

Buzz

A big Lottery success means £350k for Citizens Advice Broxtowe

CITIZENS Advice Bureau in Beeston and Eastwood are ready to take on nine new staff as a result of their recent successful bid to the Big Lottery Advice Services Transition Fund.

This Partnership funding is designed to help local advice providers get together to deliver a better coordinated and more sustainable service, and CAB will be working closely with two key partners:

- Broxtowe Women's Project, who support women experiencing domestic violence, and
- Hope Nottingham, who operate Hope Café, the 'one stop community support café' serving the disadvantaged and local people in need.

CAB District Manager Sue Maslowska said: "We are delighted that we have been successful in our bid, allowing us to recruit and train 30 volunteers and

help an additional 5000 clients. This new funding will all enable us to address the root causes of demand for advice and address the areas of failure."

Sue said that with the funding, they would be able to identify gaps in service provision in Broxtowe with "a view to designing future services against client need alongside a long-term aim of creating a seamless service for the community."

She added: "With demands for our service higher than ever, getting the right advice at the right time can be a lifeline for people and communities most in need. Current services are struggling to keep up with the increasing demand and greater complexity in the types of problems people are facing. Welfare reform changes are creating many challenges for our clients and this funding will enable us to provide specialist welfare benefits help for clients in Broxtowe."

The Broxtowe Women's Project Manager said: "Working in partnership with CAB and Hope Nottingham is going to be a fantastic opportunity for us – we will all be able to share our specialist knowledge to improve the way we can work with people in the local community."

"Broxtowe Women's Project is always very proactive in raising awareness of domestic violence among the local community and this gives us the chance to develop more linking up with other crucial local services. We hope the work will provide local families affected by domestic violence more options for healthier and safer lives."

Nigel Adams, Director of Hope said "Hope Nottingham is delighted to be working with Broxtowe CAB and Broxtowe Women's Project. CAB will provide provide advice training for our volunteers

as well as funding to support Hope Employment Pathway, helping long term unemployed people get into work. By learning from one another and developing joint services together we look forward to being better equipped to bring relief and empowerment to the most disadvantaged people in our community."

In the past 12 months Citizens Advice Broxtowe has helped clients with 27,000 problems on a wide range of subjects – 70 percent of the problems related to debt and benefit issues.

Anyone who needs help on any subject should telephone the advice line on 0844 499 4194 or visit the either of the bureaux. These are situated above the Library in Eastwood and on the ground floor at Broxtowe Borough Council's offices on Foster Avenue, Beeston.

Snippets

Time for a Reader Survey...

WELL, hold your horses for a while longer because it's not ready yet but we have been thinking about it being time.

The Beeston Express appears to have finally found its niche amongst residents and in the local communities on this side of the city. However, a year has passed since we carried out the last 'Reader Survey' and it's certainly past time the paper had a revamp. So, like our local councils' currently scattering consultations right, left and centre before us, we shall jump on the bandwagon and ask readers of *The Beeston Express* what they'd like to see before we make any significant changes to the paper's layout and content.

Right now, we're just asking you to start thinking about what you would like to see incorporated into *The Beeston Express* or what you think should be retained or binned. As we put the survey form together, we'll include questions asking for your opinion about aspects that have seen a massive increase in volume, such as news from both the borough and the county councils. Only a fraction of news from the borough and county councils makes it into the paper, but they have definitely upped their game in their attempts to keep the council tax payers informed of what's going on.

The Reader Survey will be included in an issue as soon as it's ready.

Firework Spectacular at Boots UK – November 8

THIS news arrived too late for many readers:

Boots UK is proud to be working with BBC Children in Need for the 10th year running, raising more than £5 million to help make a positive difference to children and young people across the UK.

This year, Boots UK will be hosting their biggest and best Bonfire and Firework extravaganza to raise money for BBC Children in Need at the Boots UK Support Office in Nottingham on Friday 8 November.



Boots colleagues, friends and families are invited to the event which will be hosted by special guests who will be presenting music and entertainment on stage throughout the evening. The event

will also include a warming bonfire and thrilling firework display set to a 'summer anthems' themed soundtrack.

The event will also feature live bands performing on stage including local talent: Libby McElroy, Adam Zareba and the Red Snappers.

Oonagh Turnbull, Senior CSR Manager, Boots UK, said: "We are delighted to be celebrating our 10th year supporting BBC Children in Need. Our presence on the high streets as well as the fundraising efforts in our stores and at the Boots UK Support Office means that we have opportunity to really help disadvantaged children and young people in the UK."

Adding to the fun-filled evening, there will be nail painting, as well as a bar area serving hot food and drinks. Special guests on the night; Pudsey Bear and Blush Bear who will be enjoying the celebrations and posing for pictures with all guests.



For the thrill seekers, there will be fairground rides including twister, waltzers, helter skelter, merry go round, hook-a-duck and tea cups for the children.

All money raised at the event will go directly towards the BBC Children in Need total.

Doors open at 6 pm, the bonfire will be lit at 7.30 pm and the firework display will start at 8.30pm.

Dog has to be 'put down' after being found abandoned in woods

A RECENT distressing stray dog case for Broxtowe Borough Council officers has resulted in a decision to euthanize a dog, and once again the council is trying to bring the public's attention to the importance of responsible dog ownership.

Last week, the council's Neighbourhood Wardens were called to collect an injured Shih Tzu by a member of the public who believed it had been dumped in Strelley Village Woods. The dog, which was named Ellie by the wardens, had a bad infection and was taken to the Lawrence Veterinary Centre in Eastwood.

It is thought that Ellie may have given birth a few weeks ago, and this had caused the infection. The condition would have given Ellie a lot of pain, and the difficult decision was made to humanely euthanize her.

Ellie could have been easily treated if her owner had taken her to a vet as soon as the infection started. The council rarely has to take such drastic action and works with the local rescue kennels to re-home the hundreds of strays it picks up each year.

Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Richard Robinson, said: "Ellie's story highlights the importance of

responsible dog ownership, especially in the run up to Christmas when new puppies are often given as presents.

"The council holds regular free or low cost microchipping events for residents as well as low cost neutering for those on qualifying benefits. So far this year 104 dogs have been microchipped for free at events in Stapleford, Nuthall and Eastwood."

Anybody who would like to give a dog a new home can contact a local rescue centre such as Babbington Hall Rescue, Awsworth at www.babbington-rescue.org.uk

For more information and to report incidents of stray dogs, dog fouling and dangerous dogs in the borough of Broxtowe, contact Broxtowe Borough Council on tel: (0115) 917 7777.

Free microchipping events

- Thursday, November 14 at Beeston Fields Park, Central Avenue, Beeston, (10.30am to 1.30pm)
- Saturday, December 7 at Manor Farm Park, High Road, Toton, (10am to 1pm)