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Hill Head**



A chaotic month in Westminster - from the State Opening of Parliament and Queen's Speech, to a [new Brexit deal](#), concluding with votes to trigger another General Election. Halloween certainly wasn't the scariest thing about October! Meanwhile, while Westminster was dominating the headlines, my work in Gosport, Lee on the Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head continued apace.

This month delivered lots of opportunities to chat with many of our fantastic local community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that do so much great work within our area. I celebrated with the [Motiv8](#) team – who work with some of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised young people in our community - after they received a grant of over £490,000 from the [National Lottery Community Fund](#) for after school daily drop ins, a skills-based youth club and much more over the next 5 years.

I met with Naomi Ambrose from the brilliant [Talent Tap](#) charity – who help less advantaged students with career propelling programmes - I'm hoping to work with them on a project with local post 16 students.

I also discussed the support that [Fibro-Friends](#) offer to people living locally with Fibromyalgia when I caught up with founder, Susan Davey.

Scope campaign for equality for disabled people. I enjoyed my visit to their shop on North Cross Street, where I met some of the lovely volunteers who help raise vital donations from unwanted items.

It was great to catch up with [GAFIRS](#) and Cllr Burgess (Chairman of Solent Sea Rescue Organisation) when they joined other independent lifeboat organisations at an event in Parliament. I dropped into the annual [55+ Info Fest](#) at Thorngate Hall, where over 60 local organisations were on hand to provide advice and support to hundreds of local residents.

With winter approaching I spoke at the packed launch of the excellent Gosport ['Open Doors'](#) project. The scheme will see local church halls offering a bed and hot meal overnight to the homeless during the colder months. They are signing up volunteers to the pilot, which starts in January.

I met with Head of Nursing, Liz Rix and Clinical Director, John Knighton at the QA Hospital to discuss some of our local healthcare challenges and what action is being taken to prepare for the winter months. I also met up with the great team from St John Ambulance and took the opportunity to try out their newly refurbished Bathing Service equipment (no water - but there was a duck!)

I spoke with the Regional Schools Commissioner, Claire Burton, about GCSE results and Further Education in our area. I also caught up with Fareham College Principle Andrew Kaye and Chief Executive of [Gosport & Fareham Multi-Academy Trust](#) Ian Potter to discuss progress. This month, the Government has announced that Gosport schools will receive a [cash boost](#) every year for the next three years. [Sixth Form Colleges and Academies](#) can also apply for further funding for school work and repairs.

I am delighted that the new access road to the Gosport Peninsula ([the Stubbington Bypass](#)) has finally been given the green light. After lobbying for years for this investment to tackle our road congestion problems I am pleased that the project has now finally started.



Celebrating the National Lottery Community Fund with Motiv8.



Catching up with GAFIRS and Cllr Burgess.



Testing the (luckily dry) Bathing Service with St John's Ambulance.

Buster Pellatt, from Fairfares, came to Parliament to collect his award after he was named runner up in the inaugural [Parliamentary Taxi and Private Hire Awards 2019](#). I also caught up with multi-award winning local bread baker, Andy from [Banjo's Bread](#) to check out some of his prize winning creations.

As many of you will be aware, we had some big issues with youth crime and anti-social behaviour over the summer. I met with Gosport & Fareham Chief Inspector Mark Lewis again this month. I also invited Hardway residents, Hampshire Constabulary, Local Councillors and Motiv8 to a meeting to plan the action that is needed to prevent this happening again next summer. Alongside Motiv8 I have set up the [Gosport Mentoring Scheme](#) aimed at partnering young people with a responsible adult who can provide guidance and support where it might otherwise be lacking.

I met with [Make Menopause Matter](#) who are campaigning for better support for women experiencing the menopause, particularly in the workplace. I also met with Minister Matt Warman to discuss improving digital connectivity broadband across the constituency. I had a further update from Neil Jerome, the Commander of Operation Magneta, about the police investigation into the historic Gosport War Memorial Hospital deaths.



Joining Buster and his son Luke at the Parliamentary Taxi Awards in Westminster.

[Marina Fitness](#), the new gym located in the historic Slaughterhouse building at Royal Clarence Marina, put me through my paces with their fantastic facilities. At local business, [AC Marine & Composites](#), I learned more about their cutting-edge work with renewable energy.

Further away from home, Westminster has experienced another action packed 31 days. The [Queen's speech](#) laid out government plans, including further [school funding](#), [living wage increases](#), [animal welfare protections](#) and [youth investment](#). And having seen some of the very worst of parliament in recent weeks, we also saw some of the best with the [Environment Bill](#) and the [Domestic Abuse Bill](#).

More bobbies will be on the beat in Hampshire as they [recruit 156 more police officers](#) by 2020-21. Officers have also received [further funding](#) to help maintain order and protect themselves and a [Safer Streets Fund](#) has been launched.

We celebrated World Mental Health Day and launched the [Every Mind Matters](#) campaign. As Minister for Care I launched '[When you care, every day makes a difference](#)' to recruit the next generation of social care professionals. I also joined [Together for Short Lives](#) with staff, young patients and their heroic families and announced an additional for local hospices and palliative care, [Hampshire and Isle of Wight STP will receive £770 000](#).

We received the great news that QA Hospital will receive Government funding for [new cancer screening machines](#) and a [deal was made](#) between Vertex Pharmaceuticals and NHS England to ensure that those with Cystic Fibrosis have access to life-changing treatments, such as Orkambi.

Back to Brexit, with some MPs working to frustrate leaving the EU by blocking leaving with a deal and without a deal, the only way now to break the deadlock is to hold an early General Election on December 12th. The Election isn't just about Brexit but it is important to remember that my constituents did vote overwhelmingly to Leave. Both Labour and Lib Dems have blocked this and are promising another divisive referendum, with more dither and delay. Meanwhile important programmes to tackle crime, address social injustice, support our NHS and improve education have been stalled. I will be spending the next few weeks making the case for getting Brexit delivered and moving forward with the things local people care about.

Remember, you can still enter my [Christmas Card Competition](#) until November 13th! I am also launching [Gosport's Best Independent Shop](#) and nominations are open until 27 November.

Best wishes,

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Being put through my paces at Marina Fitness.

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