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Stubbington and
Hill Head



Campaigning across the constituency

The past month has absolutely flown by - it's hard to believe that the general election is now just eight days away! Parliament dissolved on the 2nd of May and since then I have been pounding the streets of Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent Stubbington and Hill Head, meeting lots of local people, as I have over the last 7 years, to discuss the issues that matter to them.

Despite my best efforts, however, I won't get a chance to speak to everyone. I'd really like to know what your priorities are for our area, so if you have the time please click [here](#) and complete a short survey asking for your views.

I've been honoured to represent the Gosport constituency in parliament for the past 7 years. Our area has such incredible potential - which I am determined to help it fulfil. We are making great progress, but there is more to do, and I hope that you will support me on June the 8th so that I can continue fighting for our area in parliament.

The Conservative Manifesto presents a clear strategy for making the most of the opportunities associated with Brexit, whilst also providing certainty and stability throughout a challenging 5 years. I am proud that Theresa May has pledged to deliver a country that works for everyone, and not just the privileged few. This involves increasing the tax-free allowance, doubling free childcare and increasing the National living Wage. You can read the manifesto in full, [here](#).

The month kicked off with Hampshire County Council elections, which returned 56 Conservative Councillors overall, compared with 45 in 2013. Gosport constituency returned 5 Conservative Councillors, compared with 3 in 2013. Cllr Stephen Philpott gained Bridgemary from Labour, which is a fabulous achievement. Congratulations also to Pal Hayre, who was elected as the Conservative Councillor for Crofton. It's so important to have a strong team working together for the good of our area, and I am thrilled that our Conservative County Councillors will be able to continue their good work.

My diary has been chockablock as ever, and the month has been a real testament to what Gosport, Lee on the Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head has to offer.

I was treated to a preview of an exhibition at the Gosport Gallery which explored the way that our public transport has changed over the years. The exhibition used archive material held by Hampshire County Council and The Provincial Society, and presented a vivid picture of the way our parents and grandparents used to get about. It's been a while since horse-drawn trams have been spotted on the Gosport High Street!



Celebrating Conservative candidates' success in the County Council election

I also visited Monkey Bizness, where I caught up with Emma and Sophia to learn about the steps they're taking to support children with SEND. I was hugely impressed by the clever ways their Makaton-trained staff ensure Monkey Bizness is an inclusive and fun environment for all children.

I attended the MAA Press event at the beautiful Haslar Marina. This was a fantastic opportunity to promote Gosport as a world-class marine and sailing hub to journalists and businesses from across the country.

I popped into see our friends at the Gosport Conservative Luncheon Club, which hosts monthly social events and exciting political talks. If you'd like to find out more info, please call Lesley on 02392 588400.

Attending Mayor Making was a real highlight of the month. This was a brilliant opportunity to thank Cllr Lynn Hook for her hard work over the past year, and welcome Cllr Linda Batty to the role. Gosport Solent Brass once again provided a fabulous soundtrack to the event and it was great to see so many school children there, representing the younger generation.

Being a huge animal lover, I was thrilled to attend Dog Show, which was organised by the fabulous Gosportarians, and supported by Asda's community champions. With prizes awarded under categories such as 'best rescue' and 'waggiest tail' there really was something for everyone!



With local volunteers at the Dog Show

I also attended the second Gosport Marine Festival, following the huge success of the event in 2015. The Festival, which is organised by Gosport Marine Scene (who I helped set-up in 2012), showcases the wealth of on water activities our area has to offer and inspires young people to get involved. It was great to see so many people making the most of our fantastic coastal location.

This month Gosport hosted a national commemoration service to mark the 35th anniversary of the Falklands War. The town has played a significant role in the lives of many veterans who served in the Falklands conflict. It was humbling to watch as hundreds of veterans marched through the town centre, led by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood. We owe our Services Personnel so much, and it is vital that their bravery and sacrifice is remembered.

But this month, of course, was also marked by great sadness. The unspeakably horrific attack on Manchester, which deliberately targeted the young and the vulnerable, has shaken us all. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their loved ones and the people of Manchester as they come to terms with this tragedy. We cannot allow those who hate our democracy, freedoms and way of life to win. I was proud to attend the local vigil to show our solidarity with Manchester.

As we near the end of the election campaign I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged me over the past few weeks, months and years. I'm hugely grateful to everyone who has helped to get the Conservative message out there - June the 8th will determine the future of our country for generations to come, so this has never been more important.

I have been proud to champion Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent, Stubbington and Hill Head for the past 7 years, and I hope very much that you will continue to back me as your hard-working MP with a proven track record of getting things done for our area.

Best wishes

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GET IN TOUCH!

If you would like to help out in the last few days of our General Election campaign delivering leaflets, knocking on doors or helping out with office admin, we would love to hear from you. Please use the details on the right to get in touch. You can also contact me if you have any concerns about local or national issues.



Visiting Monkey Bizness



At the Gosport Marine Festival with The Mayor Cllr Mrs Batty

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