



Cllr Nick Brown
Town Council Leader

At the beginning of this financial year I highlighted that Blaby District Council had voted to end the payment to parish and town councils of the parish share of Council Tax Support Grant and New Homes Bonus from next April (2018), in order to plug a gap in their own finances. The loss of this income, along with existing financial pressures faced by the Town Council equates to an approximate increase of 17% on the Town Council's share of Council Tax bills. For a typical household in a Band B property this would mean paying around £15 per year extra.

The Town Council's Policy & Resources Committee on 26th October identified both the pressures on our expenditure and the cuts to our income. Between November and January we will be reviewing the services we provide and the balance between making savings and increasing Council Tax. I cannot underestimate the difficulty of this task for the Town Council, ultimately the cut imposed by Blaby District Council puts our services at risk while placing a greater burden of cost on our community, which could lead to even higher taxes or bigger cuts in the long term.

ARMISTICE DAY AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

All residents are invited to join the Town Mayor on Saturday 11th November, Braunstone Civic Centre, 10.45pm for a short Remembrance Service followed by refreshments.

The Town Mayor will also be attending St Crispin's Church, Turnbull Drive for the Service of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November, 10.45am and all residents are invited to attend.



Annual Survey Results

We would like to thank everyone who spend their time to complete the Annual Satisfaction Survey. All comments are always welcome and help us in making decisions on our services.

We are very pleased, that 92% of residents are satisfied with performance and services provided by Braunstone Town Council. For 76% of those who filled the survey, services and initiatives undertaken by Town Council are important. Therefore, we always make sure that we meet your needs and expectations. All additional comments to the survey will be presented to appropriate Council's Committee and taking into consideration while making plans for next year.



Town Mayor presented a £50 cheque to Mrs Helen Lawson, lucky winner this year. **Congratulations!**

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS

'Inspired for Christmas' Flower Demonstration

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

7.30PM

BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

TICKETS £9.00

Nigel Whyles from Telford will be demonstrating flower arrangements suitable for your home at Christmas. There will be a raffle of the displays created, tombola and refreshments available.

Net proceeds from the event to be donated to the Kingsway Flower Club & Braunstone Town Mayor's chosen charity, Rainbows.

PUBLIC MEETINGS—DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT	Thursday 9th November	7.00pm	Civic Centre
FULL COUNCIL MEETING	Thursday 23th November	8.00pm	Civic Centre
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY PANEL	Thursday 26th November	7.30pm	Civic Centre

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 25th November
11.00am—3.00pm
Braunstone Civic Centre
Entry: £0.50

The very popular Christmas Gifts and Crafts Fair will again be held at the Civic Centre including two rooms of stalls with a wide variety of gifts to start your Christmas Shopping. There will also be the tea room and refreshments.

Christmas Quiz & Games Night

Fri 1st December 7.30pm
Braunstone Civic Centre
Tickets £5.00
Includes light refreshments

Customer Service Shop, Braunstone Civic Centre

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

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