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Hill Head



Laying a wreath at the 75th D Day commemorative service in Hardway.



Sharing memories with veterans Stanley Richardson and Nancy Callaghan.



Touring the Veolia Energy and Materials Recovery Facility.

I was very proud to represent the Gosport Constituency at the 75th Anniversary D-Day Commemorations which took place this June. The events really highlighted the vital role Gosport played throughout Operation Overlord and the liberation of France. I laid a wreath at the Canadian D-Day Memorial event in Stokes Bay and spoke at the commemorative service at Hardway, which was a key location for vessels leaving and returning to our shores during this period of WW2. I joined veterans at the unveiling of a plaque over the weekend's events at Daedalus and attended the National commemorations in Portsmouth with the Queen. It was wonderful to see our beloved veterans at the very heart of these events and a great honour to meet so many and share their memories.

Our area continues to play a vital role in military and naval defence training, which is why I met with new Commanding Officer of HMS Sultan, Captain John Voyce, to discuss the future of the site and its continuing local importance. The Solent Local Enterprise Partnership are also developing an Industrial Strategy, so I discussed with them areas of potential growth for the Constituency. I also caught up with Hampshire Constabulary Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney and the Police and Crime Commissioner Michael Lane.

I met with the Residents Association and management of Hyde Housing regarding the re-cladding of the 5 Gosport tower blocks, to keep pushing for a speedy conclusion and better communications with those that live in the plastic-coated buildings.

Having received many constituents' concerns about some local bus routes, particularly to local GP practices, I met with the new interim directors of First Bus to challenge the regularity of services in Gosport, Lee on the Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head.

I had my regular meeting with Gosport Borough Council Leader Cllr Mark Hook and Chief Exec David Williams to discuss an array of issues. It was also great to catch up again with [Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Services](#) to thank them for their life saving work in our area.

I joined new charity [Loan Smart](#) at their pop-up stall in the Gosport Discovery Centre - they give advice on how to deal with illegal lenders and to help people ensure that they are taking loans from STA registered companies, to avoid being swindled.

I often get questions from constituents about what happens to our household waste and recycling. To find out more I [met with Veolia](#) at their [Energy and Materials Recovery Facility](#) in Portsmouth, where our black and green bin waste are processed. Household waste goes into a giant incinerator which powers 53 000 homes per year. Recycling gets sorted by a combination of hi-tech machines and eagle-eyed staff. They have [open days](#) at various times and locations throughout the year so local people can see this process for themselves.

I had a productive meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Portsmouth University to discuss their civic work and how they can play a greater role on this side of the Harbour.

I visited Hasleworth Primary to discuss the redesign of Roundabout Park on Old Road, which they feel needs updating with new play equipment. I also had my regular catch up with Hampshire County Council Education & Children's Services bosses. I was pleased to hear about the recent Outstanding OFSTED rating for Hampshire Children's Services. It is equally good news that Brockhurst Primary and Bedenham Primary School have both achieved Good OFSTED ratings - and [Fareham College](#) has successfully bid for part of £2.5 million Strategic College Improvement Fund (SCIF).



Meeting fabulous trainee Guide Dog Frida and her foster parent.

Congratulations this month to [Y Services for Young People](#) who've been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Well done also to the [New Bengal Indian](#) restaurant on Stoke Road who have been [Highly Commended in the Tiffin Cup](#) 2019 which celebrates the best South Asian restaurants across the country.



Celebrating Care Home Open Day with some new friends.

In June we also marked [Carers Week](#) and Care Home Open Day, when I met with some truly inspiring carers, unsung heroes from across the country to hear more about challenges and concerns they face. I joined [Together for Short Lives](#) for Children's Hospice Week to learn more about the wonderful care and support that Children's Hospices offer very poorly children and their families.

In Parliament, I met [Guide Dogs UK](#) with some very cute trainee assistance dogs and the foster parents who care for them. I also joined the Multiple Sclerosis Society for their [#StopMS campaign](#), highlighting the need for more funding and research into this crippling disease.

As you know, the Prime Minister has now resigned, and Conservative MPs had a series of votes during June to choose her successor. Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt are the two remaining contestants and it is down to Conservative Party members to vote for the winner later in July.

Beyond the leadership headlines, the [Tenants Fee Act](#) means that renters will no longer be subject to unnecessary letting fees and the Prime Minister has brought through landmark [changes to tackle mental health](#) and [disability inequality](#). I am delighted that by the introduction of [tougher animal cruelty sentencing](#) and more good news on the environment; the Government made a landmark target to reach [net zero carbon emissions by 2050](#) and over 100 supermarkets have [pledged to halve their food waste by 2030](#). I also met with constituents at the [Time Is Now lobby](#) in Westminster to discuss further action they want to see.

Coming up, Fareham and Gosport Dementia Action Group are hosting a [Summer Tea Dance](#) at Bulson Hall on Wednesday 10th July. July 14th is also the Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (GAFIRS) [open day](#) at Stokes Bay.

The Summer Reading Challenge is also back – [the Space Chase](#) – at Elson, Bridgemary, Lee on the Solent, Stubbington Libraries and the Gosport Discovery Centre. For those aged 12 to 17 you can also register online for a free [Gosport Summer Passport](#) and take part in a range of activities from Laser Quest to Circus Skills across the Constituency.



Meeting with constituents at the Time Is Now Environment Lobby.

Best wishes,

Caroline

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