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Working hard for Broxtowe

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## HS2, Toton and the future of our Green Belt



Hello again,

It is increasingly likely that Toton will be the site of the HS2 East Midlands hub given it is the only site under consideration! This is excellent news but will only be of benefit if Broxtowe Borough Council amends the previous Lab/Lib Dem administrations' "Core Strategy". You will recall this made Toton's Green Belt a site for at least 500 houses



I am writing to the City and Erewash Councils plus the Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2) asking them to join me in urging Broxtowe to amend the Core Strategy. I have already spoken to both the Secretary of State Greg Clark and the Housing Minister Brandon Lewis about the future of the land at Toton Sidings. I will of course keep you informed of all and any responses but you can be assured that not only will the campaign continue to defend our Green Belt but I will also oppose any suggestion other sites in Toton should accommodate all 500 plus houses if the Core Strategy is amended.

Parliament has now risen for the summer though as your MP my work continues until the last two weeks of August when I am off on holiday. I will be checking my emails though and of course the constituency office will be open and staffed.

## A 453 opening

Beeston resident Jack Upton helped open the new A453 this week. Jack's son Sean, was one of the 453 servicemen and women killed during the Afghanistan conflict. After a campaign I was proud to support, the new road, which will bring considerable benefits to our part of Greater Nottingham, has been called Remembrance Way.



## Citizens Advice on postal scams

I joined representatives from Broxtowe's Citizens Advice Centre, Notts County Council and Royal Mail to support their combined campaign to eradicate postal and on line scams. Postcards are being delivered to every home to alert us to the problem with both Trading Standards and Royal Mail

*[Find out more about the anti scam campaign >>](#)*

## Cyclists beware the tram tracks

Yet another cyclist has suffered serious injuries when her front wheel slid into the tram tracks as she was overtaking a stationary bus in Chilwell; the cyclist had twelve stitches to her face as a result of the accident. I have been warning NET/City Council both privately and publicly for well over a year that these accidents are happening and they have a duty to do all they can to prevent them. I have little doubt that it is just a matter of time before NET/City Council are found to be legally liable for hefty damages. I would urge them again to take immediate action to keep our cyclists safe.



## Kimberley Cemetery Chapel listing

The Cemetery Chapel in Kimberley has been listed by Historic England ; this is excellent news. The Chapel attracted much controversy after the previous Town Council came up with a scheme to develop it which was widely condemned. The new Town Council has taken a far more sensible and respectful approach which I am confident will also cost Kimberley tax payers considerably less money! Volunteers are helping with some of the restoration this Saturday and if you would like to help in anyway please call 0115 9382733 or email the [clerk@kimberley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kimberley-tc.gov.uk)

[\*Visit Kimberley Town Councils' web site >>\*](#)



## Combat Bullying in Parliament

We would have preferred a bigger turn out but in the event Toton based Combat Bullying made a huge impact at an event in Parliament dedicated to bullying.

Borough Councillor and founder of Combat Bullying, Natalie Harvey was in great form meeting the Chair of the All Party Group on Bullying Barry Sherman MP, the Children's Commissioner and Childline's Esther Rantzen.

Natie won considerable praise from Barry and I am confident this great local organisation will be playing its part nationally to make sure our school take this matter seriously and act swiftly to deal with bullying.

[\*Read more about Combat Bullying >>\*](#)

## Schools out!

I met two of our excellent head teachers last week for a catch up. My first appointment was with Chris Teale from Kimberley School who are very concerned about the funding formula for Notts schools. This is a long standing problem under both Labour and Conservative Governments.. We have ring fenced school spending and now must make sure all our schools are funded fairly. I have agreed to write to the Secretary of State on this matter.

I was also very pleased to discuss the future plans for Bramcote College with principal Paul Heery. Securing funding for a new school building is firmly a priority and I offered my support and ideas.



## Shabbylicious moving on up!

It was a real treat to help Matilda open her mum's new shop and cafe in Stapleford. Shabbylicious is an exciting small business which started up late last year and has now doubled in size. Shabbylicious is a mix of retro teas, cakes and snacks with fab shabby chic furniture on sale. If you haven't checked out Rebecca Ashworth's new premises on Derby Road, then please do!

