



Bramcote Conservation Society Autumn Newsletter

Dear member,

Thank you for your renewed membership.

We are currently monitoring very closely the new proposed building developments by Broxtowe Borough Council which is part of their Core Strategy. This proposal involves substantial development of Field Farm, the area to the East of Ilkeston Road with up to 450 houses and the area of Toton from Toton Lane down to the sidings with another 750 homes. We are very concerned that the council is pushing this through without looking for alternatives such as brown field sites. The Boots site has an additional 550 homes proposed but areas such as the old Barton depot site, the area on Bye pass Road Chilwell and the numerous derelict/boarded up houses need to be considered before we develop the remaining 'green buffers' in our area and we end up with one large conurbation.

We feel that the decision should be delayed until the Government's Localism Bill is introduced later in the year. We will keep you informed but if you wish to express your views please contact Broxtowe Borough Council, your local councillor or MP to voice your concerns.

It has been brought to our attention that the council is proposing to charge for carparking at Bramcote Park and St George's Park. We are concerned that this will put people off from using the parks when a maximum parking time limit would prevent long stay usage at the car park. We feel that people should not be discouraged from using the parks car parks for legitimate purposes and then have to use local

street parking rather than pay to use the car parks provided. This has happened in Beeston Town centre, congesting the side roads.

We are still waiting to hear when the weight limit on Town street will be implemented. It is over six months since it was promised and as yet no positive action has been seen while the heavy traffic is still very much in evidence on this very congested road with the damage that this is causing. Please lobby your local councillor to make this happen.

The presentation at the Church centre recently on the Restoration of the Church Tower was a very interesting evening with some great photographs of the restoration work and of the local area taken from the top of the 130 feet high tower. Thank you to David Jones and Ken Bird for a very enlightening talk. This coincided with the 150th year celebrations of St Michael's Church being at its current location on Church Street when a celebration service was held on Sunday 16th October which was very well supported.

Members of the committee have recently attended the unveiling of Blue Plaques to commemorate the historic sites in the local area of Beeston, Bramcote and Stapleford. These have included Thomas Humber of the Humber works, William Bendigo the bear knuckle fighter and Admiral Sir John Borlase Fitzwarren. If you have any information regarding Rev T Malthus or J.M. Barrie living in Bramcote please contact us as we are urgently seeking information.

Your membership card is now accepted at the Derby Road car wash and enabling you to get a discount on the £10.00 inside and out valet.

Please see our website. www.bramcoteconservation.org

George Read Chairman