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Your Local Newsletter from your Local Councillors Lynda & Pat Lally
& County Cllr Kate Foale



The Tories control Broxtowe since the last Election in May. There are 27 Tories, 12 Labour, 4 Lib Dems, and one independent. It has been difficult to change from making decisions to promote and develop Broxtowe, to watching them dismantle our work and cut services. The Tories also seem to have no vision and ambition for the Borough, seemingly wanting things to stay the same. We will continue to represent Beeston Central and try to influence the Council decisions.

Beeston Carnival- we hope to hold this popular event again on the 9th July. All residents and organisations in the community are encouraged to take part, if you would like to be involved please contact us Pat & Lynda on beestoncarnival@outlook.com. We are always looking for volunteers to help organise and run this popular community event.

NET- will soon vacate the old Fire Station site, and it will be returned to Broxtowe Borough Council. We need to make sure it is tidied up as it doesn't create a very good impression of Beeston. We will push for an extension to the temporary car park there which has proved very popular. There are several developers interested in the site, but realistically it will be a couple of years before there is an actual finished development.

Housebuilding- has slowed almost to a stop in Broxtowe partly due to the tory negative attitude to developers. The reality is that there is a shortage of houses that is stopping young people getting on the property ladder and hindering economic development and job growth in the area. The last Labour administration developed a plan to address this, and thank goodness the tories are beginning to accept this plan as the best way forward. Let us hope the tories have not done too much damage to our prospects.

Cyclists- There have been a few incidents involving experienced cyclists so please take care around the Tram tracks

Council Finance- the tories are in control at Broxtowe Council now, yet despite this, and having a tory MP, we have still received one of the highest cuts to grants in the whole country! Thank goodness Labour left the Council in good shape so the cuts to services won't be too bad.

Europe- we are stronger together so please vote to stay in if there is a referendum

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Fracking- extraction of Natural Gas. Licenses to explore for Fracking sites are being issued in large parts of the Borough. The above ground impacts of Fracking can be quite extensive, with long lengths of piping and increased HGV movements. There are also many potential environmental impacts as well as the questionable reliance on fossil fuels. The Labour Group on the Council attempted to ensure the Council take a local stance against Fracking, but this was defeated by the Tories who seem to want to leave the decision to others such as the Environment Agency.

County Councillor Kate Foale reports-We are currently reviewing the pattern of car parking and congestion along the tram route to see where the hot spots are. I pushed hard for this and am very pleased it is now happening. Highway officers are out and about measuring the impact of the tram, so please let me know (if you haven't already) if you live on or near the tram route and can see a problem.

Middle Street Resource Centre- goes from strength to strength. We are currently negotiating a longer term lease for the centre, I am giving strong support for them at County Hall. Pop in for a coffee, you will be very welcome!
Email Cllr.kate.foale@nottsc.gov.uk

Landlords- we still have many issues with rented properties. Some Bad Landlords take no responsibility for maintenance of the property and the gardens, and ignore settees, rubbish etc. being dumped in the gardens. The Government still refuse to change laws to make bad Landlords more accountable, but we will continue to push Broxtowe Council to take action to address residents concerns

The Tram- Passenger usage since the new routes opened continues to be encouraging, particularly on the Toton Lane route, where the park and ride site has seen high demand, and other key locations such as Beeston Centre and QMC have experienced high passenger flows. As anticipated, patronage growth on the Clifton route has been relatively slower, reflecting the nature of the corridor that it serves. Bus operators have started to amend services in reaction to the impact of the tram services. Some encouraging early feedback has been confirmed by the County Council regarding the new Beeston interchange facility. 465 face to face surveys have been undertaken, and very high satisfaction levels with the new interchange were recorded, with findings including: -

a 19% shift away from the car to the tram for people who would previously have made the same journey by car

28% of trips on the tram are new journeys which would previously have not been made at all

35% of passengers use both bus and tram, revealing a strong preference for multi-modal travel and demonstrating the importance of the

Jeremy Corbyn- we like some of the things he says, there **are** ideological differences between the Tories and Labour, we are definitely not all the same. We will be glad when the press stop talking about whether he is wearing a tie or not, and start discussing the inequalities in our society and how to address them. We live in hope!

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