

BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2009

Your Neighbourhood

DMBC's recent survey of what people think about their neighbourhood has indicated a number of likes and dislikes by Bawtry residents. It is good to hear that Bawtry amenities came top of the 'likes' list, also that the town was praised for being quiet and friendly and for having a low crime rate. Its transport links were highlighted as were the variety of outdoor activities in the locality. The tidiness and cleanliness of the town was given special mention.

There were however some concerns:

- Aircraft noise and the possibility of night flying
- Ongoing closure of public toilets
- Parking issues – difficulty in finding a space and illegal parking were both mentioned

But by far the greatest concern was the increasing traffic congestion and the problems this brings, particularly at pedestrian crossing points and the junctions on the town's main roads. Bawtry Town Council has repeatedly drawn all these concerns to the attention of DMBC. The highway issues, together with other ongoing highway problems, e.g. the poor standard of the surface of Swan Street, were discussed with the Highways Engineer at the August Neighbourhood Management meeting. We hope to report positive outcomes soon.

Tunnel Tech

The problems with smells from Tunnel Tech have been ongoing since it moved to Newington in 1989. The smell is caused by the outdoor production of mushroom compost with straw and chicken manure as its main ingredients.

Tunnel Tech has installed a new enclosed production facility which will alter the odours being produced, because the process will be fully aerated throughout. It is hoped that this will end the lengthy spells of unpleasant smells which residents have endured.

The process began at the end of July, initially at about 30% of full production. Assessments of all systems including odour levels will be made regularly and frequently. Any smells noticed by residents should still be reported to Bassetlaw Council.

Attend

In 1949 the National League of Friends was established to unite and support the many volunteers in hospitals and the newly formed NHS. Sixty years later and with their name changed to *Attend*, this active organisation has expanded its role into mental health, learning difficulties, hospices, community centres and the prison service.

As part of its Diamond Jubilee celebrations, a torch is being carried through the UK from the north of Scotland to the association's headquarters in central London. On 1st September the flame will be handed over in Bawtry on South Parade, close to the county boundary. This should be between 2.30 and 3pm. If you are interested in learning more about this event and the organisation's activities, visit their website on www.attend.org.uk

PACT Meeting

These Partners and Communities Together meetings are organised by South Yorkshire Police and provide an opportunity for residents to meet local police officers for an exchange of views. A recent meeting took place in Bawtry on Thursday, 27th August at 7pm in the Church Hall.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Robin Hood Airport – to report severe aircraft noise 01302 623623. Leave name, address, telephone number, time of flight, whether taking off or landing, and airline if possible

Doncaster Council Main Switchboard – 01302 734444

Faulty Street Lights, DMBC, 01302 735111, quote number of lighting column

Neighbourhood Team, DMBC - 01302 736000

Anti litter and dumped cars, DMBC - 01302 736050

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