

# Express Letters

## Where to collect your Beeston Express:

Please note that this list is regularly updated.

### ATTENBOROUGH

Attenborough Nature Centre  
Barton Lane  
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Attenborough Service Station  
5 Nottingham Road

### BEESTON

Beeston News  
86 High Road, Beeston  
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Chilwell Road News  
86A Chilwell Road, Beeston  
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Co-op Food Store  
291 Queens Road, Beeston  
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G & A Middleton  
99 Central Avenue, Beeston  
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Hiral Newsagent  
148 Wollaton Road, Beeston  
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Sainsbury's  
Stoney Street, Beeston  
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Sangha Newsagent  
182 Queens Road, Beeston  
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W H Smith  
High Road, Beeston

### BEESTON RYLANDS

Arun Food & News  
154 Meadow Road, Rylands  
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County Stores  
57-59 Trafalgar Road, Rylands  
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Discount Food & Wine  
46 Lilac Crescent, Rylands  
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Plumb News  
1 - 3 Lilac Grove, Rylands

BRAMCOTE  
M&N News  
40a Sevenoaks Crescent,  
Bramcote Hills

### CHILWELL

Bains News  
Bramcote Avenue, Chilwell  
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Bramcote Lane Stores  
181 Bramcote Lane, Chilwell  
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Chetwynd Stores  
8-10 Chetwynd Road, Chilwell  
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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.

### Ray F Gisby

DEAR EDITOR: I am wondering if anyone would remember Ray F Gisby? He worked as a driver at Ericsson Telephones Ltd, Beeston, (Plessey) during the 1960s.

The reason I am asking is to see if anyone knows of a photo of Ray, or if one was taken of the drivers and Ray is on it, and they could let me have a copy of it?

To find such a photo of Ray would be my keepsake and a memory of him as he has passed away and I have lost touch with his family – they have moved and I don't know where to.

To find this photo I would pay for the copy.

Janet J Johnson  
Myrtle Grove, Beeston

*If anyone has a photo of Ray Gisby that Janet Johnson can have, please get in touch with us here at The Beeston Express and we will put you in touch.*

### Pat and Bobby Dickinson

DEAR EDITOR: I am trying to locate Patricia A Hope, née Dickinson and 'Bobby' Dickinson, friends from 50 years ago. They and I lived in the Humber Road area of Beeston (near the chippy), I think they lived on Myrtle

Grove. Pat went to Nether Street Girls School and Bobby and I went to Beeston Fields County Secondary School. The last time I saw them would be about 1962-1963.

I have been here in the USA for the past 40 years and would like very much to reconnect with my old friends. Any information you can give on where I might search would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Bob Sansom, USA

### Permit me to catch my train

DEAR EDITOR: I am glad that you have asked East Midland Trains (EMT) to comment on the purpose of the Permit to Travel. I imagine groups of staff are currently trying to work it out.

Q. Is it to speed up ticket sales on the train?

A. NO, it slows down ticket sales as staff now have to deal with the permit and the ticket (staff are supposed to write the details of the ticket on the back of the permit, but I have yet to see any of them do this).

Q. Is it to prevent fare dodging?

A. NO, it slows down the progress of staff on the train and gives more opportunities for passengers to travel without a full price ticket.

Q. Is it a ploy to allow EMT to collect more money in fines?

A. NO, staff are inconsistent in their responses to the permit, some just issue a ticket as usual if the passenger does not have one (the couple fined recently must have met the EMT "job's worth").

Q. Is it to delay passengers so that they miss their train?

A. YES, it means you arrive just in time, cross the line to buy a permit and the train leaves without you (bitter experience coming through here).

So, there you have it. The purpose of the permit is to slow down staff, hold up passengers and make the service less efficient. Sorted!

Sarah Hampton  
Crofton Road, Attenborough

### Tesco appears

DEAR EDITOR: My weekly shop in Beeston has a new highlight – watching, with fascination, the speed at which the Tesco building seems to be going up.

I've written in to ask this before, but still can't seem to see it in these pages so I'm asking again – is there any chance of you using your contacts to get us the insider information of where they're up to, and what each bit is? I, for one, would love to know...

Yours hopefully  
Fascinated in Beeston

EDITOR REPLIES: We were indeed promised a regular update from Tesco's press office on the state of play at the Station Road site. We've tried to get in touch with them again this week to see if anything would be forthcoming, but were unable to get hold of anybody.

We'll keep on trying – in the meantime, you'll just have to keep on watching!

### Broxtowe Borough Council and all sponsors

DEAR EDITOR: I just thought I'd have to write and say the magical 'Hemlock Happening' was 100 percent. The evening's weather was good, the catering excellent, the policing and the marshalling of the event was excellent, the stage events, bands, steel bands: "Wow!" How good was that?

The general behaviour of the public at the event was very well behaved as I saw it – and many public involved.

The fireworks and the playing of 'Nessun Dorma' was the icing on the cake.

Thanks to all involved.

Mrs G L Longman  
Helen Close, Chilwell

Where are your Letters to *The Beeston Express*? Readers had plenty to say during the run-up to the General Election, so much so that *The Beeston Express* was accused of being a "Labour mouthpiece" as most of the Letters were from Labour Party supporters. However, now that the dust is settling and we have our new MP, we're not receiving so many letters – but why not? The same issues are still hanging over us and will still affect us sooner or later – the tram, The Square re-development, Tesco and our independent retailers, the flood wall through Attenborough village...

Keep writing to *The Beeston Express* and make sure your opinions are heard.

## The A52 Sherwin Arms Island

by the Editor

HOW many other local drivers think that to navigate the A52 island at the Sherwin Arms roundabout, Bramcote, is to take their life in their hands? Not when leaving Ilkeston Road to head along Derby Road towards Nottingham, for instance, but if heading from the traffic lights at the Nurseryman, Beeston, towards either Stapleford, Ilkeston, or the Bramcote Lesiure Centre.

I have felt for a long time that the lane markings on the road are misleading and, speaking to other people, realise a number of people think the same. Vehicles often use the left hand lane to navigate the island from Bramcote

towards Nottingham at the same time as someone uses the right-hand lane to get onto Ilkeston Road. It's what is known as a collision course and is not to be recommended. A driver wanting to circumnavigate the island to get to the Bramcote Leisure Centre at busy times of the day really does take his or her life in their hands.

Is it time we campaigned for something to be done and the lane markings to be changed? This is a first call to Cllr Richard Jackson, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways at Notts County Council – can anything be done? Can changes be made?

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