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## Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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### Transport Secretary visits tram works

Hello again,

Patrick McLoughlin visited Beeston this morning to see for himself the effect of the tram works on residents and businesses. I took Patrick, who had arrived at Beeston Station, to meet Allison Dobbs who chairs the Lower and Fletcher Road Residents Association.

Allison didn't hold back in telling Patrick what life had been like for almost two years. Poor communication and information was a particular complaint - along with living in the middle of a major construction project.

Allison handed over a detailed letter with a set of photographs. In an interview with BBC East Midlands Today Patrick McLoughlin said Nottingham City Council should consider compensating residents given everything they had suffered.



We then made our way to Chilwell/High Road for a walkabout and a meeting with Julie Cameron from Cameron House. Julie told Patrick that she was pro tram but that the change of plans for Chilwell/High Road, which means it has been closed for well over a year to traffic, have nearly destroyed her business. Julie is optimistic the tram will bring new shoppers to the area but like me, fears the 18 month road closure may mean long standing customers will not return.



We explained the compensation package was limited and how hard I had to fight for extra help for shops and traders on Chilwell/High Road. I also gave details of the long struggle I had with the City and County Councils, to get the compensation scheme extended to all small businesses who had suffered a drop in trade. Julie also handed over a letter detailing her experience and that of other traders.

It was a short visit but I am confident that the views of residents and businesses have been well expressed by Alison and Julie. Patrick clearly understood the level of disruption and the adverse affect on residents and businesses. He said we need to learn lessons - especially about how to make sure these sorts of projects are properly managed and planned from the outset. Poor communication and information has been a real "theme" and Patrick expressed his concern that people had been badly let down. We are now assured High/Chilwell Road will be open for this week's Oxjam festival (details below). Looking at the works this morning it's going to be a tough call.

Finally, given Patrick arrived and left from Beeston Station, I used the opportunity to lobby him for better access to both platforms and general modernisation.

### **Marilyn Hegyi's funeral**

Councillor Marilyn Hegyi's funeral will take place at 1pm this Friday October 17 at the Church of the Assumption on Foster Avenue, Beeston. The service will be followed by a cremation at Bramcote Crematorium.

### ***What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details***

#### **Monday 13 October**

#### **"Alfie The Great" - Charity Fundraiser night**

6pm till 11pm

Where: Cinnamon Restaurant, 124 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Alfie is a young boy who was recently diagnosed with leukaemia. Please click [here](#) for the full details. of this event.

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#### **Saturday 18 October**

#### **Appointment only advice surgery - Stapleford**

10am till 12noon

Please call the Constituency Office for an appointment.

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#### **Chilwell Street Festival**

11am till 4pm

What's on: Celebrating the new look High Road, please click [here](#) for details.

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#### **Dig In - Stapleford - Bringing in the Harvest**

11am till 3pm

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

What's on: Dig In is Stapleford's community allotment, and they will be celebrating this time of year with their annual harvest event. This is a free event with activities such as pumpkin carving, apple pressing, arts and crafts and food tasting.

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### **Friends of Bramcote Old Church Tower - Quiz Night**

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall.

What's on: Quiz Night and supper. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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### **Oxjam Beeston Takeover**

The music festival is in its fourth year. All profits to Oxfam and full details on their web site. Please click [here](#).

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### **Monday 20 October**

#### **Beeston Wildlife Group meeting - Golden Eagle Futures**

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Please click [here](#) for the details.

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### **Tea for Two**

10am and 1pm

Where: Voluntary Action Broxtowe Oban House, 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston.

What's on: Everyone is welcome but places must be pre booked. Please click [here](#) for full details

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### **Free computer skills drop-in**

1pm till 3pm

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley.

What's on: An opportunity to get some advice on tricky stuff you have been struggling with. For full details please click [here](#).

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### **Wednesday 22 October**

#### **Nuthall and Kimberley Memory Group**

10:15 till 12 noon

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley.

What's on: Self-help group meeting to offer support to dementia sufferers and their carers.

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### **Beeston Central CAT meeting**

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Queens Road Methodist Church.

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### **Thursday 23 October**

#### **Greasley, Giltbrook, Newthorpe and Moorgreen CAT meeting**

6:30pm till 8:00pm

Where: Greasley Parish Hall.

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### **Friday 24 October**

#### **Charity Golf Day**

From 12 noon

Where: Beeston Fields Golf Club.

What's on: Charity golf day in aid of the Mayor of Broxtowe's Charities (Hope and

Cancer Research). Tickets cost £40 which includes a bacon cob and a one course dinner. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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