

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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### GOOD NEWS AT MOUNT VERNON

*Welcome to the ninth edition of my e-bulletin. It is designed to keep you updated on what I am doing on your behalf.*

*This is a very difficult time for all of us. I am here to help if I can so please put people in touch with me. Since being elected we have tried to help over 3,000 people. I have a great team helping me and we take a lot of pride in getting results.*

*Your feedback is important to me, so please let me know if there are issues which you think I should be giving priority to.*

*So help us spread the word that your local MP might be able to help.*

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My biggest local Campaign has been to keep Cancer Services at Mount Vernon. This cross party campaign, which I launched in partnership with Community Voice, mobilised over 80,000 people across Hillingdon, Harrow and Hertfordshire who fought plans to move the well supported Cancer Centre to Hertfordshire. We took the petition to the Minister and through parliamentary debates and meetings, I have kept the pressure up.

Last edition, I told you of a new consultation exercise that seemed to favour keeping the Cancer Centre at Mount Vernon. I am delighted to say that this was confirmed in a recent meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive of East Herts Trust who run the Centre. They believe that the argument has been won in favour of investing in Mount Vernon as a centre of excellence, and I am reassured by their personal commitment.

Recent visitors to the hospital will be aware of the new treatment centre there and the investment that has gone in. This is good news but I will not be complacent and will continue to press for a clear, long term plan for this much loved hospital site.



*Launching the Cross-Party Campaign at Mount Vernon*

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# HEATHROW

WE LOST THE VOTE BUT WON THE ARGUMENT

I remain convinced that a third runway at Heathrow will be very bad news for Hillingdon, and will have a negative impact on the quality of life in Ruislip–Northwood. My line for some time has been that we want to see a Better Heathrow which is not the same as a Bigger Heathrow. Like many constituents I attended an open debate at the Beck Theatre, which was addressed by the Mayor of London among others. Passions ran high, as they did in a very good Parliamentary debate the next week, in which I spoke. We lost the vote that night but this battle has not been lost yet. I suspect that it will be decided at the next General Election but until then, I will continue to oppose the third runway as being bad for both Hillingdon and the environment.

Watch the full debate on my website— [www.nickhurd.com/speeches](http://www.nickhurd.com/speeches)



*With Mayor Boris Johnson at the Beck Theatre, Hays.*

*"The public have lost faith. They know what has happened in this process. They know that there has been a steady stream of broken promises or lies by BAA, and they can see a Government who have got far too close to that organisation."*

**Nick Hurd MP,  
Heathrow  
Debate 28th Jan**



*Delivering a public petition to Parliament in support of the Campaign to Save Cherry Lane Cemetery*

## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES UPDATE

I am very proud of the Private Members Bill I took through Parliament which has become law. It will give greater power to help Communities protect local services and take more control over their futures.

As a result of the Act, Local Authorities are being asked to put forward new ideas for powers they need to help sustain our communities. I am delighted to say that over 80 Local Authorities have said that they will respond, and the number is growing every day.

Please let me know what changes you would like to see in our area.

Visit [www.suscomms.org.uk](http://www.suscomms.org.uk) or my website [www.nickhurd.com](http://www.nickhurd.com) for further information.

## SAVE OUR PUBS



*Speaking at the CAMRA Parliamentary Reception*

Did you know that in the UK, we are losing 37 pubs a week? This comes on top of lost post offices, bank branches and community shops. What will our high streets and communities look like in ten years time, let alone twenty? The Sustainable Communities Act gives communities more power to shape their own futures and stop this rot. The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) are strong supporters of the Act and I spoke recently at their Parliamentary Reception.

**FIGHTING TO SAVE OUR COMMUNITIES!**

## OUT AND ABOUT

### REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

As the survivors of the Nazi concentration camps get older and fewer in number, it becomes even more important to remember the Holocaust. Holocaust Memorial Day is an important part of the parliamentary year and I always make a point of signing the Book of Remembrance. It was my pleasure also this year to support the very busy Mitzvah Day, organised by the Liberal Synagogue in Northwood. I was particularly impressed by the project organised by teenagers who twinned up with kids from the local catholic community to collect spare goods from shoppers in Waitrose.



