know the new system. Pleas to buy a ticket were ignored and a £50 fine issued. It is a disgraceful way to treat customers and I have written on their behalf asking for an explanation, an apology to constituents (and in one case their children who were also left distressed) and an assurance that this wholly unacceptable behaviour will stop. I have also asked for that staff are properly trained. If you are one of over 600 people who have been subjected to a £50 fine because you didn't know the new system, please contact me asap.

### **Rant on!**

I confess I am a fan of the Tram Ranting Room on Facebook (click [here](#) ). I am happy to make clear that the NET Phase Two Discussion page is not run by or in any way connected to NET. The uncensored Ranting Room is a great way to let off steam and is a good source of information. The language is sometimes very strong and it gets a tad too personal at times, but then there are a lot of people who are utterly at their wits end because of the huge disruption caused by the tram works. I make it clear again - I like trams but will not support any extension to Kimberley until I am confident the mistakes of Line 2 will not be repeated.

### **Bouncing to success**

Congratulations to gymnasts from Elevate Trampoline club based at Chilwell Olympia, who won two silvers and one gold medal at the first International Trampoline competition in Denmark earlier this month.

### **New Church in Beeston**

Methodist congregations from four churches in Beeston have agreed to come together, sell their places of worship and use the proceeds for a new church in the town. I wish them well and note this is yet more potential housing development not included in the Borough Council's plans and far more preferable to building on our Green Belt land.

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

**Saturday 30 August**

### **Rumbletums Silver Screen Film Night**

Time: 6:45pm

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley.

What's on: "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" with Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt.

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### **Proms in the Park**

Time: 7pm

Where: Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground.

What's on: Performances are outdoors so bring chairs/ blankets and an umbrella. For the full line up please click [here](#).

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### **Sunday 31 August**

#### **Awsorth, Cossall and District Villages Produce Association**

Time: 9:30am till 11am

Where: The Gate Inn, Awsorth.

What's on: For the full line up and viewing times please click [here](#).

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### **Monday 1 September**

#### **Bramcote CAT meeting**

Time: 7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall. This meeting will discuss the controversial plans for new school buildings at White Hills Park Fed.

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### **Charity Fashion Show and Clothing Sale**

Time: 7pm

Where: Kettlebrook Lodge, Kimberley.

What's on: Tickets cost £5 including a refreshment, please click [here](#) for the full details.

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### **Wednesday 3 September**

#### **Open Consultation Event**

Time: 6pm till 8pm

Where: The Quadrant, Nuart Road, Beeston, NG9 2NH.

What's on: Meet with other local businesses owners to network, discuss issues and ideas. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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### **Trowell CAT meeting**

Time: 7:30pm till 9pm

Where: Trowell Parish Hall.

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### **Saturday 6 September**

#### **DKam – Dads & Kids in the Morning**

Time: 10am till 12pm

Where: Pastures Community Church, 166 Pastures Road, Stapleford, NG9 8GQ.

What's on: The event is aimed at children and their dads, granddads, step-dads and male carers. For the activity details please click [here](#).

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### **Stapleford Charity Carnival**

Time: 11:30am – official opening 12:30pm

Where: Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford.

What's on: Charity carnival organised by Notts, Derby Hemlockstone Lions Club,

there will be entertainment, attractions, stalls, fairground rides, classic vehicles and much more.

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**Monday 8 September**

**Athletics Club**

Time: 4:30pm till 5:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, 2 Nuart Road, Beeston.

What's on: Athletics club for primary school children aged 5 to 11. £3 per session, please call 0115 925 4112 for availability.

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**Wednesday 10 September**

**Stapleford Jobs Fair**

Time: 10am till 2pm

Where: The Meeting Place, 22-26 Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8AA.

What's on: This will be Stapleford Community Group's fourth Jobs Fair. For details please click [here](#).

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**Thursday 11 September – Sunday 14 September**

**Heritage Open Days**

Where: Attenborough, Beeston, Bramcote, Chilwell, Stapleford, Toton and Wollaton.

What's on: This year's Heritage open days are set to be jam packed. For the full line up please click [here](#).

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