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MP for Fareham, Locks Heath, Park Gate, Portchester, Sarisbury, Titchfield and Warsash

Welcome

Welcome to my newsletter as MP for Fareham. I do hope you are finding it a useful update as to my activities both in Parliament and constituency.

November is a special and reflective month, a time to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms and liberties. I was honoured to attend the annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service at Holy Trinity Church, Fareham on Remembrance Sunday. I was humbled to lay a wreath and to meet with the men and women's branches of the Royal British Legion.

A levels in Fareham– Can you help?

Good progress is being made on this campaign. Cams Hill School will be applying to the Department of Education to become a Free School Sixth Form offering vitally needed A Levels in the area. We are currently forming our Proposer Team and are seeking volunteers to support the application. We also need evidence of the demand for the A Levels in Fareham so please write to me indicating your support for this application and, if you have school-age children, if you would be interested in sending them to Cams Hill for A Levels. It is important that the whole community supports Cams Hill in this proposal which will benefit hundreds of teenagers for years to come. The first team meeting is in early December, so let me know if you would like more information.

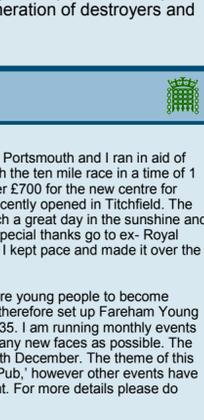
In Parliament



On the 21st October 2015 I made my first question to the Prime Minister: "I recently visited the British Army training unit in Suffield in Canada, and I met many of our brave men and women who are undergoing advanced combat training, including my constituent, Major Iain Wallace of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Many of them support the Government's commitment to spending the NATO target of 2% of our GDP on protecting Britain's interests. Will my right hon. Friend explain how that commitment will go towards investment in technology and equipment, and enable people such as Major Iain Wallace to do his job properly?"

I am thrilled that David Cameron confirmed that the crucial 2% target "will ensure that all those who join our splendid armed forces in the coming years know that they will have world-beating equipment and technology at their fingertips."

You can view the PM's whole response here: <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2015-10-21b.946.11&s=speaker%3A25272#g954.2>



Fareham community Hospital cost £28 million, yet it remains underused, half-built and subject to complex governance structures. I therefore tabled a question in House and asked the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, what he will do to enable better use of this facility- to allow provision for minor injuries, a GP practice and more primary care. I am pleased to report that Mr. Hunt has agreed to visit the hospital to discuss what can be done!



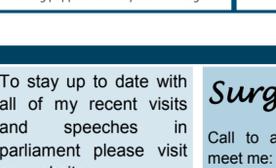
The Prime Minister announced a £178 billion investment in defence equipment and support in the 5 year National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence Security Review. I told the Prime Minister in House that Fareham would welcome the investment, particularly firms such as Boskalis Westminster Ltd, which is already making preparations for the arrival of the two new aircraft carriers to Portsmouth. The money will also increase Royal Navy personnel by 400 - to man the new generation of destroyers and frigates.

Constituency News



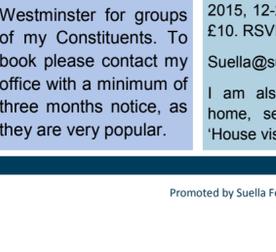
Great South Run with Mims Davies, MP Eastleigh

The Great South Run was held in Portsmouth and I ran in aid of The Haven. I was pleased to finish the ten mile race in a time of 1 hour 53 minutes, raising just under £700 for the new centre for breast cancer patients that has recently opened in Titchfield. The run was really tough but I had such a great day in the sunshine and the atmosphere was wonderful. Special thanks go to ex- Royal Marine Robert Ellis, who ensured I kept pace and made it over the finish line!



Young Conservative's pub quiz

I am really keen to encourage more young people to become involved in politics locally. I have therefore set up Fareham Young Conservatives for those aged 18-35. I am running monthly events and it would be great to see as many new faces as possible. The next event is at 7pm on Friday 11th December. The theme of this particular night is 'Politics in the Pub,' however other events have included a debate and a quiz night. For more details please do contact me.



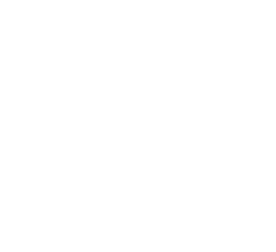
Solent Business Forum lunch

Many residents contacted me concerned over The Queen's Head Pub in Titchfield. Enterprise Inns were going to remove the current owners, Bob and Maz, and install a manager. I telephoned the CEO and Bob and Maz have had their contract renewed. I am really pleased as the pub does much charity work and community engagement in the village.



Remembrance Sunday parade

I run the Solent Business Forum, a networking group for businesses locally. We hold monthly lunchtime meetings and I'm keen to welcome more companies. Please do get in touch if you'd like to attend.



Wicor Primary School's veg patch

The North Whiteley development falls outside of my constituency, however I recently sent a written submission to Winchester Council expressing constituents' concerns with regards to the impacts on Fareham's residents. These primarily fell into the categories of: infrastructure, ecology and employment. You can read my letter at the below link;

<http://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/news/north-whiteley-written-submission>

As a member of the Education Select Committee Fareham's schools are really important to me. I was saddened to hear that Wykeham House School in Fareham may have to close due to financial difficulties. I was therefore pleased to visit the Chair of Governors and the school as well as organise and host a meeting in Parliament to discuss possible ways forward with Nick Gibb, Minister of State for Schools and the Head of Wykeham House.

I visited the Head Teacher at St. Francis Special School with Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich, District Commander for Fareham, following the recent vandalism that caused £15,000 worth of damage. The school is such an asset to our community and I am appealing for anyone with information to please come forward to the Police. I am so pleased that many local businesses have made donations to make the school more secure. Although tinged with sadness due to the vandalism, I was thrilled to see the true spirit of the school shining through in a time of crisis.

It was great to visit Wicor Primary School in Portchester. The innovative emphasis on the environment and horticulture mean the children get to experience a veg patch, chickens laying eggs and the production of honey. The teaching was excellent and the children so happy.

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Selling poppies with Royal British Legion



Titchfield Carnival



Visiting St. Francis School

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 to meet me:

Surgery, Friday 11th December 3.30pm-5.30pm, Locks Heath

New Supporters' Drinks, 24th January 2015, 12-2pm, West Hill Park School, £10. RSVP to;

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I am also pleased to visit you at home, see my website for details 'House visits'.

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