

Express Letters

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Please note that this list is regularly updated.

ATTENBOROUGH

Attenborough Nature Centre
Barton Lane

Attenborough Service Station
5 Nottingham Road

BEESTON

Beeston News
86 High Road, Beeston

Chilwell Road News
86A Chilwell Road, Beeston

Co-op Food Store
291 Queens Road, Beeston

G & A Middleton
99 Central Avenue, Beeston

Hiral Newsagent
148 Wollaton Road, Beeston

Sainsbury's
Stoney Street, Beeston

Sangha Newsagent
182 Queens Road, Beeston

W H Smith
High Road, Beeston

BEESTON RYLANDS

Arun Food & News
154 Meadow Road, Rylands

County Stores
57-59 Trafalgar Road, Rylands

Discount Food & Wine
46 Lilac Crescent, Rylands

Plumb News
1 - 3 Lilac Grove, Rylands

BRAMCOTE

M&N News
40a Sevenoaks Crescent,
Bramcote Hills

CHILWELL

Bains News
Bramcote Avenue, Chilwell

Bramcote Lane Stores
181 Bramcote Lane, Chilwell

Chetwynd Stores
8-10 Chetwynd Road, Chilwell

Sunnyside Post Office
Sunnyside Road, Inham Nook

STAPLEFORD

Wilsons News
7 Pasture Road, Stapleford

TOTON

Toton News & Off Licence
79 High Road, Toton

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.

Who goes there?

DEAR EDITOR: I read Anna Soubry's column in the 'Express' with great interest. (June 18, p3).

I was surprised to read that the column was almost entirely about her work in Parliament rather than local issues. Beeston only got a very small mention in respect of her local office.

Is Anna Soubry really Broxtowe's voice in Parliament – or Parliament's voice in Broxtowe?

*Dr Richard Tunney
Dovecote Lane, Beeston*

The Sherwin island..

DEAR EDITOR: About your article in Issue 173 (June 18, p4); for those of us attempting to exit Town Street (Bramcote) it is the traffic along the A52 from the Nurseryman direction (heading) towards the Sherwin island that causes the danger.

Many drivers exceed the speed limit by a wide margin and come round a blind corner when in the nearside lane. Many drivers jump the lights in their anxiety to make progress, leaving an even smaller time margin before those coming round onto the A52 and heading for the Bardill's roundabout start to move. If you are lucky, you get 1.5 – 2 seconds to get across to the lights below the incoming A52 traffic.

Sherwin was less dangerous when it was an ordinary roundabout. Perhaps we should lobby to get a reversion?

*David Cutting
Turnberry Close, Bramcote*

...is an accident waiting to happen

DEAR EDITOR: I totally agree with you about how dangerous this roundabout is. (Iss 173, p4)

I frequently drive from Bramcote down Town Street and have to cross over (the island) to Ilkeston Road. Having done it several times and had several near misses because I didn't get in the safe lane, I now know which one to be in. I also know not to move forward until I can see some traffic on the A52 from Nottingham that has stopped for the lights. It is always tempting to go forward when there appears to be no traffic coming along, but I know better now.

I fear for all drivers who have to negotiate this roundabout who

have not been there before, in particular doing the manoeuvre from Bramcote to Ilkeston. The return journey is much easier, as the road is clearly signed and controlled by lights.

Maybe traffic lights on Town Street would be the answer?

I am sure that as it is now, it is an 'accident waiting to happen' – and a serious one too!

*Barbara Selwood
Chilwell*

CLLR Jackson replies: "The A52 and the Sherwin Island are the responsibility of the Highways Agency rather than the County Council, however we have responsibility for all of the other roads at the island.

We have regular dialogue with the Highways Agency and will raise the safety of the island with them. I will ensure that our own engineers take another look at the roads we are responsible for and consider whether any further safety improvements are appropriate.

NCC recently installed an interactive speed sign on Ilkeston Road just after the exit from the roundabout and there is an older interactive sign on the Town Street exit from the island; both have proven successful in reducing vehicle speeds coming off the A52. We constantly monitor accidents on all of the County's roads and look for engineering solutions that can reduce injuries."

Stocking up in time for Christmas

DEAR EDITOR: Ref the reader's letter in the latest issue of *The Beeston Express* on 'Tesco Appears' (Jun 18, Iss 173).

Well, I have been reliably informed by a nosey neighbour who spends half her time in Beeston talking to the workers on the building site (if they can't avoid her) that they have mentioned that the plan is for it to be completed by November 2010 latest.

I assume it's obvious that Tesco won't want to miss out on the Christmas trade for another year, nor the opportunity to bring traffic on both Wollaton Road and Station Road to a standstill from sometime in November until the day Santa comes. (Can't wait).

From a Person in Beeston Rylands who drives up Station Road a lot...

Working in the third age

DEAR EDITOR: Many older people find it hard to obtain suitable employment, and some are forced to leave work when they reach pension age.

An alternative to this problem would be for them to set up their own businesses.

I hope to form a support group for those in their fifties/sixties, etc, in the Erewash/Broxtowe region who want to work for themselves. If enough people contact me I will convene an initial meeting. I can be reached at edwardjohnwalsh@hotmail.com

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be OK for me but I'll happily pay the £1 just to get in if I need longer.

In the last issue, you mentioned that you can buy a season ticket, etc. My concern with that today would be, will charging really make that much difference and hence free up spaces all of the time enabling people to get a space every day?

Perhaps the answer is wait and see and then decide.

Finally, I understand (and agree with) the concern by the Council that people outside of Beeston have been utilising the free spaces to date, so I assume they will not issue/send a season ticket to anyone with a postal address outside of Beeston or this tax paying area?

*Pete Shaw
Beeston Rylands*

A small price to pay for parking

DEAR EDITOR: Re the last issue of *The Beeston Express* (Iss 172). I may be the odd one out here, but I see car parking charges as of benefit to me because virtually every time I try and park in Foster Avenue, it's full, along with cars queuing to get in, normally forcing you to go up on the outside to Round Hill school at the top, turn around and out again – unless, of course, you get there before 8.30am.

Hopefully from June 21, I, along with others, can get a parking space. One hour free would often

Room for improvement

DEAR EDITOR: I can't help but wonder what opinion stangers form of Beeston centre, with all the empty shops in the precinct, the filthy tatty flags (these now replaced, but it took long enough), and the object that used to dribble water down itself. I have seen people stand perplexed, more than once, as to what it is supposed to be.

*Mr E A Lowe
Barrydale Avenue, Beeston*

We love to hear from you - what gets your goat, and what you love. But we only have limited space! So if you do write to us, please try to keep your letters short - we'd love to publish some of the longer ones, but we simply haven't got the room!

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