

MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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Welcome to the tenth issue of my electronic newsletter designed to keep you up to date with my activities as your local MP.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We should never take for granted the green spaces that make such a difference to our quality of life. The Council do a good job but I don't think we should always leave it to Government if we want something done that Improves the community. So I am looking for volunteers to help us transform a scruffy stretch of the River Pinn into a paradise of spring blooms and wildflowers. It is part of my plan to encourage 'Green teams' - groups of residents who are prepared to do that bit more to support the environment. It fits into a wider project to lift the whole Eastcote Conservation area including the Eastcote Coach House and Gardens.

What do we need?

- We need some muscle to clear the land;
- and we need some people to help plant on 31st October, which is 'Make a Difference Day' the nations biggest day of volunteering.

Come and help us make a difference. The best way of registering your interest is by email to me:

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or call 01923 822876.

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Left: The site on the River Pinn
Right: Meeting with Local Councillors to discuss the future of Eastcote Coach House

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE IN RWANDA

Earlier this summer my son and I went to Rwanda to teach English to primary school teachers. We were part of Project Umubano and it was an extraordinary experience for us both. The country is desperate to recover from the horror of genocide that killed a million people in 100 days. English has been adopted as their second language. It was my first experience of teaching and my admiration for our local teachers has only grown!



Left: With my class of budding English teachers in Rwanda.

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SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

I am a trustee of a local charity- Hillingdon Partnership Trust, which helps local businesses put something back into the community.

At the last meeting I was shown a great new initiative to encourage students at Brunel to volunteer in the community.



Left: Lending helping hand at the Cancer Research shop in Northwood



Left: At Brunel University's pioneering volunteer project

It was a pleasure to visit the Cancer Research shop in Northwood and talk to the volunteers who keep it going. It has been there a long time, raising funds for an important cause, because of their efforts.

Right: Listening to local charities



The Hillingdon Association of Voluntary Services plays an important role in supporting local charities and voluntary groups. A recent meeting gave me the chance to meet local groups and discuss their needs.

LOCAL CHARITIES NEED YOU



As an MP and Shadow Minister for Charities, I know how important charities and voluntary groups are to our sense of community. It is a huge challenge running these vital organisations. It strikes me that the constituency is full of professional people - lawyers; accountants; business managers; marketing and IT experts, who have experience and expertise that could be enormously helpful.

If you have got the skills and a bit of time, why not put both to good use? Please get in touch with me and I can connect you .

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT UPDATE

It was my privilege to take the Sustainable Communities Act through Parliament as a Private Members Bill. It exists to give Local Authorities and communities more power over the decisions that affect the future of our communities. The first step was to invite all English Local Authorities to submit proposals for new powers they need to sustain their communities.

I am delighted that the Government has received over 200 proposals from across the country, which are now being analysed. These include proposals to give greater planning protection to gardens from greedy developers. Supporters of my 'Stop the Garden Grab' campaign know this is a subject close to my heart.

THE SPIRIT OF HAREFIELD

I like the spirit of Harefield and the way that it has maintained its character as 'the last village'. One of my first campaigns as MP was to support the magnificent Heart of Harefield in the fight against the plans to move the Hospital to Paddington. We won that one and then moved on to support the Hospital Trust's application for Foundation Trust Status. This was very important to secure the future of the Hospital and I am delighted that we won that one too. It was a pleasure to open the Village fete and the Harefield Fun Run recently - both occasions which bring the community out in large numbers. I am very aware that one thing the village lacks is facilities for young people, and I am pressing the Council to deploy one of their mobile youth buses on a regular basis in Harefield.

Right:
Opening the 2009
Harefield Fete



Left: At the start of the
Harefield Fun Run

SUPPORT FOR MOUNT VERNON



Left: Accompanying Mark
Simmonds MP on a tour of Mount
Vernon's first class facilities

As you know, my major campaign since becoming MP has been to 'Keep Cancer Services at Mt Vernon'. This cross party campaign in partnership with Community Voice was a resounding success but we cannot be complacent. I meet regularly with senior management of East Herts Trust who run the centre and recently facilitated a visit from Mark Simmonds MP, Shadow Health Minister responsible for Cancer Services.

FIGHTING FOR OUR HIGH STREETS



Right:
Meeting some colourful charac-
ters on Ruislip Manor Fun Day

Like many I am concerned about the future of our High Streets. That is why I support the excellent Ruislip Manor Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to encourage people to shop in Ruislip Manor. Their fun day is always something to look forward to and this year was no exception.



CAMPAIGNS IN PARLIAMENT

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

One of my campaigns in Parliament has been to try and get the Government to take more seriously the risk to children's health of building homes near big power lines. It was a privilege to be asked to give an award at the Children with Leukaemia reception to honour doctors who are pioneering new treatments for leukaemia in children.



Left:
Speaking at
the Children
with
Leukaemia
event
Right:
Meeting Dr
Pachauri



I know that some constituents are sceptical about climate change. My own view is that we face a very real threat which we must respond to now. Given that the oil will run out anyway, we should be getting on with finding new sources of sustainable energy. There is only a global solution to climate change and key negotiations will take place in Copenhagen at the end of this year. So it was a privilege to welcome to London Dr R. K. Pachauri, the chair of the IPCC, the key group of scientists who are advising international governments on the risks of serious climate instability.

CONTACT ME

How can I help you?

My team in Westminster and the Northwood constituency office have over 50 years combined experience of dealing with a wide variety of queries. They are there to help me, help you. So no matter what your problem is get in touch via phone, email or post and we will do our best to help you.

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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 please contact me.

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