

# Pauline Latham OBE MP

Working hard for Mid Derbyshire

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**Raise a tea cup for local designer's business collaboration**

In August I joined fellow MP Nigel Mills on a visit to Denby Pottery to celebrate the collaboration between the 200-year old ceramics firm and Belper designer Sarah Marley.

Sarah has created a stunning collection of tea-themed art for Denby Pottery which I got to see as it was launched.

This is the sort of enterprising business collaboration I like to see and much deserved for Sarah who is a very talented local designer.

The collection is available at the Denby Pottery Visitor Centre and I highly recommend it.



From Left to right: Nigel Mills MP, Sarah Marley, Me, and Gary Capell from Denby Pottery at the launch.

## Good News on unemployment in Mid-Derbyshire continues

Since the election I have watched the numbers on unemployment in Mid-Derbyshire and have been happy to see the figures continue to fall. The latest figures released in July show the number of unemployed down to 312 compared with the same month in 2014 unemployment has dropped from 477, a reduction of 34 per cent.

Continuing to keep unemployment down is one of my main priorities and I am confident that as the economy grows more businesses will be able to take people on and there will be more start-up businesses.

## Duffield Restaurant nominated for National Award

I am happy to report that the Viceroy in Duffield, a favourite Indian restaurant for many in Mid-Derbyshire, has been nominated for the Tiffin Cup, the national competition to find the best South Asian Restaurant in the country.

The next round in the competition will see some very lucky mystery diners visit the restaurant and make a decision whether to put Viceroy through to the national final taking place in October taking place in the House of Commons. My fingers are firmly crossed for Mr Hussain and at Viceroy.



With Saajid Hussain, owner of Viceroy, outside the restaurant in Duffield

## And finally.....

### Bon Voyage to students leaving home to university

Over the summer GCSE and A-Level results were released. For those who finished their A-Levels last year and moving onto university I wish you all well. For many it will be the first time you have lived away from home in Mid-Derbyshire. I hope you enjoy your time at university and, as a parent, may I remind you to find time to check in with friends and family back home?



Enjoying Belper Food and Drink Festival.



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Dear Constituent,

Whilst the weather this summer has been hit and miss I hope you have managed to enjoy a summer break whether in Mid-Derbyshire or further afield. For many, September marks the unofficial end of summer with children returning to school and businesses returning to a more normal routine. Parliament too returns from its summer recess. During the summer I have made the most of being in the constituency visiting a wide range of events and businesses ranging from students taking part in the National Citizen Service to meeting representatives from NatWest to discuss the closure of the branch in Spondon.

My first engagement was to welcome the Minister for Community and Social Care to Mid-Derbyshire for the afternoon to meet with health practitioners and discuss problems occurring with local GP surgeries looking to expand their services. The meeting was very productive and was followed by a tour of SureScreen Laboratories and a reception in the evening at Morley Retreat.

Some other stand out moments for me this summer have been the Belper Food and Drink Festival which took place in July and the Belper Games.

The Belper Food and Drink Festival was a fantastic day out for all the senses. I really enjoyed walking up King Street sampling the food and drink on offer, speaking to the exhibitors and taking in the atmosphere. It all happens again in December with the Winter Food Festival announced for Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

I helped open the Belper Games again this year and having watched it grow over the years I felt great joy when I saw it had smashed its fundraising target to raise £22,000. The money it raises is great but so too is the awareness it brings of the lesser known diseases Scleroderma, Ataxia and Pulmonary Fibrosis. I look forward to presenting these charities with their cheques soon. For everyone who helped organise or attended an event in the local area this summer I thank you for making our community such a great place to live.

The first issue scheduled to be before Parliament is the EU Referendum Bill but the first local matter I will be working on is the issue of Speeding Traffic outside Morley Primary School. Having seen the speed cars travel past the school, up to 59mph and through red lights, I worry a child will die before we do anything about this issue. I am calling for a reduction in the speed limit outside the School to 20mph, an increase in the 30mph zone leading up to the School and better signage for motorists so they know what the speed limit is and have enough time to reduce their speed. These are low-cost measures which have proved effective elsewhere. The debate is scheduled for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September after the main business in Parliament.

If you think there are any events that I could ever help raise attention to or pop along always feel free to email: [Pauline.latham.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Pauline.latham.mp@parliament.uk) or tweet me: @Pauline\_latham

Yours sincerely,

*Pauline Latham*

## Southern Derbyshire CCG Health Services Review

Something I would like to draw your attention to is that Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group is currently reviewing its health services in Belper which will include a review of Babington Hospital. I am aware that many constituents use the facilities at Belper Clinic, particularly for blood tests etc. and this matter may be of interest to you.

During the Autumn, the SDCCG will be talking to local people to obtain their views and the information will be used to meet the needs of the local people in the future. For more detailed information about this review, please refer to: [www.southernderbyshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.southernderbyshireccg.nhs.uk). If you would like to contact someone about this over the coming months, please email [Claire.Haynes@southernderbyshireccg.nhs.uk](mailto:Claire.Haynes@southernderbyshireccg.nhs.uk). In the meantime, if there are specific comments you would like to draw my attention to, please let me know. The easiest way is to email me on [Pauline.latham.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Pauline.latham.mp@parliament.uk).

## Event for Small Businesses

I am intending to hold another workshop for small businesses regarding automatic enrolment and the changes to the workplace pension scheme. If you are an employer, and you have not already done so, you will shortly have to 'automatically enrol' every worker.

The reason for the auto-enrolment changes is that people are now living longer so it has never been more important to start saving early. Automatic enrolment ensures that all new workers, young and old, will automatically be able to start saving for their old age. If you are the owner of a small business, I am hosting a free event which will be delivered by an independent speaker from the Pensions Regulator.

The event will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 8.00-9.30 a.m. at the University of Derby's Enterprise Centre. If you would like to attend, please contact my Constituency Office on 01332 676679.

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