



# Caroline Dinenage

**MP for Gosport,  
Lee-on-the-Solent,  
Stubbington and  
Hill Head**



I enjoyed a lovely Easter weekend at home with my family, making the most of the beautiful weather.

My youngest son, Freddie, and I were excited to visit the newly reopened Diving Museum on Stokes Bay Road. The museum is operated by the Historical Diving Society and is staffed by incredibly knowledgeable volunteer guides. The collections are fascinating and we even got to try on some vintage diving gear, it was very heavy!

I was delighted to join the launch of 'Love Stubbington', a new network of businesses, residents and community organisations established to promote and enhance community life in Stubbington. You can find out more, including how to get involved, [here](#).

I also met with Dominic Herrington, the Regional Schools Commissioner for the South East, to discuss the progress of local schools. Many schools in our area have made impressive improvements in recent years, but I am determined to maintain momentum and ensure that all local children are able to enjoy the benefits of a first-class education. Dominic emphasised his commitment to working with schools across our region in order to continue driving progress forward.

I took bosses from Hampshire County Council and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership along to a meeting with Transport Minister, Andrew Jones, to discuss delivery of the long awaited Stubbington Bypass. Now that funding has been granted, it is vital to ensure that the Bypass is delivered swiftly. Earlier in the week, I was delighted to receive a letter from Andrew Percy MP, the Minister for Local Growth, emphasising the Government's commitment to the scheme, which he argued must be delivered 'at pace'. Work is currently due to commence in 2018 and I will do all I can to ensure that residents of Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head see the benefits from this important development without delay.

Back in the constituency, I was pleased to launch Gosport and Fareham's new 'We Can Read' website. 'We Can Read' is a free programme of one to one tuition, helping adults who need help to improve their reading skills. It's currently estimated that roughly 16% of adults in England have literacy levels at or below those expected of an 11-year-old, so this is a much-needed project that I am proud to support. Literacy is a valuable life-skill, and reading can be a life-long joy. Find out more, [here](#).

I was also really happy to catch up with another of my favourite community groups, Headway, who meet regularly in Bridgemary to support local people



*Trying on vintage diving gear at the Diving Museum*



*At the launch of 'Love Stubbington'*



*Speaking at the launch of the brand new 'We Can Read' website*

affected by brain injury. It's always humbling to meet amazing folk, who have overcome big challenges and yet retain a great sense of humour and continue to give support to others.

I had a productive meeting with David Williams and Mark Hook, the Chief Executive and Leader of Gosport Council, to discuss the latest news and progress with projects across the Borough.

I also met with our Police and Crime Commissioner, Michael Lane, to discuss untaxed and abandoned vehicles in our local area. A matter, regularly raised with me by constituents, which I am determined to address. I had the opportunity to raise a number of other cases and discuss priorities for the area going forward.



*With our local Headway group*

We learned the news this month that the Soft Drinks Levy would be officially introduced in April next year. I am glad that positive steps are being taken to tackle the national obesity crisis.

On the subject of health, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust are hosting a public meeting at Thorngate Halls on Friday 5th of May, at 10:30am. The topic of the meeting will be 'urgent care choices', with the opportunity for constituents to ask questions and share experiences with Trust representatives.

With the Hampshire County Council elections just around the corner on May 4th, I've been out campaigning for our outstanding Conservative candidates this month. It's so important to have a strong local team working together for our local area. I know they will all work hard and do a fabulous job so please support them.



*Campaigning with local Councillors in Stubbington*

With elections in mind, the biggest surprise this month came when the Prime Minister announced that there would be a General Election in June. I think this was the right decision. It will strengthen Theresa May's negotiating hand in Europe and is the only way to ensure we have strong and stable leadership for a full five years – to see our country through Brexit and beyond. On the 19<sup>th</sup> June the Commons voted 522 to 13 in support of the election going ahead.

I've been really proud to be the Member of Parliament for the Gosport constituency since 2010. I've worked hard to deliver real improvements to our local area. However, while we've made good progress, there is still more to do and I am determined to see the Gosport Peninsular fulfil its enormous potential, that's why I hope you will re-elect me on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

I will be continuing to correspond with you throughout the campaign period, but should emphasise that, as of midnight on Tuesday, I am no longer an MP. This is because as soon as parliament dissolves existing MPs become parliamentary candidates, so if you would prefer not to receive correspondence from me in this capacity please just let my team know you'd like to unsubscribe. Throughout the campaign period you will be able to reach me at [caroline4gosport@sky.com](mailto:caroline4gosport@sky.com), or on 02392 588 400. Any ongoing case work will continue.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the campaign trail!

**Best wishes**

*Caroline*



*With the Prime Minister*



I was delighted to be formally adopted as the Gosport Constituency Conservative Parliamentary Candidate earlier tonight, and I'm looking forward to campaigning across Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head for the next 6 weeks.

It has been a great honour to represent this area for the last 7 years, and I hope you will continue to back me as your hard-working MP with a proven track record of getting things done for our area.