

**Broxtowe businesses with any concerns or questions following the EU Referendum should contact me asap please. I am here to help and reassure.**



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Hello again,

We have witnessed some momentous and extraordinary events in recent weeks. The Referendum result was a surprise to both Remainers and Leavers. Our Prime Minister resigned, the Labour party fell into disarray and then we saw some rather shameful behaviour from senior Conservative politicians as our leadership contest unravelled. Meanwhile the pound plunged to its lowest level in 31 years and businesses face unprecedented uncertainty from the economic shock of a Brexit vote.

As the Business Minister I have been extremely busy as you might imagine and it was refreshing to be back in the constituency last weekend.

My thanks to everyone who has emailed and called the constituency office - especially those who have expressed warm words of support. You may not be a constituent but you are receiving this because I am unable to respond personally to the many hundreds of emails I have had from people who do not live in Broxtowe. I will do my best to answer personally the many more constituents who have contacted me - please bear with me!

Please scroll on to find my response to the questions and concerns that you have raised following the vote to leave the EU; I have also shared my own thoughts and analysis.

I also need to set the record straight following some misreporting about what I said in the days following the Referendum. You will recall my email after the murder of the MP, Jo Cox in which I called for us all to do politics differently and to restore tolerance in our society. Despite the promises to change many have fallen back into their bad old ways. I have been called many names - a traitor, a racist and even a drunk. I am none of these things. I have written a short separate piece on my determination to campaign for hope over hate and in particular to continue to make the positive case for immigration.

I attended the Prime Minister's statement on the Chilcott Inquiry and fully support all he said. If I had been your MP in 2003 I would have voted against the invasion of Iraq which was my publicly stated position at the time.

I was delighted to attend the Kimberley School Awards evening on Thursday. We bid a fond farewell to Head teacher, Chris Teal and sent huge congratulations to all the students on their successes over the last twelve months. We also paid tribute to parents, grand-parents, carers and all the staff who make Kimberley an excellent school.

Please read on for more news and views.

Have a good weekend - there's a full What's On diary at the end of this email.  
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## Midland Engine revs up!

Nottingham Trent University hosted a Midlands Engine summit on Monday. A new investment hub and more support for companies looking to export were top of the list of announcements for our equivalent of the Northern Powerhouse. I was a guest speaker and in addition to announcing extra money to boost export opportunities, I spoke about the need for businesses to lead the Midlands Engine and the need to ensure all young people get the best education and skills.



[Read more here >>](#)



## Beeston station - can you help?

It appears almost every station on the Midland Mainline has a 'friends' group who organise volunteer days to keep our stations looking good and serving passengers. But not Beeston station, even though it is an attractive Grade 2 listed building. I met East Midlands Trains representatives yesterday to discuss future upgradings to Beeston station - notably lifts. I will give an update when I have one. In the meantime work will begin to clear the weeds and debris from the various roofs. If you would like to be part of a Beeston station friends group then please let me know.



## Greasley marks Somme Centenary

Greasley Parish and Borough Councillors worked with the British Royal Legion and Greasley Beauvale Primary School to commemorate the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme last Saturday. It was a lovely ceremony and my thanks and congratulations to everyone who took part. A new bench was unveiled to mark this most terrible of battles which saw more than one million men killed or injured from July 1st 1916 until its completion on November 18 1916.

## Bramcote Hills Golf Course

Broxtowe Borough Council will soon decide on whether to vote for a development on Bramcote Hills Golf Course which is part of a very important green open space. Whilst I appreciate the owners of the Golf Course are struggling to find an alternative use, this is not the solution. I hope the Planning and Development Committee will reject the application.



## Angels at St John's

I was delighted to open a new nursery yesterday - Angels with Dirty Faces who are based in the grounds of St John's College, Bramcote. The College is making progress with its plans for a new future which include better facilities for its students and staff. The nursery is open to everyone.

## Brexit - the aftermath and the future

### The result in the Borough of Broxtowe

The result in Broxtowe was for the whole of the Borough so included the 11,000 voters of Eastwood and Brinsley who are part of the Ashfield parliamentary constituency.

The Broxtowe Borough turnout was 78.3% of which 54.6% voted Leave and 45.4% voted Remain.

