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November started with a series of special commemorations for the centenary of WW1. With Gosport's significant military history the Remembrance Sunday Service and unveiling of the new [stained glass panels](#) at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital offered a moment to reflect on both the sacrifices made, and the continued bravery of our armed forces today. It was an honour to meet local Invictus Games hero John Shepard selling poppies at the Royal British Legion stall, and attend the Gosport Heritage Peace Party at Fort Brockhurst.

This month also marked 100 years since women won the right to vote and become MPs. Over 350 female constituents joined their MPs in Parliament for [Ask Her to Stand Day](#), which encourages women to use their voice and engage in politics. I was delighted to invite local women Evie and Sarah to join me in Westminster for this milestone celebration.

This month we also celebrated [Parliament Week](#) and I was invited to meet the 9th Alverstoke Brownies who are working towards their Parliament Week and Centenary of Women's Vote Challenge Badges. Brownies are pretty tough interviewers, quizzing me about everything from animal welfare to my favourite pizza!

I visited the Hampshire Constabulary Control Room where I saw the vital work of call response workers manning the Gosport, Lee on the Solent & Stubbington desks. I also met with South Central Ambulance service bosses, I was pleased to hear that they are the first and only ambulance trust to get a ['Good' overall CCG rating](#) in England so far.

I met the Hampshire County Council Education & Children's Services leadership team for an update on the performance of local schools and other important issues. I was delighted to hear that Leesland C of E Infant and Junior Schools have been rated 'Good' by OFSTED. This is the third primary school in our area this year to move from 'Required Improvement' to 'Good'.

I learned a great deal more about home education when I visited FareGos Home Education Centre and saw a Chemistry lesson in full swing. I joined Year 2 at Grange Infant School for a jog as part of the schools [Daily Mile](#) initiative which nationally has proven to have a measurable impact on pupils' wellbeing. I was also thanked the students at St. Vincent College who have been volunteering at the [Fareham and Gosport Basics Food Bank](#).

It was great to catch up with local schools and businesses at the [Solent Festival of Engineering](#) hosted by my neighbour MP, Suella Braverman.

Meanwhile in Gosport, I hosted my third annual [Enterprise Fair](#). Nearly 100 aspiring business people turned up to take advantage of the networking opportunity, meet with organisations offering practical guidance, and hear from inspiring local entrepreneurs, from a range of sectors, talking about their journeys.



Fort Brockhurst Heritage Peace Party.



Gomer Junior School at the Festival of Engineering.



Opening the Gosport Enterprise Fair.

I joined local school children and veterans to bury a time capsule to mark the launch of the Daedalus Village development. Wates have been selected to develop 200 homes at the site as part of the Government's Accelerated Construction Model. As part of the work, they train local people who have been long term unemployed in the construction skills that our country so desperately needs.



Burying a time capsule at Daedalus Village development.

I met with Harcourt, who own the [Royal Hospital Haslar](#) site, to discuss their development plans, progress and timescales. Demolition of some of the more modern parts of the site has already taken place. I also joined a meeting of the Gosport Marine Scene, which I formed in 2011, to hear their exciting future plans for promoting our area as a world class marine and sailing destination and creating skills opportunities for our young people.

During November I met with both Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, and the Prime Minister to discuss the next steps following the [Report](#) into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Responding to the Report's recommendations on behalf of the Department of Health, Matt Hancock stated, "[to honour those who were so badly let down in Gosport... we will act on them.](#)"



Discussing Gosport War Memorial Hospital with the Home Secretary.

I also met with Solent WASPI campaigners who are fighting for compensation after the equalisation of state pension age and promised to raise any delayed cases with the Independent Case Examiner.

In Parliament, the Prime Minister has presented the [Withdrawal Agreement](#) which is the suggested foundation of our future relationship when we leave the EU next March. My priority as ever will be about protecting jobs and prosperity in the Gosport Constituency. You can read my thoughts on the document [here](#). There will be a Meaningful Vote on the deal on 11th December.

Meanwhile, the Health Secretary [announced](#) £3.5 billion will be given to primary and community healthcare, to create local rapid response teams that will provide high quality care at home. I was also delighted to accept the invitation to become an [Arthritis Champion](#) for the Gosport Constituency.

Locally, BBC Radio Solent invited me to talk about their [Care for Carers Campaign](#) that honours the millions unpaid carers this Christmas; the true unsung heroes of our health and care system. I enjoyed gathering music requests at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital before I spent an evening with Radio Haslar.

As part of the promises made in the Autumn Budget to tackle potholes, I was pleased to learn that Hampshire County Council has been [awarded nearly £12 million](#) to improve local roads.

I am relieved to say that the [Stubbington Bypass Inquiry](#) has been concluded. Construction has been delayed due to a objection by a member of the public. An Inspector will visit the site next Tuesday so a final decision can be made. I am glad that the Inspector had the opportunity to hear the overwhelming case for the Bypass and the benefits it will bring to ease our painfully inadequate transport infrastructure. I have been working tirelessly for this investment to help promote jobs and growth in our area.



On Air with Radio Haslar.

Although it feels a little early to get festive, Christmas events have already been taking place across our area. I had a great evening at the Lee on the Solent Residents Association Christmas party.

Coming up next month, most schools have Christmas Fayres taking place, including [Elson Infants](#) on December 1st, 11am to 2pm. The same day is also [Small Business Saturday](#), a great opportunity to shop local and support independent traders in our area. You can download the app '[Small Biz Sat UK](#)' to find small businesses by location.

Best wishes

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