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Aside from Easter and the traditional chocolate overdose, there has been lots of cause for excitement this April. The super-star students of Rowner Junior School [won the UK Rock Challenge South J Rock](#). Fareham College was also named [Construction Apprenticeship Provider of the Year at the Apprenticeship Awards 2019](#) for their exceptional Civil Engineering and Groundworks Apprenticeship at CETC (Digger School!) located at the Daedalus Enterprise Zone.

I was extremely pleased to hear that Haselworth Primary School has achieved a ['GOOD' overall Ofsted rating](#), a credit to the hard work of staff and pupils.

I was lucky enough to win £10K for local schools at an event in Parliament hosted by the Digital Currency Foundation. I decided to split the money equally between all Gosport schools - 33 of the 37 schools responded and I had the [pleasure of presenting the giant check](#) (and smaller ones of just over £300 each) to pupils from across the constituency. I'm looking forward to hearing how they chose to spend it!

Students from Brune Park also came for a trip and tour of Parliament, quizzing me on everything from Brexit to how I spend my infrequent days off!

[The New Bengal](#) on Stoke Road, who we nominated as the favourite South Asian restaurant in the Constituency following a poll on my Facebook site, have now reached the Regional Finals of the Tiffin Cup!

We have some brilliant local organisations that do so much for our community. This month, I had the pleasure of speaking at the 'In the Know' event organised by the [Gosport Older Persons Forum](#), a fantastic independent group of residents who provide information, services and events for over 55's. I also attended the annual [Safer Gosport Community Day](#) with organisations such as [Serv Wessex](#), [Motiv8](#), [GAFIRS](#) and all the emergency services on hand to offer info and advice, as well as an impressive display of vehicles in all shapes and sizes.

We are lucky enough to live in a beautiful coastal location that attracts tourists to both the sea and our rich naval history. As part of [English Tourism Week](#), I was honoured to unveil some of the impressive new exhibits at the [Diving Museum](#) which include two items on loan from the Science Museum on public display for the first time!

I visited Haslar Marina to sample the scrumptious new menu at the beautifully refurbished [Trinity's at the Lightship](#) restaurant and meet local businesses and charities based there, including armed forces sailing charity [Turn to Starboard](#).

I also went to Crofton School for the launch of the new [Crofton Partnership](#) - which aims to get the local community more closely involved with the school and students.



*Celebrating our 10K win
with local pupils.*



*With the brilliant Serv Wessex at
the Safer Gosport Community Day.*



*Arriving at Haslar Marina in style for
English Tourism Week.*

I attended the opening of the new [Hopscotch Day Nursery](#), just off Newgate Lane, which features workspaces and meeting hubs alongside childcare, ideal for working parents.



Visiting the new Hopscotch Nursery in Fareham.

I was delighted to speak at the official launch of the exciting new [Portsmouth Harbour Marine](#). The community organisation, which has grown out of the Gosport Marine Scene group I founded in 2012, will continue to help promote our area as a world class marine and sailing destination, as well as working with educators and businesses to support young people in building the right skills for careers in this important sector.

This month I concluded my [#PlasticPledge](#) where I gave up using single-use plastic for Lent. It has certainly been a challenge with [#PlasticPeeves](#) everywhere but I have picked up some fantastic daily habits that I shall continue to use. You can see my journey and top tips for reducing your plastic waste [here](#).



Attending the launch of the Portsmouth Harbour Marine.

In Parliament, good news this month as [Finn's Law](#) finally reached Royal Assent, protecting our service animals. We have seen changes to [income tax and the National Living Wage](#) which will see more money in the pockets of hard working local people. The [Online Harms White Paper](#) has also been published, outlining plans for world-leading online safety. Brexit uncertainty continued and, as ever, you can find my most up to date Brexit statement on my website [here](#).

As part of Autism Awareness Week I was very proud to become the [first MP to complete an Understanding Autism](#) course on a visit to the National Autistic Society. As the [Every Day Is Different](#) adult social care recruitment campaign came to an end, I met with care workers in Parliament to thank them for their involvement.

I know that healthcare is a hot topic in my surgeries, which is why I am hosting a [Gosport Health Forum](#) on May 17th with representatives in everything from GPs to ambulances and QA Hospital to dentistry. The event is free, but you need to register [here](#) to hear up to date news from local services and have your say.

I had a chance to catch up with our police Chief Inspector, Mark Lewis, to discuss local crime issues and the action being taken. We spoke about the need for more action on some of the low level crime that can be extremely distressful for local residents and business owners.

I was updated on the disposal of the Royal Clarence Yard by Minister of Defence Tobias Ellwood. After years of putting pressure on the MOD, I am pleased to see the recent progress and care taken to ensure that its disposal will benefit our local area.

Coming up next month, apart from the Health Forum, the [Gosport Marine Festival](#) is returning on the 11th May, with more than 600 opportunities to get afloat for all the family!



Becoming the first MP to complete the 'Understanding Autism' course.

Best wishes,

Caroline

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Please feel free to contact me on any issue, or to find out when my next surgery is. I'm always happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for my constituents. Please contact my office at least three months in advance to make sure you get a place - the tours are very popular!

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