The result in Ashfield District with a 72% turnout was 69.8% for Leave and 30.2% for Remain.

If people in Eastwood and Brinsley had voted in the same way as the rest of Ashfield, I calculate the result in the Broxtowe Constituency was about 50:50.

I want to make it very clear and repeat what I said on Question Time a week last Sunday - across the UK millions of people of all ages and backgrounds voted for us to leave the EU. For some they had held that view for decades and no-one and no argument was going to change their mind. Many voters genuinely believed that we would regain our sovereignty and improve our county's fortunes by leaving the EU. I respect those views even though I don't agree with them. And I also respect and accept the result.

Like many Remainers and indeed Leavers, I was shocked by the result. For many people that shock turned to anger and despair. I know many young people (who voted by 75% to stay in the EU) felt an older generation had in some way stolen their future. We are now moving into a calmer period where we need cool heads to deal with the difficult times ahead. We are where we are and we must now all come together to heal the many divisions the Referendum provoked in our society and work together to do the very best by our economy.

### So what happens next?

#### *The economic situation*

The unexpected result of the Referendum caused the stock market to fall dramatically though it has since recovered although the banks and house builders remain greatly down. The £ has not recovered and is now the weakest of the major currencies however, I believe we will stabilise and much of that is due to the work of the Governor of the Bank of England and Chancellor of the Exchequer. But we must not kid ourselves, we face some very difficult economic times and can expect petrol and food prices to rise in the coming months.

I have had many meetings and discussions with business leaders and people running businesses in Broxtowe and elsewhere in the country - I spent last Thursday and Friday on a tour of businesses in the north of England. The Government is making every effort to restore confidence and is offering help to exporters. Trade trips are underway or in the planning and we have been keen to make it clear that our country is very much open for business.

I have been arguing in Government that we need an immediate plan to deal with the economic situation, the bringing forward of infrastructure projects and assurances on tariffs for some of our most vulnerable industries like the automotive sector.

### *Leaving the EU and Article 50*

We are still a member of the EU with all the rights that confers us and the free trade arrangements that business enjoys. I know from discussions with many businesses here and elsewhere that a lot of EU workers were greatly upset by the result and there was a steep rise in hate crimes and attacks against both EU and non EU workers. You may have seen or read my immediate condemnation of this appalling behaviour. The number of reported cases has fallen but we all need to make it very clear that we are at heart a tolerant and decent society which will not tolerate hatred and racism. Instead of blaming migrant workers we should be thanking them for the great contribution they make to our country - more on this below.

After resigning as our Prime Minister, David Cameron set up a special department specifically to deal with the highly complex and difficult task of Brexit.

Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty sets out how a member state negotiates its exit from the EU. It can take up to 2 years and has never been done before.

I am told that there is a reluctance in some parts of the EU Commission to begin any negotiations before Article 50 is triggered. There is also considerable controversy as to whether the new Prime Minister or Parliament can invoke Article 50 and some businesses have sought clarity in the courts. There is also great concern that Scotland, which voted by 62% to remain in the EU, will press for a second Independence Referendum.

Meanwhile, there have been calls for a second EU Referendum following anecdotes of many leave voters now changing their minds and also demands for a General Election.

I wish I could give answers to the many questions so many constituents have asked - but the reality is that we are in unknown territory. The new Prime Minister will chart our course, setting out the mechanics and timetable of Brexit - and I have no doubt there will be many constitutional difficulties ahead. For the record I would prefer a new PM within days rather than having to wait until September.

For me the critical part of the negotiations is to maintain access to the single market - tariff free trade with the other 27 countries. The arrangement the EU has with Canada is attractive (though not as good as being a member of the EU - but I lost that argument!) however, it may take longer to achieve than our economy can afford.

Frankly, now has never been a better time to read a good variety of newspapers and on line articles and the Government web sit (link below) is also worth a look.

**[Read more on Brexit here >>](#)**

In this final section on the Referendum I want to reflect on why Britain voted to leave the EU.

As I have said in many media interviews, for decades Conservative and many Labour politicians have done down the EU and failed to promote its considerable benefits. Immigrants have been deemed in need of "controlling" and too many newspapers have screamed out outrageously false and damaging headlines. Whatever the vote, if you want people to support you, it's critical to 'roll the pitch' long before you ask them to go out and positively support your cause in a ballot. After decades of undue criticism of the EU and the failing by our political leaders to make a positive case for migrant workers it should come as little surprise that so many millions of people in our country failed to back Remain.

