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With GiveGainGrow Volunteers

April was a busy month with the usual showers and some gorgeous sunshine making the perfect growing conditions for the launch of [GiveGainGrow](#)'s project at Rowner Allotments! I popped along to see the impressive results of this green-fingered local community group.

I also spent a morning with Fareham and Gosport Children's Social Services in Bridgemary to find out more about their work supporting local parents, children in the care system and care leavers in our area.

I caught up with the Gosport and Fareham Chief Police Inspector, Sharon Woolrich, to talk about crime and policing across Gosport, Lee on the Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head. I also had a number of health related meetings with both the new Chief Executive of Southern Health, Dr Nick Broughton and Richard Samuel the Strategic Transformation Partnership Lead for Hampshire.

I met with the Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Sean Woodward to discuss my concerns about the potential housing development between Stubbington and Peel Common. We also spoke about the new Newgate Lane South which opened this month. It's part of an £85 million package of local road improvements which also includes upgrades to Peel Common Roundabout and routes to the M27. The long-awaited and much needed £34 million Stubbington Bypass works are also due to start in the months ahead. I am hopeful that these road investments together will help take cars off the A32 and ease congestion from the Gosport peninsula right up to the motorway.

I visited Ladbrokes on Stoke Road to take up their generous offer of a free £25 charity bet on the Grand National, with any winnings going to support local good causes. Unluckily my horse didn't come in, but it was great to meet the staff and customers at the branch and learn more about them.

I caught up with the Head and Chair of Governors at Crofton Secondary School to see their newly refurbished buildings and classrooms and hear more about their work and plans for the future.

This month, I was really pleased that the Government announced their plans to end the sale of plastic straws, drink stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds. You can find out more [here](#).

I met with Cliff from Surfers Against Sewage to talk about the #PlasticFreeCoastline campaign and attended their Stokes Bay Beach Clean with a number of local Conservative Councillors and candidates.

I had great fun serving customers over lunchtime at Ocean King Fish & Chips on Forton Road and heard about their activities to reduce plastic waste. Always keen to support new local business, I attended the official opening of the new Kate Preston Salons in Stoke Road and met Kate and Libby who gave me some great hair-care advice!



At the Surfers Against Sewage Stokes Bay Beach Clean



Putting in my shift at Ocean King Fish & Chips

I also had a really informative meeting with [Vector Aerospace](#) to update on their recent merger with [StandardAero](#) the world's largest independent MRO aviation company, potentially really positive news for the future of this important site.

Care Home Open Day was a great chance to celebrate some of the wonderful care provided in our local area. I was kindly invited to join in some of the festivities. The lovely staff and residents at Langdale Nursing Home were enjoying a BBQ and activities in their beautiful gardens. And the young adults who live at CMG King's Road in Lee on the Solent were having fun with a bouncy castle and helped me decorate a beach pebble to hide as part of the [#GosportRocks](#) Facebook shenanigans!



Our #GosportRocks at King's Road



The Millicent Fawcett Statue in Parliament Square

Back in Westminster, it was a privilege to attend the unveiling of the first female statue in Parliament Square. In this, the 100th anniversary year of women's right to vote, it seemed fitting that Millicent Fawcett, the mother of the women's suffrage movement, should join the 11 male figures that frame the Square. I hope her words "Courage calls to courage everywhere" are an inspiration to women of the future, such as the Forton Girl Guides who I was happy to catch up with when they visited Parliament for a tour and a session with the Education Team.

This month, the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 came into force. This is the biggest step in homelessness prevention for decades and has been welcomed by charities and campaigners. Find out more about the Act [here](#).

The [UK ivory ban](#) was announced which will cover ivory items of all ages. A big part of the commitment to protect our natural environment is ensuring stronger protections for animal welfare.

In my role as Care Minister, it was a privilege to meet Paralympic gold medallist Richard Whitehead MBE, along with inspirational youngsters, to launch [£1.5million fund](#) for sports & activity prosthetic limbs for children. Keeping active improves children's health, wellbeing and self-confidence, who knows we may see more future Paralympic stars too!



Meeting Paralympian gold medallist Richard Whitehead

With the Gosport and Fareham Borough Council elections on May 3rd, I was out and about campaigning across Gosport, Lee on the Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head for our outstanding Conservative candidates. It's so important to have a strong local team, working together for our area. I know they will all do a fabulous job so please support them. You can find out more about your candidate [here](#).

Looking ahead, my free Scam Smart event takes place in June! An estimated 3.25 million victims of scams in this country lose around £9.7bn per year to increasingly devious fraudsters. So I'm holding a Scam Smart event to help local people get wise to the tricks and protect themselves. It's at Thorngate Halls, Gosport from 1.30-4pm, Friday 8 June. Book your place for this free event via natasha.hook@parliament.uk or call 02392 583127.

Finally, I hope you find this regular newsletter enjoyable and informative, helping to keep you up-to-date with what's happening across the Gosport Constituency. However, due to changes in the law known as GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), which comes into force in May 2018, all organisations need to obtain your consent to stay in touch. **So to keep receiving this newsletter please complete the 10 second opt-in form [here](#).**

Best wishes

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