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Welcome

Meeting the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Autumn Statement

We all know how congestion really affects the lives of residents in Fareham so road upgrades were at the top of my agenda when I spoke to the Rt. Hon. Philip Hammond, the Chancellor of the Exchequer this month, raising the need for funding for Junctions 9, 10 and 11 of the M27 as well as for the Stubbington Bypass.

Overall the Autumn Statement was optimistic, bold and fair. Optimistic, in proving the pre-Referendum pessimists wrong with higher forecasts for growth and no recession as predicted. Clear commitments have been made to reduce public spending, public borrowing and bring down the deficit. Bold, in that it faces up to the long term challenges of low productivity, infrastructure upgrading and innovation. Fair, in extending the ladder of opportunity to more people through the increasing affordable homes, raising the National Living Wage to £7.50, reducing the Universal Credit taper, raising the tax-free personal allowance to £12,500 and introducing a new savings bond through NS&I with an interest rate of 2.2% gross and a term of 3 years.



In Parliament



Speaking up for Family Justice

I raised the issue of the Family Justice system with the Secretary of State for Justice, the Lord Chancellor in the House of Commons. Despite the important reforms contained in the Children and Families Act 2014, care applications are on the rise and high-conflict divorce cases take far too long and cost an enormous amount of money, causing considerable distress to the parties and the children. I hope that more can be done to improve the situation. You can read my full speech and the Minister's response at:

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-11-01/debates/605BFB96-1467-4DE8-B8D5-907D13F3EC09/TopicalQuestions#contribution-9F52F678-066F-40B0-8D53-FE309DA9936B)

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Debating on the Sunday Politics show

I appeared on the BBC's Sunday Politics programme with Andrew Neil. I expressed my views on why we need to leave the EU Customs union and forge new trade deals with the rest of the world to boost jobs and growth. You can view the show until 6th December at: www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b080gxml



An update on Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

This month I called a meeting with the new interim Chairman, Alan Yates and interim CEO, Julie Dawes, with other MPs to question them on the plan for improving services and public trust in this troubled organisation. We were encouraged by their awareness of the seriousness of the issues and the programme in place. I was further pleased that the CQC lifted its Warning Notice as a sign of things moving in the right direction. Whilst there is still more to do I am pleased by the early signs.

You can read the latest report at: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RW1>





At my Senior Citizens' Fair



Visiting the Army Careers Office



Discussing concerns at my surgery



ONS visits Parliament



Laying a wreath in Fareham



At Swanwick Marina

Senior Citizens' Fair

Hundreds of people attended my Senior Citizens' Fair on 25th November in Fareham. Attendees were able to browse the stalls, watch Zumba demonstrations by Pauline Grant Zumba, dance to Rock & Roll music by Volcanic Ash and have coffee, a cake and chat with me. A big thank you goes to the event's sponsor Fareham Meon Rotary Club, St. John's Church for being such wonderful hosts, Fareham WI for the cakes and to all stallholders.

Visiting the Army Careers Office

I was honoured to meet Fareham's new recruit Signaller Bill Carter and award Sarah Warren a prize for Innovation and Improvement at the Army Careers Centre in Portsmouth. A huge well done to both and I wish them every success in their future careers.

Monthly surgery at Tesco

It was good to hold one of my regular surgeries in Tesco Fareham. I really enjoy being out in the community and meeting residents. If you would like to raise an issue with me please send an email to suella@suellafernandes.co.uk.

Office for National Statistics in Parliament

Fareham's Office for National Statistics (ONS) visited Parliament this month. We had a good discussion on the impact of the Digital Economy Bill on the work the ONS do. If you would like to visit Parliament, please get in touch.

Swanwick boat thefts

I am urging boat owners to stay vigilant in Swanwick after a wave of thefts have been reported. I received a briefing from Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich concerning 39 thefts since July. If you have witnessed anything suspicious please call 101 to speak to the police.

Remembrance Sunday

I was humbled to attend moving Remembrance Services in Portchester and Fareham. A special thanks to the Royal British Legion and Holy Trinity Church for making it possible and the voluntary and service groups who participated.

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What constituents said about the Senior Citizens' Fair:

"The fair was a very good way to see what's on offer in the local community... it's clear that there is so much on my doorstep. It was lively and there was a great atmosphere - I would like to thank Suella for organising it."

Surgeries & Events

Please call my office to find out how to arrange an appointment:

Sarisbury Green Surgery, Friday
9th December 2016.

North Fareham Surgery, Friday
20th January 2016.

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