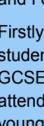




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Welcome



Welcome to my newsletter as MP for Fareham.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few months representing the people of Fareham in Parliament and I can't believe how quickly time is flying by.

Firstly I would like to congratulate the many students in Fareham who gained their A-level and GCSE results this summer. I was pleased to attend results' day and watch hundreds of youngsters start the next chapter of their lives.

In these short few months I have already spoken in Parliament on a variety of issues from local concerns such as bus services and provision of broadband, to national matters in the British Airways Pension and contaminated blood products and even the international issue of the humanitarian crisis in the Mediterranean. You can keep up to date with all of my speeches using the following website link: <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/search/?pid=25272&pop=1#n4>

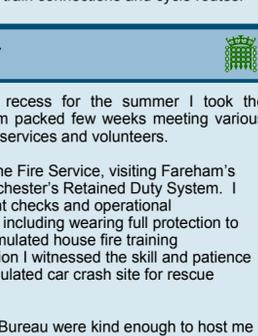


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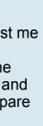
Prior to becoming an MP I helped to set up and Chaired the board of Governors of Michaela Community School- a free school for 11-18 year olds that opened in September 2014 in Brent. I have a keen interest in education and firmly believe in the powers of study to give a firm grounding in life. I was therefore delighted to be elected to the Education Select Committee in July 2015. The Committee consists of 11 backbench MP's and its role is to monitor the policy, administration and spending of the Department for Education and its associated arms length bodies, including Ofsted. You can keep track of The Committee's work via: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-committee/>

Fareham has a long association with the Armed Forces and I am humbled and grateful for the invaluable work they do. In recognition of the importance of the services in Fareham I have joined the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. The scheme's aim is to improve the quality of debate on military issues by exposing its members to first-hand experience of the service. I have joined the Army branch and I am looking forward to completing 22 days of service in order to graduate to more complex roles. As part of this I visited the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) in Alberta, Canada for four days. BATUS is the British Army's largest armoured training facility and it can accommodate live-firing and tactical effect simulation exercises up to battle group level. I met our troops including Major Ian Wallace from Fareham and witnessed first class bravery, skills and expertise.



I am committed to making Fareham more easily accessible. I recently met with the Rail Minister Clare Perry to discuss Wessex route rail upgrades and investment with my fellow Hampshire MPs. In addition I completed my written submission to the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) transport plan whose vision is to create an environment which will better facilitate growth and private sector investment in the Solent area, allow business to grow in a greener and more profitable manner and enable new businesses to form and prosper. I passed on concerns raised by constituents such as the M27, bus services, train connections and cycle routes.

Constituency News



With Parliament on recess for the summer I took the chance to have a jam packed few weeks meeting various groups of Fareham's services and volunteers.

I spent the day with the Fire Service, visiting Fareham's 24/7 station and Portchester's Retained Duty System. I took part in equipment checks and operational effectiveness training including wearing full protection to enter the specially simulated house fire training environment. In addition I witnessed the skill and patience of the crew at the simulated car crash site for rescue training purposes.



In full protective equipment with Fire Brigade

The Citizens' Advice Bureau were kind enough to host me for the morning. I was keen to hear of the invaluable contribution the team makes to providing advice to the people of Fareham. The service is run by volunteers and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has a spare few hours each week. It was interesting to hear the similarities in issues raised by the volunteers and concerns that are brought to my office.



With staff from the Citizens' Advice Bureau

Fareham Community Hospital is an excellent facility offering a variety of great services such as phlebotomy, physiotherapy, MRI and Dementia Support. The wonderful team of volunteers that makes up the Friends of Fareham Community Hospital kindly welcomed me for the day, giving me a unique insight into their valuable work at the Hospital. I am committed to ensuring additional services are added too. I was delighted during recess to be invited to train as a Dementia Friend too and thoroughly enjoyed meeting with the other volunteers. I am pleased to have completed this training and to have learnt such an invaluable new skill which I look forward to putting to good use.



Friends of Fareham Community Hospital

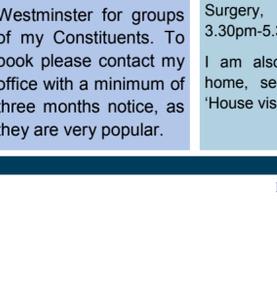
Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (GAFIRS) provides emergency lifeboat services in the Solent and Portsmouth Harbour. GAFIRS crews are on pager emergency call-out 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and in all weathers with members from age 14 years. GAFIRS runs two life boats and the dedication shown by GAFIRS volunteers is an irreplaceable asset to the Fareham and Gosport community. It was a pleasure to meet the team.



Volunteer Crew at GAFIRS

I had a fascinating time with the Fareham Police team and am grateful for their service, professionalism and expertise. The day consisted of arrests for the previous night's vehicle thefts in Funtley, a road traffic accident, walking the beat and visiting the homeless hostel. If you would like to go on the beat then do get in contact with Hampshire Constabulary.

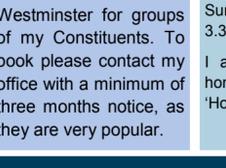
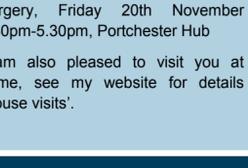
As part of my induction to Fareham's emergency services I spent the day out on call with the Ambulance crew. These included a suspected heart attack, an elderly person falling out of bed and a distress call from a mentally ill patient. The crew remained calm despite the constant pressure.



On the beat with Fareham Police

I am so proud of the emergency services and volunteers of Fareham and their humbling dedication to our local community.

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|  Dementia Training Group |  Lloyd and Mike-Ambulance Crew |  National Citizenship Service volunteers |
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To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in parliament please visit my website.

Surgery dates

Call to arrange an appointment to meet me:

Street Stall, Saturday 7th November, 10am– 12 noon, Fareham Shopping Centre.

Surgery, Friday 20th November 3.30pm-5.30pm, Portchester Hub

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

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