## Bramcote roundabout update

Bramcote's excellent new Borough Councillors are continuing the campaign to sort out the island. I am meeting Councillor Jan Goold tomorrow to discuss sponsorship of the Bramcote roundabout and some ideas of my own to re-create the roundabout at Dunkirk flyover which is a mix of living sculpture and low maintenance but imaginative planting and dry stone.



## Save the date - December 5th - Small Business Saturday

It was a real treat to help launch Small Business Saturday 2015. This annual event is a great opportunity for us all to back our great local small businesses and for all of them to grow their network of support.

***Check out Small Biz Saturday >>***



## And finally..... welcome Elijah and a fond farewell to Andrew and Melissa

I am delighted to announce the safe delivery of Elijah whose mum Emma is my constituency manager. Emma is now on maternity leave for about the next twelve months with Tom Harding standing in. Andrew Parkin who has helped so many constituents badly affected by the tram works has returned to Skills and Melissa Cathcart to Parliament - so there are lots of changes in the office! Huge congratulations go to Emma and husband Ben and my grateful thanks and all good wishes to Andrew and Melissa.

### What's on in Broxtowe

#### **Friday 24 July**

##### **Ladies Night**

7:30pm

Where: The Horse and Groom, Moorgreen, Newthorpe, NG16 2FE.

What's on: Night out for Macmillan Cancer Support, to book a table for ladies night please call 01773 713 417.

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#### **Stapleford WI**

7:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

What's on: Stapleford WI meet every 4th Thursday each month and have a varied programme of events throughout the year. Further information please email [staplefordwi@outlook.com](mailto:staplefordwi@outlook.com)

#### **Saturday 25 July**

##### **The Beeston Growers open day**

12 noon till 4pm

Where: Community Garden, Central Avenue, Beeston, NG9 2QP.

What's on: The main attraction this year will be a display of birds of prey from "Falconry Experiences" more details [here](#).

## **Tuesday 28 July**

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

10am till 12 noon

Where: New Stapleford Community Centre, Washington Drive.

What's on: Ancestors, Dragons and Chopsticks, please click [here](#) for further details.

## **Wednesday 29 July**

### **Wednesday mornings with Dig in, Stapleford**

10am till 12 noon

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

What's on: Come and help your local community allotment and learn new skills. Please click [here](#) for more information about Dig In.

## **Saturday 1 August**

### **Kimberley Monthly Farmers Market**

9am till 1pm

Where: Toll Bar Square, Kimberley Town Square.

## **Sunday 2 August**

### **Church open day, Strelley Village**

12 noon till 4pm

Where: All Saints Church, Main Street, Strelley Village, NG8 6PE.

What's on: Visitors are welcome to the beautiful 13th Century All Saints Church, refreshments will be available.

## **Monday 3 August**

### **Summer Holiday Club at The Pearson Centre**

9am till 4:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre for Young People, Beeston.

What's on: Running from Monday 3rd till Friday 28th August, full details [here](#).

## **Tuesday 4 - 8 August**

### **Beeston Bay at Broadgate Park**

10am till 4pm

What's on: all the fun of the beach in Beeston.

## **Wednesday 5 August**

### **Kimberley Play Day - Free activities for young children**

12 noon till 4pm

Where: Kimberley School Playing Field, Chestnut Drive.

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

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## **Thursday 6 August**

### **Sportsmans Dinner Big Night Out - Forever Stars**

Where: Village Hotel, Chilwell.

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

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### **Beeston U3A open meeting**

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston.

What's on: Robert Alan-Haven will give a talk on 'The Dolphin Experience'

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### **Autumn Years Activity Club**

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](#).

### **Friday 7 August**

#### **Beeston Cabaret Club**

8pm till 11:30pm

Where: Royal British Legion, Hall Croft, Beeston.

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

### **Saturday 8 August**

#### **Stapleford Community Group Day Trip to Withernsea**

Where: The coach will be leaving Washington Drive, Stapleford at 7:30am and will be departing Withernsea at 4:30pm. Cost is £12.50pp please click [here](#) for full details.

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#### **Beeston Bay - Party on the Park**

Where: Broadgate Park, Beeston.

What's on: As well as all the fun activities on the beach, there will be water boat rides and the 'Party on the Park' with live music from 12 noon till 5pm.

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#### **Notts Fuchsia Society 43rd Annual Show**

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Running Saturday 1:30pm till 5pm and Sunday 9am till 4pm there will be a tombola, plant stalls, cake stall and a refreshment stall. Admission is £1 under 15s free.

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