*Signing the Book of Remembrance at the Holocaust Educational Trust Reception.*

*Celebrating Mitzvah Day at Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue*



*Meeting with local Councillors at Eastcote Coach House.*

### EASTCOTE HOUSE

Many constituents will be rightly impressed by the restoration of Manor Farm in Ruislip. I am very keen to support the re-polishing of another jewel in our crown; namely the Eastcote Coach House and gardens. I think this is green space we should take more pride in, as part of the heritage of Eastcote and I am delighted that the Residents Association agree. We met recently on site with Councillors and there is a plan afoot to try and turn this site into a community asset, which more people will enjoy and take pride in. If you have any ideas for how the Coach House could be used, please let me know.

### MR BLUE SKY

Many constituents will share my enjoyment of the Denham Country Park on our borders. These Green spaces are precious for us and we should not take them for granted. So it was a pleasure to meet Mick May (see right) who runs the Groundwork team that look after the park and many other green spaces inside Hillingdon. What constituents may not know is that much of the work is done by ex offenders. The project is called Blue Sky Development and I think it's a win-win situation. We get an excellent service and they get the opportunity to get their lives back on track.



## OUT AND ABOUT

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I recently visited the Ruislip office of the Citizens Advice Bureau, where so many constituents go to get help on a wide range of issues. I was very impressed by the people who give up their time to help others. As you can imagine this is a very busy time for them but they are well supported by the Council. If you have a problem and need advice they can be reached on 0844 848 7903 on Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am - 12.30pm and 1pm - 3pm.



*Meeting the staff at the Ruislip branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau*

### VISIT TO YMCA

The YMCA is an important organisation that does very valuable work with vulnerable young people who need shelter and special support. So I was pleased to visit our local branch in Hayes and see at first hand the support that they give.



*Joining in with the activities on offer to young adults at the YMCA in Hayes.*

### RAF NORTHOLT



*With Group Captain Van den Berg at RAF Northolt*

My recent visit to RAF Northolt was fascinating. The new Station Commander is very energetic and committed to making sure that the base plays its full part in community life. The recent redevelopment work there is on an impressive scale and certainly the accommodation facilities have been much improved. The base plays a strategic role in transporting important personnel around and it will be a busier place with the expected influx arriving from RAF Uxbridge. I was sad to see the demolition of one of the famous Battle of Britain hangars (which I fought against) but the RAF takes great pride in its heritage and that is still evident.

### POLICE MEETING

I like to stay in touch with the Police and value the regular consultative meetings we have. There is good news on burglary in Hillingdon, for which the Police deserve congratulations, but economic hard times will make their job even harder. I pressed the Borough Commander on response times to the North of the Borough since they moved all the cars down to Hayes, and a timetable for moving the Eastcote Safer Neighbourhood team down from Joel Street into Eastcote.



*A regular meeting with Borough Commander Carl Bussey*

## ACTIVE IN PARLIAMENT

### In recent months I have:

- Seen the number of constituents helped by us since the last election rise to over 3,000 people;
- Been nominated for the Epolitix Charity Champion Award;
- Met with representatives from more than 40 voluntary sector organisations and spoken at over 10 events in my role as Shadow Minister for Charities, Social Enterprise and Volunteering;
- Continued to serve on the Environmental Audit Committee, which scrutinises the effectiveness of Government policy on the environment;
- Contributed to important debates, such as the expansion of Heathrow;
- Responded to constituents concerns on a wide range of campaigns including 'Keep the Post Public', *Equitable Life*, *Dignity in Dying*, *Gaza* and 'Axe the Beer Tax';
- Received visitors from Northwood School, Newham Juniors and the Northwood Round Table.

**What matters to you? If you have a burning issue you want me to take up, let me know!**

**If you would like to visit Parliament, please get in touch.**

## CONTACT NICK

### Supporting Local Businesses

*Over the last few months I have made a point of visiting a number of small local businesses on our high streets. Times are clearly very tough, which is why I support Hillingdon Council's 'Support our Local Small Shops' campaign.*

Promoted by Nick Hurd MP  
of 128 Hallowell Road,  
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**As your MP, I am here to help you whether you voted for me or not. If you need help or advice in these difficult times, please contact me.**

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