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Your local MP reporting back from Westminster



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

Welcome to my latest round up of my activities this month in Westminster and the Gosport Constituency.

I was delighted to get a positive response from David Cameron to my question about a medal for the Arctic Convoy Veterans. This country owes a huge debt to these brave men, who endured terrible conditions to protect supply chains to Russia in World War 2. During a recent Prime Minister's Questions, I stressed that the time to honour these men is now. I was glad to hear that the Prime Minister had contacted the Ministry of Defence to push for action on this. I have been inundated with support for this campaign from as far afield as Canada, and I will continue to push to ensure the Veterans get the recognition they deserve.

Many of you will know how keen I am to protect and build on both the naval and maritime heritage of the Gosport Peninsular. In a recent meeting with the Chief of the Defence Staff, I discussed the impact of the Strategic Defence Security Review and my concern with the scrapping of the aircraft carriers and Harriers.

At the London Boat Show I spoke to the British Marine Federation about the importance of Gosport as a leading maritime area, as we have among the highest levels of yachting activity in the country and many marine-based businesses. I want to put Gosport on the map as a key yachting location, and to increase local job opportunities, and will discuss this at greater length with their Chief Executive in a few weeks time as I have invited him to come and visit me in the Constituency.



Caroline questions the Prime Minister about the Arctic Convoy Veterans



Caroline meets a student from Siskin Junior School



With the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity

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Caroline with the Crofton Hammond Infant School Council

This month I've been continuing my visits to local schools. It was great to meet with pupils and teachers to hear their ideas and concerns, and to discuss the impact that new education policies will have.

It's vital to increase business and employment opportunities in our Constituency, not least to reduce the number of residents who have to out-commute to get to work, clogging up the roads. Having run my own business for 20 years, it was fantastic to visit

'Awesome' at the Nimrod Centre in Rowner, a group of entrepreneurial women starting & running businesses in the local area. I've also met with bosses from Lloyds

Bank to stress their responsibility in supporting new businesses as well as helping people to get onto the property ladder.

Finally, the reopening of the Blake Maternity Centre is great news for Gosport. I was able to discuss its long term prospects with Gill Walton, the Head of Midwifery, who assured me that the birthing pool will be refurbished and this vital midwife-run service supported.

Hopefully that has given you a brief insight into a few of the projects that I have been working on in the last few weeks. Please feel free to contact me at any time about any issues or comments you have.

Best wishes,

Caroline



Caroline met with a class studying citizenship during her visit to Bridgemary Sports College

GET IN TOUCH

I receive a huge amount of emails, calls and letters every week – I have built up a super little team in Westminster and Gosport who help me respond to people as fully and as quickly as possible. I spend most Thursdays and every Friday working in the constituency and have a weekly surgery which has proved to be very popular! Feel free to contact me on any issue, or to find out when my next surgery is.

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