



**Cllr Nick Brown**  
Leader of the

While August often seems always to be a relatively quiet month, there are plenty of issues, which the Town Council is continuing to deal with behind the scenes on behalf of the residents of the Town. In June, Leicestershire County Council agreed amended proposals from Fabula Libraries for the establishment of the Braunstone Town Community Library. The Town Council both as a community leader and the landlord are working as hard as we can to make sure that the County Council's plans ensure the continuation and ideally improvement of Library Services, while ensuring that the services provided by the Civic Centre are protected and that there are no costs or additional liabilities placed upon the Town Council, which are underwritten by the taxpayers of the Town. Residents have also been telling us of their frustration concerning the difficulties they face accessing GP services in the area, we continue to lobby hard the relevant authorities to deal with this issue and a separate more detailed article is included in this edition. Finally, Thorpe Astley residents have been telling us about their deep concerns about road safety with a lack of crossing points, dangerous parking and speeding. I would like to thank residents who attended our meeting in June to share evidence and we are now working hard to bring Councils, the Police and local businesses together. Our speed sign will be located in the area over the summer and we will keep residents informed of progress.



### Arson Attack On Local Park

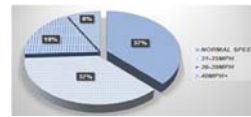
Vandals set fire to a piece of children's play equipment on Franklin Park on 25<sup>th</sup> June resulting in an excessive amount of damage being caused. If you have any information regarding this please contact the Police or Braunstone Town Council 0116 2899270



The Town Council is organising an Open Day at Thorpe Astley Community Centre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 11am – 2pm. Come along and view the centre meet the new Child care group, play football with the Braunstone Juniors, have a go on the bouncy castle and come and speak with your councillors over tea and cake!

### Speed Activation Sign Results

29<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Murby Way Going Into Thorpe Astley  
Total number of vehicles 18664  
Normal speed – 6955 (38%)  
31 – 35mph – 6794 (36.4%)  
36 – 39mph – 3304 (17.7%)  
40mph + - 1478 (7.9%)  
Fastest 57mph



**WHEELS SKATE PARK PROJECT**  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> August  
11am – 2pm  
Thorpe Astley Community Centre  
**AVAILABLE FOR ALL**  
Under 8's to be accompanied by an adult  
Parent/guardian consent required for under 10yrs  
Wheels Mobile Skate Park Project will be back at the Thorpe Astley Community Centre car park during the summer holidays.  
BMX bikes, stunt scooters, skateboards and 30 helmets available to hire free of charge or you can bring your own!  
For further information please telephone 0116 2899270

### Annual Survey

Residents are invited to have their say on the services the Town Council currently offers and the plans we have for our services in the Town. Our Annual Survey is available from Braunstone Civic Centre, Thorpe Astley Community Centre and online via our website. All eligible completed surveys will be entered into a free prize draw for £50, to be drawn by the Town Mayor at Council on 28th September. The deadline for survey responses is Friday 25th August 2017. Your views are vital for the Council in order to provide services that people really want.

### New Book Exchange At Thorpe Astley Community Centre

Town Mayor, Councillor Bill Wright, launches "Book Exchange" at Thorpe Astley Community Centre.

Donating some books, Deputy Leader & Thorpe Astley Councillor Amanda Hack was pleased that residents would be able to share their experience of reading through the book exchange which is based on honesty - donate a used book and take a book to enjoy! Alternatively you can take a book and leave a

donation for the Town Mayor's Charity, which this year is Rainbows Children's Hospice. The Book Exchange is located in the foyer of Thorpe Astley Community Centre, Lakin Drive, which during school term time is open on weekday mornings. The Centre is open at other times when events and hires are taking place. For opening times contact 0116 289 0704 or email: [bookings@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:bookings@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk)



### GP Services

Since the Autumn of 2016, the Town Council has been working on behalf of concerned local residents representing their concerns to the NHS about issues of access and availability of General Practitioners at local GP surgeries. The Council's Policy & Resources Committee first raised the issues of access to GP services in the Town with the Clinical Commissioning Group in October 2016 and it has been further discussed by the Committee in April and June, when the Clinical Commissioning Group was unable to send representatives. Due to the issues of access and availability becoming acute, the Committee has made representations to both County and District Councils for the issues to be considered by their scrutiny bodies. Leicestershire County Council has a formal role in scrutinising the provision of Health Services in its area.

Councillor Amanda Hack, Braunstone Town Council's Deputy Leader, stated that "I have raised the issues highlighted at Leicestershire County Council and with the Head of East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group. There have been problems in the area recruiting and training enough people for General Practice, which has been acknowledged; and there are plans to enable surgeries to share resources, although it is recognised that this would not have an impact in the short term". Councillor Hack added that "Braunstone Town Council has been working with the NHS for over 2 years to resolve capacity issues and bring into use the unused NHS facility at Thorpe Astley Community Centre, but the practice initially interested in running services from the site chose to walk away. However, I wish to reassure residents that the Town Council and Town Councillors are working hard representing residents' concerns to the appropriate authorities".

The Practice Manager of Kingsway Surgery has agreed to speak to Town Councillors about his plans for the surgery at the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at Braunstone Civic Centre.

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