

# Express Letters

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## A bee in your bonnet? Have your say here...

IF you want to express your opinion on anything that affects us as a community, then this is the place to do it. And bouquets are as worthwhile as brickbats are valuable. But please keep your letters short. We do reserve the right to cut letters to fit if necessary. If you contact *The Beeston Express* by email (see panel on page 2), remember to include your home address.

### The first broadside...

DEAR EDITOR: It's a good job for Toton that we've got an MP in Nick Palmer who's always on the ball and ready to act immediately.

Last year it was travellers – he was straight onto the problems; talking to the landowners, the council and organising a public meeting.

Now it's a desecration of what has become a valuable social amenity, when hundreds of trees were felled and cleared without a by-your-leave.

Again, Nick Palmer finds out who the owners are, makes contact them, checks to see if this was legal and wants to know what plans they have.

Our Conservative councillors have been a complete waste of time. Not a single word uttered until it's too late, and then all wrong. Who are our alleged councillors?

*Oliver Sutton  
Banks Road, Toton*

### Teacher plans will have no impact

DEAR EDITOR: The Conservatives have launched their second pre-election draft manifesto. This time, the theme is on education. The vast majority of the policy proposals contained in this draft manifesto can also be found in the Conservative's 2007 Education Policy paper – an astonishing sign that after three years of consideration, they have advanced no further in policy development.

One of the small number of new policy announcements is the new entry requirements for teaching. The Tories rightly say that teaching should be an "elite profession" but their policy prescription – for teachers to have a 2:2 in order to qualify for state funding – will have little or no influence.

In 2007/08, the percentage of teachers with third class degrees in the first year of teacher training represented only 3.4 percent of the total cohort, down from 4 percent in 1998. In the same period, the number of those with first class degrees increased to 7.8 percent from 5.4 percent, a 45 percent increase and, for 2:1s, from 45.9 percent to 51.4 percent, a 12 percent increase.

In short, this Labour government has succeeded in doing what the Tories aspire to, attracting a higher calibre of graduate into the teaching profession.

Noticeable also in Cameron's new manifesto was the absence of any reference to Swedish schools that he championed in August last year.

Evidence from the Trends in International Maths and Science Study (TIMSS) shows that England is ranked several places higher than Sweden in Maths and Science.

*Sheila Mazeyer  
Crofton Road, Attenborough*

### Policies snowed in

DEAR EDITOR: Wednesday, 13 January (2010) will live long in the memory of the people of Chilwell.

That was the day when the Inham Nook and Field Lane estate was cut off from the rest of Nottingham because of the lack of public transport. Buses could not negotiate the icy road conditions.

I won't be so silly as to blame my local county councillors for the bad weather or the lack of gritting on our roads and pavements.

However, one piece of news that everyone in Chilwell would like to know is this.

The tram system was operating at 100 percent capacity: the very tram system that our Tory councillors have promised to get rid of. Surely now the folly of listening to the local Tories on transport issues is blatantly obvious.

In 2002, the Tories began using the tram extension as a political football. If the voters of Chilwell had ignored the Tory lies then, we may have already had the extension to Chilwell approved and built by now.

So travelling into Beeston and beyond would present no major obstacle, whatever the weather.

*Mrs Ruth Moore  
Beeston*

### Commenting on The Beeston Express

DEAR EDITOR: With regard to 'Salt v Gritting v Injuries Saga' (Letters, January 15).

Unless we make all house owners clear their own paths, I guess we will always have the problem of getting to the main (gritted) roads, with the key problems being cars getting out, and people walking and hence falling over.

The majority of streets lived on will never all be gritted, but

one alternative of course is to pay people extra to do it.

One idea is to utilise our 'Out Of Work People' that are signed on at every labour exchange across the country, and pay them extra to do it: we should get many volunteers doing it that way, and who better to coordinate street clean-ups than local willing people.

As regards the extra cost, well, if I'm right that probably over 75 percent of the accidents that occur due to snow and ice are on local roads, which in turn creates more than double the 'normal' amount of hospital visits, then surely we'll save this cost and more on the relief it will give to our NHS staff and facilities.

As an aside, in response to the request for comments on *The Beeston Express*: if you are looking for ideas as to what tasks or questions to ask the local politicians, why not ask them to put a plan together as to how they would deal with the next big freeze - perhaps how they could co-ordinate job centres? Who could do this in a controlled manner?

And as mentioned before, it would be nice to get a one-liner in every issue on Tesco's progress.

*Pete Shaw  
Alford Close*

### Rail travel conundrum

DEAR EDITOR: I wondered if *The Beeston Express* could run an article on the railway's new

system of Penalty Fares, particularly as they affect Attenborough Station, which has no booking office.

You now have to get a 'Permit to Travel' from a machine on the Derby platform at Attenborough. A guard recommended to just insert 10p for this permit as they have a very limited time period of validity (the rest of the ticket price is paid on the train). You only lose 10p if the train is cancelled. Without this permit, you may be fined £20!

I've seen no general publicity railside for the change, although I admit I'm not very observant, and I assume the same applies to travel from Beeston when the ticket office is closed.

*Rosemary Begley  
Haddon Crescent, Chilwell*

*The Editor replies: We'll be asking questions of Network Rail on behalf of Ms Begley, but can anyone else shed light on this new requirement, introduced in December 2009?*

### Oh dear, Broxtowe!

DEAR EDITOR: I have recently seen a leaflet issued by Broxtowe Borough Council promoting 'Chinese Cultural Celebrations'.

I'm surprised at their lack of sensitivity to the rest of our diverse community. Surely to be more inclusive, this should have been headed, 'Cultural Celebrations'?!  
*Rylander*

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