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Welcome

I do hope you had a lovely Easter break and are enjoying the Spring sunshine.

Tackling M27 delays

Chronic congestion causes delays to thousands of commuters on the M27 at junctions 9 and 10 and constituents contact me about this on a regular basis. With Fareham set to see 6,000 new homes at Welborne and thousands more at North Whiteley, I asked the Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin MP, what steps he is taking to ensure that vital upgrades are carried out as a matter of priority. I am pleased that action is being taken and you can view the Secretary of State's full response using the link below:

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-03-10b.403.3&s=speaker%3A25272#g403.6>

I shall of course keep my website updated when I receive news of any developments.

In Parliament

Refugees and Dublin Regulations



As many know, before becoming an MP I was a barrister, working as Counsel on hundreds of asylum and trafficking cases. A core principle of the Dublin Regulations is that the first country of entry should take responsibility for the claimant, which imports fairness and equity into the system. With the crisis in the Mediterranean still ongoing, I asked James Brokenshire MP, Minister of State for Security and Immigration, to reassure the House of his commitment to that principle, and confirm that to discard it without legal basis would be undemocratic and illegitimate.

I am pleased that the Minister confirmed the Government's commitment to upholding the Dublin arrangements and you can read more at:

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-02-29b.679.0&s=speaker%3A25272#g689.1>

International Women's Day

I spoke of domestic violence in the International Women's Day debate. This is a cause close to my heart, having represented women in this situation on too many occasions. Two women die at the hands of domestic abusers each week in England and Wales. On average, a woman will be assaulted 35 times before seeking help. In 2009, the cost to the UK economy was estimated to be £15.7 million a year. Although we need to celebrate the achievements of women, we also need to pause and reflect on the areas in which, as those statistics show, women and girls are still being failed. Although words are important, it is action that will make a real difference.

In March 2014, the Government introduced Clare's law, which is named after Clare Wood, who was tragically murdered by her ex-boyfriend in 2009. The law allows people to ask the police whether their partner has a history of domestic abuse, and it has already helped more than 1,000 people.

I was therefore thrilled that post debate, the Chancellor announced in the recent budget £190,000 to support the incredibly important work of Southern Domestic Abuse Service.

You can read my full speech here: <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-03-08a.197.1&s=speaker%3A25272#g237.0>

Royal Navy's global reach

I am pleased that this Government is committed to the forces. I recently asked the Secretary of State for Defence, Philip Dunne MP, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of the Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015 on the Royal Navy's global reach.

I am pleased that the Secretary of State is committed to delivering the most modern Navy in the world, capable of supporting the UK's interests around the globe and keeping our seas safe. Philip Dunne assures me that both the capability and manpower of the Royal Navy will grow, including a renewed strategic deterrent with 100% aircraft carrier availability. There will be a fleet of at least 19 frigates and destroyers including new general purpose frigates, new offshore patrol vessels, and new tanker support ships.





Pan Jazz International



Damian Hinds MP speaking at Solent Business Forum lunch



Jeremy Hunt at Fareham Community Hospital



Clean for Queen in Portchester



Meeting with Young Start Up Talent



Police beat surgery– Highlands Hub

Suella's Musical Showcase

A wonderful evening of local musical talent was held this month at Fareham Academy. Jazz-Anon from Warsash got us dancing, Katie Rogers from Stubbington performed Adele's greatest songs and Karen (from Fareham) & Friends Classical Trio, Pan Jazz International from Gosport and Nathan Cannon from Henry Cort all performed marvelously. A special thanks must go to Graham Fuller for organising the event and the Parent Teacher Association for helping to host the showcase.

Clean for Queen

I had a fun morning taking part in the Clean for Queen event in Portchester with volunteers. We filled loads of bags of rubbish at Wicor Recreation Ground, with beautiful views of Portsmouth Harbour too. It is Fareham's community spirit that never ceases to amaze me.

Minister speaks to Solent Business Forum

The Solent Business Forum holds quarterly business lunches and is a great way to network locally. The Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury and fellow Hampshire MP, Damian Hinds spoke at the spring event, with an audience comprising small local business-owners, medium and large manufacturers, exporters and importers, from the care, retail, automotive, engineering and banking sectors. We had a lively and wide-ranging discussion about trade, jobs, skills, childcare and the EU. If you would like to join the forum, please do contact me.

Police Beat Surgery

It was useful to attend the Highlands Hub Beat Surgery this month with PC Mangan and PCSO McNally. Fareham Police hold regular Beat Surgeries, engaging with the local community and talking about anti-social behaviour, traffic safety and noise outside pubs.

Jeremy Hunt visits Fareham Community Hospital

I raised the issue of Fareham Community Hospital with the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt in Parliament and he visited the hospital last month. Jeremy met with the Taskforce and is hoping to help on a policy level. We also unveiled the Dementia Friendly plaque - the hospital is the first in the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group area to receive the status, which is awarded by the Alzheimer's Society.

Young Start Up Talent

Are you under 25 with a great business idea? I recently met Lorraine from Young Start Up Talent who informed me of their Solent competition. Pitch your idea for the chance to win 12 months of mentoring, accounting, training, publicity and a £2000 cash investment. The entry deadline is the 5th July 2016 and more information can be found at: www.youngstartuptalent.co.uk.

Suella

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in parliament please visit my website.

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my Constituents. To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months notice, as they are very popular.

Surgery dates

Call to arrange an appointment:

Surgery, Friday 29th April 2016, Fareham Tesco.

Surgery, Friday 20th May 2016, Sarisbury Community Centre.

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