

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

SERVING BRAUNSTONE TOWN INCL. THORPE ASTLEY



While August often seems to be a relatively quiet month, behind the scenes the Town Council continues its work to protect and enhance services for the residents of the Town.

Library: In March, Leicestershire County Council finally accepted our Library proposals represented the most pragmatic way forward. That of course was only the beginning of the detailed discussions which needed to take place to ensure improvement of the Library Service, while ensuring that the County Council do not place additional costs or liabilities on the Town Council, which would be met by the Town's taxpayers. I am confident that these discussions will be concluded over the summer and that we will then be in a position to announce our proposals with the aim of fully transferring the service to the Town Council's management by the end of the year.

Shakespeare Park: We have now appointed a contractor to undertake the improvement works to the Pavilion at Shakespeare Park and we are currently in discussions on the detailed arrangements and finalising the funding for the work to be undertaken. It is anticipated that foundation works for the new building will begin this autumn, with the site improvements complete and open by next summer.

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I am delighted to have been chosen as Town Mayor for a second time and for the opportunity to serve the people of Braunstone Town as their first citizen during 2018/2019.

Throughout my year, I will be supporting Woodside Animal Centre, RSPCA Leicestershire Branch as my Town Mayor's chosen charity. I look forward to jointly hosting, with local Community Groups, an annual Programme of Events to raise funds for my charity as well as for other local good causes.

As Town Mayor, I look forward to supporting the community during the year in its activities and achievements. If you are hosting a community event and would like me attend to present awards, draw a raffle, judge a competition etc. please contact my office on 0116 289 9270 or

town.mayor@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk

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Annual Survey – available in July and August 2018 Responses Entered into Three Prize Draw

The views of Braunstone Town residents are vital in assisting the Council in providing services that people really want and also helps us to articulate the needs and aspirations of our local community to the larger District and County Councils or to other agencies and government bodies. You can help us in making decisions on our services by completing the Council's Annual Survey. Hard copies can be obtained from Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre, or if you wish we can post it to you. The survey is also available online at www.braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR RETURNING YOUR RESPONSES
9am, TUESDAY 28th AUGUST 2018

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!

As the speeding continues to be a problem in Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley, the Town Council has now two speed signs, one for Thorpe Astley, one for Braunstone Town to monitor vehicle speeds and also to warn and remind drivers that they are exceeding the speed limit on a particular road.

In May and June 2018, **68.72%** of cars were speeding on **Braunstone Lane** where five vehicles were speeding above **60mph** at 30mph speed limit!

At the same time **20.97%** of drivers exceeded 30mph speed limit on **Foxon Way**, and the highest recorded speed was **48.8mph**!



Applications are invited for the hire of the Millfield Hall and the Council Chamber at Braunstone Civic Centre and Main Hall at Thorpe Astley Community Centre

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2018

Each year the Town Council invites local groups to hire the rooms to raise money for local groups or charities with 25% of the net proceeds being donated to the Town Mayor's Charity



If you are interested, please apply in writing to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Braunstone Civic Centre, Kingsway, Braunstone Town, Leicester,

LE3 2PP by Friday 7th September 2018



PUBLIC MEETINGS—DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLANS AND ENVIRONMENT Thursday 9 August 7.30pm Civic Centre
POLICY & RESOURCES Thursday 23 August 7.30pm Civic Centre
CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL Thursday 6 September 7.30pm Civic Centre

Customer Service Shop, Braunstone Civic Centre

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Kingsway, Braunstone Town, Leicester LE3 2PP

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