

# Caroline Dinenage

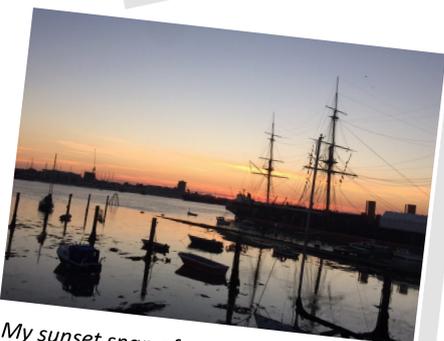
**MP for Gosport,  
Lee-on-the-Solent,  
Stubbington and  
Hill Head**



*Aboard Medusa at the Coastal Forces centenary celebrations at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard*



*On the National Citizenship Service Dragon's Den panel at Fareham College*



*My sunset snap of Portsmouth Harbour— I am utterly convinced there is no better place to live than on the South Coast!*

Like most people I was glued to the Rio Olympics this August, but besides that, with parliament in recess, I have been busy here in the Gosport constituency.

I invited local GPs to my Gosport office to update me on the Better Local Care vanguard project, which is delivering same-day GP appointments at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I was pleased to learn that the situation regarding GP recruitment has stabilised since I met GPs in March. However, more needs to be done to guarantee the long-term sustainability of General Practice in our area and ensure patients are able to see a doctor when they need one. I have therefore arranged for a meeting with the Community Health Minister in September so we can explain the situation on the ground in Gosport and hopefully identify solutions to current obstacles.

Due to sub-standard Service Family Accommodation in our area, I met with Carillion Amey, who manage MoD property, to voice my concerns. I will continue to keep a close eye on this until our local forces families receive a much improved service.

I visited Offsite Homes, a housebuilding company based at the Daedalus Enterprise Zone. This innovative start-up constructs high-spec, modular homes. It has potential to both tackle the national housing shortage and boost our local economy. I am pleased the new Housing Minister accepted my invitation to visit the site soon to see the unique company for himself.

In keeping with the growth agenda, I welcomed the government's announcement that every Business minister will be responsible for championing growth in a specific area. Jo Johnson MP, Minister of State for Universities & Science, has been named as the Solent champion. I look forward to working with him closely.

I was pleased to learn that Britain benefitted from record-breaking levels of foreign investment in 2015 – 2016, making us the top European destination for emerging markets investors. These impressive results show the UK continues to be the place to do business and demonstrates that as we prepare to negotiate our exit from the European Union, we do so from a position of strength.

I attended the Coastal Forces centenary at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Coastal Forces played a prominent part in both world wars and I had the opportunity to go aboard Medusa, a navigational guide for the Normandy Landings.

I was delighted to meet with some of the local young people taking part in National Citizenship Service. I sat on the 'Dragons Den' panel at Fareham College where each group bid for small sums of money to kick-start fundraising activities. On August 19 one of the inspiring teams hair-dyed, head-shaved (girl) and leg-waxed (boys) to raise money for the fantastic Naomi House. The group are still accepting donations [here](#).

I visited the Gosport Family Fun Day, organised by the super team at Gosport Family Church at Nicholson Gardens . There were lots of free fun and games for children all arranged & funded by wonderful volunteers.

I popped along to the celebrations for the ASTO Dartmouth to Gosport small ships race, part-hosted by Gosport Marine Scene & Hornet Sailing Club. Young people from our area had the opportunity to sail alongside 21 other vessels.

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Gosport Summer Passport scheme at Lee-on-the-Solent, hosted by the amazing Safer Gosport community team. They organise free activities for young people for 3 weeks of the summer holidays each year. At the event, I caught up with Michael Lane, Hampshire & IOW's Police and Crime Commissioner, who is currently developing his Police and Crime Plan for 2016 – 2021. You can feed in your views [here](#).

Readers may be aware of the #22pushups challenge to raise awareness of PTSD in 999 personnel and veterans. This August, HM Coastguard Winchman Paramedic, Andy Elwood, took the challenge a step further by doing 22 push-ups alongside a host of personnel from the Coastguard, Fire Brigade, Police, Ambulance Service, RNLI, private lifeboats, Royal Navy, RAF.

All joined together on the slip way opposite the hovercraft museum at Lee-on-the-Solent!! You can watch footage [here](#).

In great news this month, Lee-on-the-Solent's Hovercraft Museum and the Homes & Community Agency agreed a deal to secure the future of SRN4, the Princess Anne.

I strongly welcomed Hampshire County Council's decision to resurface Elson road. Last year I spoke with many concerned residents and had a long exchange of correspondence and meetings at the site with decision makers. I am so pleased we have finally managed to make progress on minimising problems associated with the uneven surface and steep camber.

I welcomed Round 2 of the RBS Skills and Opportunities Fund. This is a great opportunity for local groups to secure the financial support they need to continue their immensely valuable work in our community. More information, including application criteria is available [here](#). The deadline for applications is Friday 9 Sep.

The Naval Families Federation have launched a survey to inform the Naval Service childcare policy. If you have children in need of continuing care, please take the time to complete it and have your voice heard, [here](#).

Looking forward to next month, the fantastic schedule of events taking place in the Gosport area continues. Gosport Heritage Open days are running from 8-11 September. There will be 67 free events and activities, all celebrating the story of Gosport past and present. All the events are free to enter and many allow access to places which are not normally open to the public. For more information on the events or to book places, please click [here](#).

Best wishes

*Caroline*



Gosport Family Church Fun Day



With PCC Michael Lane & the GBC team at the Gosport Summer Passport Scheme

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