



## News from Anna Soubry MP

September 9 2016

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*Hello again,*

*Parliament is set to debate the tram works after my first application for a debate in Parliament since returning to the backbenches, was granted. The half hour debate takes place next Wednesday at about 7pm in the chamber and will be broadcast live on the Parliament Channel.*

*I want us to identify and learn the lessons from the tram works which blighted the lives of so many residents and businesses and which I greatly fear has not delivered the promised benefits to Beeston. A full report will be in my next email newsletter.*

*Have a great weekend and a special plug for the excellent Heritage Open Days - details in the diary.*

*As ever,*

*Anna*



### Great exam results; do we need a grammar school?

Our schools have been celebrating a good set of GCSE and A'level results.

Alderman White achieved their best ever GCSE results. The Bramcote School had their most improved set of GCSE's and Kimberley School their best ever GCSE maths results. I am sure you will join me in congratulating all the pupils, staff, parents and carers for their hard work and efforts.

Today the Prime Minister gave her views on how we can make our schools better with seemingly radical plans to allow grammar schools to expand and to allow all secondary schools to become selective. Theresa May's proposals are not as simple as some of the headlines might suggest. They are worthy of full consideration and will be expanded on in a Green Paper. I am concerned

that some of the proposals appear to be a step backward. The Academy programme was achieving great success with more plans to help struggling schools. Broxtowe's four secondary schools include three Academies notably the Ofsted rated 'outstanding' George Spencer Academy.

I passed my 11 plus and went to the Henry Hartland Grammar School in Worksop which two years later became the Hartland Comprehensive. I've never been a particular fan of the 11 plus which labelled the majority of children "failures". I just want every child in Broxtowe to go to an excellent school whatever their abilities, for them to aspire to be the best, maximise their potential, be fit, healthy, kind and happy.

I may well be wrong but I don't think we need a grammar school in Broxtowe though I accept other parts of Nottinghamshire may well benefit from 'satellites' from other counties. It also has to be said that some parts of England, for example, Nottingham having been waiting a long time for their secondary schools to improve. However London's schools have hugely improved without the introduction of the 11 plus. I very much welcome your views please.

» [read our schools exam results here](#)



## Smiths News - white van nuisance

For too long residents and businesses in Chilwell Meadows and users of Barton Lane leading to the Attenborough Nature Reserve, have had a large number of vans parked up on pavements. The responsibility lies with Smiths News whose Nottingham depot is on Brailsford Way just past the Village Hotel.

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Despite complaints to Smiths News from residents and local Councillors the problem has persisted. Last Friday I became involved and immediately spoke to senior management. I explained the problem was their responsibility and gave them a week to make proper provision for their vans. The vans belong to "sub contractors" many of whom hire drivers. Smiths News has made space available at their depot and dropped a somewhat disgraceful £20 a week parking charge. Please be assured I will continue to monitor the situation and my thanks to residents for keeping me updated. Smiths News working practises also concern me and I will keep you informed of my efforts to ensure workers are properly hired and paid.



## Temple plans and Watnall generating site knocked back

Broxtowe Borough Council has agreed to work with the Hindu Temple in Beeston Rylands after plans to install a 30 foot ornate yellow front were rejected. Whether it's a place of faith or worship, residence or business premises - it is important changes to any building are in character with the local area. I hope better plans can be agreed.

Broxtowe leader Councillor Richard Jackson informs me the Council has also rejected an application to build a huge electricity generating site on Green Belt land at Watnall.

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## OPEN BRITAIN



## Open Britain Parliament launch

A new all party campaign group is launched next week in Parliament. Labour MP, Pat McFadden, Lib Dem Norman Lamb MP and I are leading Open Britain.

Following the EU Referendum we believe it's important we keep our country open to trade and investment, open minded and tolerant.

We believe Britain should stay in the Single Market - the biggest free trade area in the world. We don't believe in ending the free movement of people but we do believe in mending the current system. You can learn more on the Open Britain web site and in an article I wrote in last week's Mail on Sunday.

» [Read more about Open Britain](#)

» [My Mail on Sunday article - why we should stay in the Single Market](#)

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Toton/Chilwell Neighbourhood forum on its way

### Contact me

High Road,  
Barton House,

Last Sunday's meeting to continue setting up a Neighbourhood Forum in Toton /Chilwell Meadows/ Chilwell, was a great success with the creation of a steering group and elections of officers and a Chair. Please let me know if you want more details.

### NET urged to honour Lower Road promise

I have written to NET asking them to honour their promise and make good a large part of land on Lower Road in Beeston. Residents on Lower Road suffered considerably during the tram works and the least they can expect is for promises to be kept that their road will look as attractive as possible.

