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At Heritage Open Day at Royal Clarence Yard

September presented exciting opportunities to discover Gosport's amazing history at the Heritage Open Days. Over four days, tours and activities took place at locations across the constituency including HMS Alliance, Fort Blockhouse and HMS Sultan. This year, Royal Clarence Yard joined the bill and I was thrilled to drop by, see the vintage buses, historical re-enactments and meet some gorgeous owls! The events were a huge success and I'm already looking forward to next year.

After persistent letters, parliamentary questions and meetings with Ministers over many months, I was delighted by the MOD announcement this month that the Defence School of Marine Engineering and Royal Naval Air Engineering and Survival Equipment School will remain at HMS Sultan, following a recent review which could have seen them moved to MOD Lyneham in Wiltshire. These two outstanding training schools deliver the skills our servicemen and women need to protect Britain but also employ a great deal of local people. I am incredibly proud that Gosport will remain their home.



At the reopening of the Iona Family Club in Bridgemarky

I heard more brilliant news when visiting the former Iona Club in Bridgemarky. Thanks to tenacious club members and the support of the Catholic Diocese, the newly restored building will soon reopen as a parish centre and home to the reconstituted Iona Family Club. This is a great result for this much loved community hub.

A third great announcement: this month Gosport Borough Council confirmed that the Stokesmead site will be classified as an 'open space', halting Abbey Homes' efforts to develop a new housing estate on the site. I know that Anglesey and Alverstoke residents are delighted - the public meeting I attended earlier in the year was packed with worried locals. Stokesmead has promising potential to become a valuable community space once again.



Learning about the auto-renewal rip-off with MoneySuperMarket

At a meeting with MoneySuperMarket I was stunned to learn that Gosport drivers combined lose on average £2.08 million each year through auto-renewals on their car insurance. I've joined calls for the Financial Conduct Authority and insurance industry to make this system more fair and transparent.

Also high on the agenda was health. I held a consultation with healthcare professionals to learn what's happening to address the fact that Fareham and Gosport have the highest levels of amputations resulting from Type Two diabetes in the whole country. Local Clinical Service Manager, Graham Bowen, is doing a charity bike ride to raise awareness about the terrible statistic.

Meanwhile, I was very pleased to meet Gill Southwell, a member of the Wessex Interstitial Lung Disease Support Group (W.I.L.D.), which helps provide support and advice to sufferers of Interstitial Lung Disease and their families. This week is World Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF week) and the W.I.L.D. team will be in Fareham Shopping Centre on Monday the 5th and Tuesday the 6th of October, raising awareness and funds for the support group.

I was pleased to attend a Mum Aid First Aid's training event at Arty's at The Coach House on baby and adult CPR as well as defibrillation. Training courses are still being offered in these potentially life-saving skills. You can find more information [here](#).

Adults with disabilities are considerably less likely to report criminal acts against them so Netley Police Disability Open Day was a much needed opportunity for disabled people living in the local area to build trust and communication with our police officers. I also visited K&Go holidays, a specialist holiday company for adults with physical or learning disabilities and Solent Day Care Centre for adults with learning disabilities. I paid another visit to Agnew Family Centre, a Gosport housing complex providing shelter and support to individuals and families facing hard times. I am really proud that we have such excellent local services delivering support to those in need of extra assistance.

I met with Bay House, Bridgemary and Brune Park schools this month and travelled to Winchester see John Coughlan, Director of Children's Services at Hampshire County Council. In addition to child protection issues we discussed a number of constituents' concerns about local schools.

Throughout August many constituents contacted me about changes to the ice-skating program and coaches' contracts at Gosport Ice Rink. I met with representatives of Planet Ice to discuss the concerns raised and you can see a list of my questions and their replies [here](#).

I hosted open surgeries this September in all corners of the constituency, from Bridgemary to Elson and Stubbington to Rowner, where I met with many residents and listened to their concerns and queries regarding local and national issues.

A public consultation on the proposals for road developments at both Newgate Lane South and the Stubbington Bypass was open until Friday the 11th of September and I was pleased to view the plans early this month. A decision will be made on whether to allow the Stubbington Bypass on October 21st.

Looking forward to October, next month is Older Persons Month. Events and activities will be occurring across the constituency and copies of the guide are available from Gosport Town Hall or [here](#).

Best wishes

Caroline



Meeting Connect Self Advocates at the Netley Disability Roadshow



Visiting K&Go Holidays



Viewing the Stubbington Bypass Plans with Cllr Tim Knight

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Please feel free to contact me on any issue, or to find out when my next surgery is. I'm always happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster and Big Ben for my constituents. Please contact my office at least three months in advance to make sure you get a place - the tours are very popular!

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