And there is this. Careful examination of the results clearly show that we still have a significant number of people living in deprivation who feel disconnected and disillusioned and through the Referendum they found a voice. They voted Leave as much as to express their feelings of

being abandoned by politicians and the rest of the society, as to vent their anger at 'immigrants' who they wrongly blame for failing services and a lack of opportunity.

Following the Referendum I have spoken on numerous occasions about the urgent need for what is called social justice - the mechanisms to enable people from the most disadvantaged backgrounds to be able to move up in our society and improve their lives. It's hugely about instilling aspiration and hope from the earliest years of a persons life to the provision of training and apprenticeships, so that everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to enjoy the very best of their life. And we also have an urgent need to restore those British values of tolerance and fairness.

## Hope not Hate and the need for an honest debate about immigration

I have always believed in the positive benefits of immigration to our economy and society at large.

As the Referendum vote approached I became increasingly concerned that immigration was becoming the dominant issue for many people and I believe that many of those who led the Leave Campaign deliberately fuelled peoples fears about immigration and preyed on ingrained prejudice.

I campaigned in many places in our county and elsewhere in our country. Overwhelmingly, Leave supporters were citing "immigration" as the driver of their desire to be out of the EU. In the final few days I was shocked to hear people shout at me and other Remain supporters "Get these immigrants out" we were also called traitors. I witnessed a lack of tolerance and on occasions hatred, I had not seen since my student days in Birmingham and London.

For reasons I hope are obvious, I don't have much free time at the moment but I have already begun discussions with fellow MP's and peers from all parties about how we can come together to make the positive case for immigration, to combat prejudice and hate, and to ensure fairness in all aspects of our society especially in access to jobs and pay.

It is all very much in the early stages but I hope to have more to say in the Autumn.

## So let's start with some facts!

The 2011 census in Broxtowe Borough revealed the following facts

- 92.74% described themselves as 'white'.
- 0.56% Irish heritage
- 2.65% EU migrants
- 1.67% mixed heritage
- 3.08% Asian heritage
- 0.85% Black heritage
- 1.04% Chinese heritage
- 0.62% Other heritage

## Why I'm backing Theresa May

To me it's rather straightforward. We need a Prime Minister with a proven track record of competence, leadership at the highest level of Government, a safe pair of hands and a cool head, with the necessary experience to negotiate the very best deal for our country as we leave the EU. We also need a PM who is a caring, compassionate One Nation Tory. I don't agree with Theresa May on immigration but her admirable qualities entirely meet the above criteria. I am whole heartedly backing Theresa May as our next Prime Minister.



## What's on in Broxtowe

### Saturday 9 July

#### Beeston Carnival

On NOW!

Where: Broadgate Park, Beeston.

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#### Bramcote Old Church Tower - Local History and Archaeology Day

Now till 4pm

Where: Lakeside Museum, Nottingham University.

What's on: Organisations will be present to share information about a range of projects.

### Sunday 10 July

#### Charity Concert

6:30pm

Where: Strelley Hall, Gardens.

What's on: Nuthall based Nottingham Bluecoat singers are celebrating their 60th anniversary and will be presenting a fabulous concert for Maggie's Cancer Centre. Tickets cost £15 and can be obtained via Noel Jervis on 0115 9382323 or [noeljervis07@gmail.com](mailto:noeljervis07@gmail.com).

### Tuesday 12 July

#### Beeston North CAT meeting

7pm

Where: Children's Centre, Beeston Fields School.

### Wednesday 13 July

#### Drop in legal surgery for domestic abuse

9:30am till 2:30pm

Where: Please call Broxtowe Women's Project for details on 01773718555.

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#### Wednesday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

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

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

### Thursday 14 July

#### Cabaret night

7:30pm

Where: Beeston Royal British Legion, 16 Hall Croft, Beeston, NG9 1EL.

What's on: An evening of live music in support of the Tuberous Sclerosis Association and the Speech, Sign and Song Club. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Beeston Royal British Legion or Diane's Cabin, 45 High Road, Beeston.

