

# Mayor of the Borough of Broxtowe 2019/2020



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Councillor Michael Brown represents Greasley and was first elected to Broxtowe Borough Council twenty years ago in 1999. He has been a member of the Conservative Party since the 1980s.

Michael was born in

August 1941 and was brought up in Giltbrook where he completed his education at Eastwood County Secondary School. When he was 36, Michael married the former Margaret Smith and the couple shared five children, Paul, Richard, Steven and the late lan, as well as one daughter, Kerry before they divorced in 2006. They remain friends and are proud grandparents to ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Michael served for four years on Eastwood Town Council in 1983 and served as a member of Greasley Parish Council for twenty-two years. He has been the Chairman of Greasley twice, where his achievements include planning for a full refurbishment of the Greasley Sports & Community Centre.

In his role as a Broxtowe Borough Councillor, Michael has always been very active and is a longstanding member of the Planning Committee. Community issues such as fly tipping and dog fouling have been of particular concern to him and he served as Vice-Chair of the Environment and Community Safety Committee, which later became the Community Safety Committee before stepping down to become Deputy Mayor.

Before the Council moved to a Committee system, Michael was the Chair of the Environment Examination and Inquiry Group, a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Budget Advisory Committee and the Eastwood Advisory Committee. He was also a cabinet member for many years.

A former, amateur international cyclist, Michael is a well-known figure in the local area. In 1976 he started a business as a cycle retailer and repairer and 'Mick Brown Cycles' is a familiar and well-loved business in Eastwood.

He was a member of the Beeston Cycling Club and supported past Mayor, Margaret Handley by cycling 500 miles across the Scottish Highlands for her chosen charity.

During his spare time, Michael is a keen walker and passionately involved in outdoor and wildlife photography. He is one of the founder members of the Beauvale Photography Group and when he is not busy with Mayoral engagements, he can be found photographing around the Borough, and in the Derbyshire countryside.

During his Civic Year, Michael will be supported by his Chaplain, Reverend Dave Marvin from St Mary's, Greasley.

The charity Michael will be supporting during his year in office is Nottingham Hospitals Charity, with all proceeds raised going to the Nottingham City Hospital Trent Cardiac Unit.

#### Nottingham City Hospital - The Trent Cardiac Unit

Nottingham Hospitals Charity enhances patient care at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust's Queen's Medical Centre, City Hospital and Ropewalk. They provided added extras such as improved facilities, equipment, and services that directly enhance patient experiences – such as rest gardens, music therapy sessions, and massage therapy for palliative care patients. They also fund vital local research and exceptional staff development programmes over and above national provision.

Councillor Michael Brown is supporting The Trent Cardiac Centre, the epicentre for the East Midlands heart attack centre. The centre carries out both interventional and surgical procedures, treating a breadth of cardiac conditions. As a specialist centre they receive referrals for patients requiring cardiac treatments from not only the East Midlands but sometimes further afield too.

During Councillor Brown's year in office he will be raising money for a rest garden and equipment for the Trent Cardiac Centre. The Trent Cardiac Centre is a charity very close to Michael's heart as he has been the recipient of several stents.

You can find out more about Nottingham Hospitals Charity by visiting

#### www.nottinghamhospitalscharity.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1165397



Make a donation to the Mayor's charities through Broxtowe Borough Council. Cheques should be made payable to Broxtowe Borough Council – Mayor's Charity.

## WHAT TO DO IF THE MAYOR VISITS

1. The Mayor's official title is:

# THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF BROXTOWE.

- 2. If you are addressing him directly you say: **MR MAYOR.**
- 3. The Mayor may be accompanied by his Consort.
- 4. To help the Communications and Civic Officer to provide a brief for the Mayor, please send as much background information as possible at least a week before the event e.g. dress code, locations, maps, leaflets or posters, who the Mayor is likely to meet, if a speech is required and also if refreshments are to be provided.
- 5. Press photographers may attend.
- 6. The event will be published on the Mayor's engagement list, which is circulated to the press, who may take an interest. Some events are further supported by a press release from the Council's Press Office and an official photographer engaged. The Civic Office will advise if this is likely.

## WOULD YOU LIKE THE MAYOR TO CALL?

The Mayor represents the borough by attending over 300 events during their civic year in office. These engagements include official openings, play schemes, sports functions, charity events, special occasions such as golden weddings and other significant anniversaries and birthdays.

If you would like to invite the Mayor to attend an event, special anniversary or birthday, please complete the online form at

## www.broxtowe.gov.uk/bookthemayor

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