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



*With Councillor Rob Humby to discuss
the Stubbington Bypass.*



*Opening the fabulous new
Gosport Men's Shed building.*



*With Therapy Dog Great Dane
Rich in Parliament.*

This month we have had cause for celebration as we finally received the go ahead for the [Stubbington Bypass](#). The project was stalled during an expensive and unnecessary Public Inquiry, however after years of lobbying for this desperately needed investment, I am delighted that work can now proceed on the Western Relief road which will help ease congestion on the A32 and the rest of our peninsula.

I was also delighted to officially open the [new Gosport Men's Shed](#) building. Having attended the inaugural meeting back in 2013 with just 9 members, I have always been a big fan of this fantastic [group](#), now with over 160 members, has become a much-loved cornerstone of our local community.

I got to catch up with the great team from [CHAT-chat2us](#) – who offer support with housing, form filling and computer skills - and present them with a cheque of £1300, kindly fundraised by Greggs.

Showcasing Gosport's world-class yachting and sailing peninsula, I joined journalists from the national marine and sailing press at the Marine Advertising Agency's annual event to showcase what our fantastic coast has to offer. I also spoke to the [Simply Hampshire Podcast](#), discussing everything from how I first got into politics 21 years ago to my seaside roots in Hampshire.

I also joined the volunteers from the [Gosport National Coastwatch Institution](#) – who are our 'eyes along the coast' - helping keep people safe on our waters.

As ever I was impressed with the quality of the debate and the range of questions asked by the pupils at Alver Valley School as I led a class on democracy, talking about how Parliament and Government works. They debated reducing the voting age to 16 and, to my surprise, concluded that they would keep it at 18!

In other school news, congratulations to Bay House and Gomer Junior School who have been shortlisted in the [TES School Awards](#) 2019 in three categories!

I made new four-legged friends in both Gosport and Parliament this month. In Parliament, I met with [Therapy Dogs UK](#) who come in all shapes and sizes from Great Dane to Chihuahua and provide much needed cuddles across the UK, from care homes to SEND schools. At Walpole Park I also joined the fabulous [Gosportarians annual Charity Dog Show](#).

As Minister of State for Care, I spoke at the [Southern Care Show](#) – the largest adult social event in South England—where I met several of our fantastic local organisations and professionals that provide care in the constituency.

In Gosport, I met with the recently expanded and brilliant [Kitbags](#), a social group for British armed forces veterans living with dementia, and their carers, who now have two free monthly groups in our area! In Dementia Action Week I also caught up with [Dementia Friendly Fareham and Gosport](#) and met with a local Alzheimer's Society support group.

I joined Versus Arthritis to learn about the simple adaptations and aids that help those living with arthritis improve their independence.



With the Gosport National Coastwatch Institution.

Local healthcare is a hot topic amongst constituents, so it was fantastic to see such a great turnout at the [Health Forum](#) that I organised. A range of local healthcare providers and services from The Willow Group to Hampshire County Council, Sussex Partnership (CAMS) to the Clinical Commissioning Group, SC Ambulances to Southern Health, NHS England to Portsmouth Hospitals, provided updates on their services and answered questions from over 170 residents from Gosport, Stubbington, Hill Head and Lee on the Solent.

Since recladding work began on the 5 Hyde Housing tower blocks in Gosport last Autumn I have kept a close eye on progress. I have queried the necessity of keeping on plastic coverings which are causing great distress for residents. I have written to Hyde Housing and met with the chair of the Residents Association about the delay. I have also written to the Housing Minister, Kit Malthouse, to express my concern.

Back in Parliament, the Prime Minister announced her [resignation](#). Mrs May has faced an incredibly difficult task since 2016, showing strength, courage and resilience. She may have made some mistakes along the way, but I am very

grateful for her service and commitment to our country.

Away from headline news, we have made positive strides this month. Hampshire Constabulary has been [given £1.26 million](#) towards preventing and reducing violent crime locally.

Equally, I am very pleased to see that [Lucy's Law](#) has been presented to Parliament – banning the third party sale of puppies - and we are [banning wild animals in travelling circuses](#), strengthening our animal welfare standards. Good news for our environment as our coal-free record streak continues to 12 days and we are [banning plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds](#) that harm our marine habitats and blight our beaches.

I also celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week urging us to [#BeBodyKind](#) and focus on body positivity.

Coming up, we are commemorating the 75th anniversary of D Day on June 5th, you can find local events [here](#). We are also celebrating Armed Forces Day on June 29th and local events are listed [here](#).

Best wishes,

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The panel and audience at the Health Forum.

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