

Message from your MP

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NICK TAKES BILL THROUGH PARLIAMENT

Nick Hurd has successfully steered his Private Members Bill through the House of Commons.

The Bill now goes to the Lords, with the support of the Government.

The Bill is a response to concern about the community decline that follows the loss of key local services such as post offices, bank branches and community shops. Its main effect will be to give local communities a much greater say over their development.

The Bill has cross party support with organisations as diverse as the Women's Institute and the Campaign for the Protection of Real Ale leading the campaign for the Bill.

In his closing remarks on Friday, the Minister for



High Street, Northwood

Local Government Phil Woolas MP said that the Bill will "contribute enormously to British Politics."

Mr Hurd said, "When it comes to shaping the future of the communities we live in, we must accept local people know best. We must give them greater power over the policy and spending decisions that will shape the future of the area they live in. The Bill should help us preserve the character of local high streets in Ruislip and Northwood."

To find out more about the bill, please go to:

<http://www.nickhurd.com/campaigns/sustainablecommunities.php>

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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NICK BECOMES YAT CHAMPION



Nick Hurd MP has become a Parliamentary Champion of the Young Adult Trust.

YAT is an independent charity, which was launched in January 2007 to help young people become more responsible adults. Nick said, "I am honoured to be a Parliamentary Champion for this charity. I hope that by engaging in this project, young people can identify their values and help foster a sense of self-discipline and achievement."

Find out more about the work of the Young Adult Trust by going to:

www.youngadulttrust.co.uk

Nick introduces some children on YAT programme to David Cameron MP

TUBE TICKET OFFICES FACE CLOSURE

Transport for London have announced that a series of Tube ticket offices face closure next year. This is due to the increasing usage of the Oyster card

In Ruislip-Northwood alone, five ticket offices face the axe in 2008. Staff from Ruislip, Ruislip Gardens, South Ruislip, Northwood Hills and West Ruislip will be transferred to the busier stations around London

Nick said "I find it bizarre that this action is being taken when the Mayor of London has only recently been campaigning for all mainline stations to have staff on duty at all times." Mr Hurd also pointed out that the most vulnerable members of the community would be worst hit by the closures. Although the use of Oyster may be growing, three in 10 journeys still don't use this technology.



Ruislip Station

NICK VISITS YOUTH BUS



Nick Hurd with some of the Youth Bus team

people. He recently spent an evening in South Ruislip inspecting Hillingdon Council's mobile youth bus and talking to local children about the service.

Hillingdon Council uses the bus to provide a place for teenagers to go where existing fixed youth centres do not exist.

Mr Hurd said: "People complain that there are not enough things for kids to do around here. Well, the bus is a great opportunity for kids to socialise safely and use their time constructively. I am a great supporter and would like to see us have another one in the borough."

youth bus contains a meeting area, decks for young DJs who can get their music recorded, flat screen computers which are attached to the internet, a mini-kitchen and sports equipment.

The bus visits different locations across the borough after school, during the evening and at weekends. It is manned by youth workers who are on hand to offer informal education, advice and information, counselling and individual support.

The Bus is currently touring Harefield, Northwood and South Ruislip in the constituency.

Nick Hurd MP shares local concerns about the lack of facilities for young

The brightly coloured, 11 metre long

It is not too late to 'Support Mount Vernon'. Over 50,000 people have signed the petition to 'Keep Cancer Services at Mount Vernon'. If you would like to support Nick's campaign, please go to:

www.supportmountvernon.com

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Nick Hurd MP with fellow canine judge and TV personality Clive Anderson

IT'S A DOGS LIFE

Nick Hurd was one of the judges in the very successful June dog show at Harefield Dog Trust.

After the experience Nick said "There is no quicker way to lose votes but I had a fantastic time and the dogs were amazing canine ambassadors for Dogs Trust and all the wonderful work they do."