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With Brune Park pupils at Downing Street



Celebrating Carers' Week with volunteers



Marking Bake Club Month

As ever, my campaign to solve local transport problems was a top priority this month. I called on the Government to speed up train journey times between Portsmouth and London during questions to the Department for Transport in the chamber of the House of Commons. Rest assured that I will continue to put pressure on the Government until real change is delivered.

Meanwhile on our roads, work has finally begun on the £6.5 million Newgate Lane improvement project which will ease congestion on one of the main routes out of the Gosport peninsula. This may cause some travel disruption locally but I'm hopeful that short-term pain will lead to long-term gain!

In addition, a consultation on the various proposals to improve access to Gosport and Fareham (including the Stubbington by-pass, Peel Common roundabout and Titchfield Gyratory) is to be launched next month. This is a significant step towards reaching real solutions to our area's longstanding traffic problems. Further details will be announced in due course.

One of the highlights of my work as an MP is visiting local schools and meeting school children. Having received letters from pupils at Woodcot Primary School about litter at Stokes Bay, I was delighted to join them for their Tourism Fair to celebrate the fantastic work they have been doing on the topic of 'Gosport is Great'. I am sure these young campaigners will be pleased to hear about the Big Clean Up which is taking place across Gosport over the second weekend in June. You can find out more [here](#).

Students at Brune Park took their campaign for Fair Trade even further when they handed a petition to 10 Downing Street. It was great to join them and to hear more about why they believe that Fair Trade is so important.

Back in Gosport, pupils from across the local region came together at Qineti-Q's headquarters for the annual school's Powerboat Challenge. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to exercise their engineering skills by designing, building and racing their remote controlled boats at the world class Ocean Basin facility at Haslar. I was delighted to see Bay House and Brune Park flying the flag for our local area.

Ahead of Carers' Week in June, I pledged my support to the 6.5 million inspirational men and women who act as unpaid carers for loved ones. I also joined campaigners to mark Children with Cancer UK's Bake Club Month, an initiative which raises money for life-saving medical research.

Back in March, members of the Iona Club in Bridgemaary received the up-setting news that their venue, the Iona Hall, was to be closed down. Since then, I have been in regular contact with the Club's committee which is currently lobbying the owner of the hall to let them keep this important community facility. There is now a petition to save the Club which you can add your name to [here](#).

I paid a visit to the Waterside Community Centre to meet volunteers and hear about their plans for the future. I am always proud of the community spirit here in Gosport and so was delighted to hear that residents at Royal Clarence Yard are hosting an Open Day on Saturday 14th June (12-4pm) to give people an opportunity to get together in one of the historic centres of our area.

The Gosport Marine Scene continues to make exciting progress in driving forward our local yachting industry and this month I participated in the group's networking event at Haslar Marina. I also attended the Marine Advertising Agency Press Lunch, which provided the perfect opportunity to show key players from across the sailing and yachting industry the world class facilities the peninsula has to offer.



With the owners of Marine Tool & Engineering Services



Backing the #BringBackOurGirls campaign

We had good news from the European Commission which approved parts of Gosport for inclusion in the 2014-20 Assisted Areas Map, meaning that local businesses will be able to bid for EU funding and tax breaks. It is great to know that our area has been identified as having real potential for business and manufacturing growth on the European stage.

Gosport's engineering sector is already doing well and I paid visits to Machine Tool & Engineering Services and Mathieson Engineering to hear about the innovative services they have on offer. Engineering is an essential component of our economy which is why I am pleased that we have our very own hub developing here in the Gosport constituency at the Daedalus Enterprise Zone.

You can visit its new website [here](#).

With Daedalus on target to create 650 new jobs by 2015, our local economy is on its way to recovery. This was demonstrated in April's unemployment figures which were down to 2.1%, the lowest rate since before May 2010.

I'm sure readers will have shared my anguish about the abduction of schoolgirls in Nigeria. I joined female MPs from all parties in pledging my support to the #BringBackOurGirls campaign.

Finally, I took the plunge when I abseiled off the Spinnaker Tower with my husband, Mark Lancaster MP, in aid of the MS Society. If you would like to support this wonderful cause, you can find my donations page [here](#).

Best wishes

Caroline



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