

# Message from your MP

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This newsletter is designed to keep you in touch with some of the issues which I think will have a big bearing on quality of life in Ruislip, Northwood and Harefield. It is also a chance for you to come back and tell me what is important to you.

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## RUISLIP-NORTHWOOD GARDENS GRAB PARLIAMENT'S ATTENTION

**At the end of the Parliamentary term, Nick Hurd MP presented his garden grabbing petition to Parliament.**

the loss of precious biodiversity, the increased strain parking and traffic flow and the resulting change in the fundamental character of neighbourhoods against local wishes.

**In a fantastic response to his online and paper campaign, more than 1,800 residents of Ruislip-Northwood signed up to 'Stop the Garden Grab'.**

The petition stated that with Britain's gardens under increasing threat of destruction, local opinion is increasingly being disregarded and communities are left powerless to prevent gardens sold off to inappropriate and unpopular developments.

Each large development has a significant impact on the local community, including

Nick Hurd said, "I wanted to show a strong signal to this Government that the views of local people should not be dismissed.

We have all seen the damage that inappropriate development has been done to the character of roads in the constituency like Ducks Hill Road in Northwood and Kingsend and Pembroke Road in Ruislip.

The Government should bring forward legislation to give stronger protection to gardens in planning law and to allow elected local councillors to have greater discretion to protect the character of local



**Nick Hurd MP in the Commons Chamber**

neighbourhoods.

I would like to thank everyone who has signed up to this campaign.

I will continue to press the Government to change planning law, and I will support Caroline Spelman's Private Member's Bill on Garden Grabbing when it returns to the House of Commons in October."

## NICK HURD PROMOTED IN RESHUFFLE



**Nick with Conservative Leader David Cameron MP**

**Nick Hurd has been promoted by Conservative Party leader David Cameron during a reshuffle of Shadow Ministerial posts. Mr Hurd joins the Opposition Whips Office and is his first front bench job since entering the Commons in May 2005. Nick joins neighbouring MP John Randall who is currently the Opposition Assistant Chief Whip.**

Nick Hurd MP said; "I am absolutely delighted to have been asked by David Cameron to take on this important responsibility, and I look forward to building on the close working relationship that John Randall and I already have from representing neighbouring constituencies."

## MOUNT VERNON PETITION HITS 51,000

**The petition to ‘Support Mount Vernon Cancer Services’ has now hit a healthy 51,000 signatures.**

Mr Hurd has recently written to the Secretary of State for Health, Alan Johnson MP, and the Health Minister Lord Darzi requesting an opportunity to present the petition to them, along with representatives of the commu-

nity health group Community Voice .

It is hoped that the petition can be presented towards the end of September or the beginning of October.

However, we are still collecting signatures both online and on paper, so please contact me if you haven't signed, or go to:

[www.supportmountvernon.com](http://www.supportmountvernon.com)



**Nick Hurd MP launching the petition**

## MANOR RESIDENTS SIGN UP FOR BANK



**Nick Hurd accepts the petition with Les Drussel and Cllr Douglas Mills**

**CROWDS of people turned out in Ruislip Manor to enjoy the tenth annual fun day.**

The event in Victoria Road, was a huge success with around £1500 being raised to fund the Christmas lights in the road.

Organisers, Ruislip Manor Chamber of Commerce (RMCC), hosted a range of stalls outside the shop fronts as well as a variety of street entertainers and an all day auction.

Whilst there, Nick Hurd was presented with a 2,400 signature petition by the Chairman of the RMCC, Les Drussel. It called for a bank to return to the town centre.

Nick Hurd said; "With all the development in the area this is a time of great opportunity for Ruislip Manor.

Les and the new Chamber of Commerce have my full support, and I will do all I can to support the campaign to get a Bank back into the Manor."

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*to find out more about the work I do for Ruislip, Northwood and Harefield*

## NICK HURD WINS TOP GREEN AWARD



**Nick Hurd accepts the award from the PRASEG Chairman**

Nick Hurd MP won a prestigious award at the annual Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy

Group Dinner in July, which aims to recognise outstanding achievements by parliamentarians, NGO's and individuals in Westminster

The Annual PRASEG Awards endeavour to reward efforts which encourage Westminster to adopt policies favourable to renewable energy, combined heat and power and energy efficiency. Nick Hurd MP, winner of the House of Commons Award said:

"I was delighted to receive the award. At this pivotal time for energy policy, PRASEG does an important job in making the case for more sustainable energy"

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