



July 2016 Newsletter

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

I was fortunate enough to win a place at the service of Thanksgiving for the Queen at St Paul's Cathedral after a ballot of MPs. It was a great privilege to be at the service though the many large hats on display meant I wasn't able to actually see Her Majesty and Prince Phillip at the front. I know there were many celebration in Mid-Derbyshire and I hope everyone took a moment to wish Her Majesty a happy birthday and thank her for so many years of service to the nation.

Volunteers Week

In June National Volunteer Week took place, extended for 12 days to coincide with The Queen's 90th Birthday. I joined Volunteers at the Air Ambulance Service Charity Shop in Belper. They are a great group who give up their time to keep the shop running and help raise vital funds for our Air Ambulance Service. Thank you to everyone at the shop for being so welcoming and to the many people in Derbyshire who volunteer time and effort every week to raise money for charities and care for others.



Welcoming the Archbishop of Canterbury to Derby

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, made his first official visit to Derby since becoming the leader of the Church of England. It was a pleasure to be part of the welcome committee for his visit as he met with the Derbyshire Diocese to discuss their work and the opportunities and challenges for the Church in the community.



Britain's Beer Day

One of the best things about living in Derbyshire has to be the wide range of microbreweries producing some of the best and ales in the country. Behind the delicious products are many small businesses with passionate and hardworking employees. The contribution of breweries was recognised in Westminster on Britain's Beer Day with a drop in session for MPs to discuss breweries in their area and what we can do to support them.



Dear Constituent,

The referendum regarding Britain's membership of the European Union (EU) has acted as the catalyst for one of the greatest periods of change in British politics in over half a century. The decision of the British people to vote to leave the EU spoke volumes of the dissatisfaction people feel towards the institution we joined in 1973. Leading up to the referendum, I held a well-attended debate on the issue of whether or not Britain should stay in the EU. It is testament to the character of those who live in Mid-Derbyshire that the debate remained civil and informative and didn't descend into a shouting match. I personally did not decide which way I was going to vote up until the night of the referendum. I wanted to thoroughly weigh up all the arguments from both sides before casting my ballot. As it transpired, I voted to leave. The result was close, but decisive, 52% to 48% in favour of leaving. Whichever way you voted, I hope we can all respect the democratic outcome of the referendum. With Mr Cameron deciding to resign his role as Prime Minister, I am delighted with the appointment of Theresa May as his successor. She is a strong and diligent woman who has all the credentials to lead our country to a prosperous future.

Away from the EU Referendum, I have kept up my pressure on the Government to look into the sudden closure of Courtaulds and whether we can learn anything from what happened to make sure it doesn't happen again. In particular tightening loopholes and restricting companies from moving assets to third-party companies before going into administration. There have been a number of businesses that have been in contact with me about buying Courtaulds, however, the stripping of assets from within the company has put its sale in jeopardy. Like the Secretary of State for Business, I will be waiting for the Administrators report into Courtaulds, which is due to be published in 3 months, to see what their conclusions are.

In June I had support for the Minister for Tourism for the Derwent Valley Cycleway. The scheme would allow visitors to cycle from Derby Silk Mill in the city centre, through the Strutt Mills World Heritage Site in Belper and into Cromford and beyond. We live in a beautiful area and the scheme would encourage much needed local and international to the area.

One of the highlights of the month was welcoming two school groups from Mid-Derbyshire to Parliament; Duffield Meadows School and Little Eaton School. Not only did they learn about the history of Parliament at the Education Centre but also were able to visit Downing Street for photos outside Number 10. Thank you to all the staff and students for representing Mid-Derbyshire so well and I look forward to welcoming the next group of visitors soon.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Hatton

Care in the Community

On the day of the EU Referendum results it was business as usual for me as I sat down with Community Care providers as Babington Hospital to listen to any concerns they had on delivering care to those in need of it. The 2014 Health and Social Care Act brought in a number of measures to make sure the quality of care was consistent throughout the country and that the elderly would not have to worry about leaving or selling their homes to receive care. Carers are the unsung heroes of the country and making sure they are looked after and given time off from their caring responsibilities. I will be taking the concerns I heard at the session and going directly to the Minister for Health to see if more support can be given.