### Friday 15 July

#### Proms on the Pitch

7:30pm till 10pm

Where: Newdigate Street, Kimberley.

What's on: Kimberley Institute are proud to announce that the award winning Newstead Brass Band will be playing at their first ever Proms on the Pitch. £5 per person £3 for under 16's, please bring seats, blankets etc.

## **Saturday 16 July**

### **Broxtowe Community Celebration**

11am till 4pm

Where: Round Hill School, Beeston.

What's on: There will be music, dance, songs, arts and crafts, sports and food from around the world.

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### **Beeston monthly Farmers' market**

9am till 2pm

Where: Beeston Square.

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### **Beeston Wildlife Group - Walk**

10am till 1pm

Where: Attenborough Nature reserve, NG9 6DY.

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

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### **Annual vic Fest - Free live music**

1pm till 9pm

Where: The Victoria Hotel, Beeston.

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### **Toton Community Fun Day**

12 noon till 5pm

Where: Manor Park, Toton.

What's on: Arts and crafts, bouncy castle, food and drink, local stalls, golf range and much more.

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### **TSA Community Day - Beeston**

10am till 2pm

Where: Beeston Square (outside Wilkos)

What's on: Tuberos Sclerosis Association and the Speech, Sign and Song Club will be raising awareness of the charity there will also be a children's entertainer, a band, demonstration from Pure Gym, fund raising stall and beauty items from Hairven.

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

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### **Summer Fair - Beeston Fields Primary**

11am

Where: Beeston Fields Primary School.

What's on: Fairground rides, tombola, BBQ and much more.

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### **Summer Fair - William Lilley Infant and Nursery School**

11am till 2pm

Where: Halls Road, Stapleford, NG9 7FS.

What's on: Drinks and cake stalls, hook-a-duck, tombola, BBQ, ice cream van and much more.

## **Sunday 17 July**

### **Heritage Walks - South Beeston**

2:30pm

Where: Starting in Beeston Square.

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

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### **Strawberry Fayre - Bramcote**

1pm till 4pm

Where: Bramcote Old church Tower, Moss Drive, Bramcote.

What's on: Strawberries and cream, refreshments and other stalls.

### **Wednesday 20 July**

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

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by David Amos "Aye up me duck, a brief and light-hearted look at the local dialect".

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

### **Thursday 21 July**

#### **Stapleford CAT meeting**

7:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

### **Friday 22 July**

#### **Outdoor Theatre - Shakespear**

6:30pm

Where: Collier's Wood, Moorgreen, NG16 3QU.

What's on: Midsummer night entertainment with Broxtowe outdoor theatre. There will be a performance of a Midsummer Night's dream, full details [here](#).

### **Saturday 23 July**

#### **Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford**

10am till 12 noon

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

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

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### **Summer Fun Day - Kimberley**

1pm till 4pm

Where: James Street, Kimberley.

What's on: Fun packed day with lots to do including traditional Punch and Judy, face painting, fair rides and much more.

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### **Stapleford Community Groups day trip to Skegness**

7:30am

Where: Departing Washington Drive, Stapleford, NG9 8PY.

What's on: A coach trip to Skegness. Places cost £12.50 per person. To book your place please call 07740344427.

### **Tuesday 26 July**

#### **Bramcote and District Ladies' Probus Club**

10am

Where: New Stapleford Community Centre, Washington Drive, Stapleford, NG9 8PY.

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

### **Wednesday 27 July**

#### **Wednesday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford**

10am till 12 noon

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

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

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### **Neighbourhood Planning - Stapleford**

7pm

Where: Carnegie Centre, Warren Avenue, Stapleford.

What's on: Open meeting for residents/ businesses in Stapleford who are interested or would like to be involved in the neighbour hood plan.

### **Thursday 28 July**

#### **Lawn Bowls - Open afternoon**

1:30pm till 3:30pm

Where: Bowling Green, Broadgate Recreation Park, Beeston.

What's on: Come along to try out bowls, full details [here](#).

### **Saturday 30 July**

#### **Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford**

10am till 12 noon

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

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

### **Sunday 31 July**

#### **Bramcote Old church Tower - Open Day**

11pm till 4pm

Where: Bramcote Old Church Tower, Moss Drive, Bramcote.

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