### Jan and Janet praised for Syrian refugee work

The new Home Secretary Amber Rudd, joined me in praising Broxtowe Borough Council for providing homes for four Syrian refugee families. I shone a Parliamentary spotlight on Councillors Jan Goold and Janet Patrick in my question to the Home Secretary.

» [Read the mention in Hansard](#)

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## What's on in Broxtowe

### Friday 9 September

### Saturday 10 September

#### Heritage Open Days

What's on: For the full list of events taking place across the Borough please click [here](#).

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#### Beeston and District Local History Society - Book launch

10:30am

Where: Barton's PLC, High Road, Chilwell.

What's on: Launch of their new publication 'I remember when'.

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#### Official Opening - Beeston and District Civic Society Heritage Open Day

10am

Where: Barton's PLC, in the entrance to their car park.

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### **Family Fun Day - Pearson Centre**

11am till 2pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Beeston.

What's on: Family Fun day for parents and carers whose children have additional needs.

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

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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

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### **Kimberley's Got Talent**

Where: Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley.

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

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### **Nuthall Bell-Ringers in action**

10:30am till 12:30pm

Where: St Patrick's Church, Kimberley Road, Nuthall, NG16 1BT.

What's on: Come along to see and hear the bells in action and also have a go at hand bell ringing.

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### **Public Meeting - Kimberley Town Council**

10:30am

Where: Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley, NG16 2NJ.

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### **Wiz around Oz - Bramcote Hills Walking Theatre**

2:30pm

Where: Bramcote Hills Park.

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

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### **Canalside Heritage Centre Open Day**

10am till 4:30pm

Where: The Boat and Horse Pub, Beeston Rylands.

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

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**Sunday 11 September**

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### Beeston and District civic Society - Guided walk

2:30pm till 4:30pm

Where: Starting in Beeston square.

What's on: The 2 hour walk will provide a brief introduction to Beeston's history, beginning with an outline of the structure of the town. You will circle the centre of Beeston to take in the remaining mills, the High Road, new developments either side of Station Road and old Beeston (West End Church) and then return back to the square.

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## Monday 12 September

### Weekly Market - Beeston

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston square.

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## Wednesday 14 September

### Stapleford Jobs Fair

10am till 2pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Nottingham Road, Stapleford.

What's on: There will be a mixture of employers and training organisations. Help and advice will be available throughout the event and there will also be a chance to use computers for job searching.

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### Kimberley Pensioners Association

1:30pm till 3pm

Where: Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley.

What's on: New members welcome, there is bingo, dancing, entertainers and much more. Further details [here](#).

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Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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

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## Saturday 17 September

### Kimberley Heritage Day

11am till 4pm

Where: Council Car Park, St James Street and also on Victoria Street, Kimberley.

What's on: Classic car exhibition, there will also be guided walks of the Kimberley Heritage Trail by local historian Roy Plumb.

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

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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

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### **Beeston Prom**

7pm till 10pm

Where: Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground, Beeston.

What's on: Dale Divas, Swing Nouveau and a firework display. Tickets on the gate cost £8.

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### **Beeston and District Civic Society - Coffee morning**

10:30am till 12 noon

Where: The White Lion Bar and Kitchen, Beeston.

What's on: Come along for coffee, cake and local chat.

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### **Farmers Market - Stapleford**

9am till 2pm

Where: Walter Parker VC Memorial Square.

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## **Sunday 18 September**

### **Family Fun Day- Nuthall**

1pm till 5pm

Where: Basil Russell Playing Fields, Maple Drive, Nuthall, NG16 1EJ.

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## **Monday 19 September**

### **Weekly Market - Beeston**

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston square.

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## **Wednesday 21 September**

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

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Rod Sladen and Jill Oakland "Luntleys of Station Villas and Beeston Railway Station".

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

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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

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### **Thursday 22 September**

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

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Rod Sladen and Jill Oakland "Luntleys of Station Villas and Beeston Railway Station".

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

1:30pm till 3:30pm

Where: Bowling Green, Broadgate Park, Beeston.

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

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### **Saturday 24 September**

#### **Meet the Team Surgery - Stapleford**

10am till 12 noon

Where: Carnegie Hall, Stapleford

What's on: Got a problem? Can we help? Everyone in Stapleford is invited to meet me, their Borough and County Councillors. Private facility available.

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10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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

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#### **Oxjam - Ceilidh**

7:30pm till 11pm

Where: Christ Church Hall, Lime grove Avenue, Beeston, NG9 4AR.

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