



February Newsletter

Dear Ruby,

It has been another busy month across the constituency, with a wide range of local issues and events taking place. I have continued meeting with residents, businesses and charities, holding advice surgeries, and visiting organisations across our communities to hear directly about the matters that are most important to you.

There have also been several significant local developments. Following a strong community campaign, the council confirmed it would reverse its decision on the proposed parking charges in Daventry, which was very welcome news for residents and local businesses. I have also continued working closely with residents on the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm, including delivering a petition to Downing Street so that local concerns are heard directly by the Government.

Concerns about large scale development have also been raised in Earls Barton, where more than 1,100 homes are proposed across several sites, and it was encouraging to see such strong community engagement on this issue. Alongside this, I was pleased to host the latest Daventry Constituency Agricultural Forum, bringing together local farmers and rural organisations to

discuss the challenges facing the sector and our rural communities.

Thank you, as always, for taking the time to read this update. I look forward to keeping you informed in the months ahead.

With best wishes,

Stuart

Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP
Member of Parliament for the Daventry Constituency

Campaign success



The campaign against the proposed parking charges in Daventry, Towcester and Brackley saw more than 10,000 residents and supporters sign the petition, which was a fantastic demonstration of local feeling.

Following this strong response, West Northamptonshire Council confirmed at its Cabinet meeting on 16 February that it would reverse its decision. This is an important outcome for our town centre and for local businesses who rely on accessible parking.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to sign the petition and share their views. It shows the strength of our community when people come together around an issue that matters.

Strong community response in Earls Barton



There has been significant concern in Earls Barton regarding proposals for more than 1,100 new homes across several sites around the village. These include applications from Richborough Estates, William Davis and Redrow, and many residents have raised questions about the impact on infrastructure, services and the character of the area.

I joined residents at a recent protest to show my support and to listen directly to their concerns. It was clear how strongly people feel about the scale of

development being proposed and the potential consequences for the village.

I will continue to engage with residents and ensure that their views are properly represented as the planning process moves forward. Community voices must be heard when decisions of this scale are being considered.

Green Hill Solar Farm



Over recent months, I have been working closely with residents regarding the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm. This has included writing to more than 6,000 households, attending local meetings and maintaining regular contact with those affected. Many people have shared concerns about the scale and location of the proposal, particularly given the use of agricultural land.

Alongside my neighbouring MP Sarah Bool and local residents, I recently visited Downing Street to deliver a petition so that these concerns could be raised directly with Government.

I will continue to engage with residents and ensure that local voices are represented as this process moves forward.

Daventry Constituency Agricultural Forum



I recently hosted the third Daventry Constituency Agricultural Forum, bringing together local farmers and rural organisations to discuss the issues affecting agriculture and rural communities across the constituency. These forums provide an important opportunity to share information, raise concerns and discuss solutions.

During the evening, we heard updates from the Northamptonshire Police Rural Crime Team, who offered practical advice and insights, and from the NFU on the ongoing pressures facing the sector and the importance of supporting British farming.

Listening directly to those who live and work in our rural communities is a vital part of ensuring their voices are represented. The next forum will take place in the autumn, and I look forward to continuing these conversations.

Register here!

Potholes remain a key concern



Potholes continue to be one of the most common issues raised with me. The condition of our roads affects daily journeys, local businesses and road safety, and many residents are understandably frustrated.

Thank you to everyone who responded to my recent survey on the state of our roads. I received more than 1,100 responses, clearly demonstrating the strength of feeling on this issue. I have submitted these wider concerns to the council to ensure they are fully aware of the scale of the problem across the constituency.

I also provided an update to a recent resident led meeting held on Feb 20, where this issue was discussed, outlining the action I have taken and the representations made to the council. I am seeking a meeting with Highways to discuss residents' concerns directly and press for timely repairs and longer term improvements to road maintenance.

Supporting businesses across Northamptonshire



I recently had the opportunity to meet B Corps from across Northamptonshire, businesses that are certified for meeting high standards of social and environmental impact, transparency and accountability. These organisations are committed to balancing profit with people and the planet, while making a positive contribution to their communities.

I was particularly interested to learn more about the rigorous certification process, which involves detailed assessments, evidence of impact and independent verification, alongside ongoing checks to maintain standards. This demonstrates a genuine commitment to responsible business practices.

It was inspiring to hear about the difference these businesses are making both locally and beyond. We also discussed how I can support them in Parliament,

including championing responsible business and policies that help purpose led companies to grow and succeed.

Constituency Advice Surgeries



On Saturday, 28 February, I held one of my regular advice surgeries at Moulton Community Centre, where I had the opportunity to meet with residents and discuss a range of local and personal issues. These conversations are an important part of my work, helping me understand the concerns people are facing and how I can support them.

I would like to thank Moulton Community Centre for hosting, and everyone who attended.

Visit my website for the upcoming dates

Westminster Roundup

Despite the February Recess, it was a busy month in the House of Commons, with MP's debating legislation such as:

- The Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill
- The High Speed Rail (Crewe–Manchester) Bill
- The Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill
- The Railways Bill
- The Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill
- The Industry and Exports (Financial Assistance) Bill

Other topics debated included the UK–India Free Trade Agreement, police and local government funding, survival rates for brain tumours, Russia's influence in UK politics, road safety, Palestine, rural mobile connectivity, student loan repayment plans, proposal to appoint a Minister for men and boys, LGBT+ History Month, St David's Day, Government support for bereaved children and four years since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Both the Conservative Party and the Liberal Democrats also held Opposition Day debates.

Departmental Oral Questions that took place in February included Defence, Justice, Science, Innovation and Technology, Home Office, Energy Security and Net Zero, Northern Ireland, Health and Social Care, Transport, Housing, Communities and Local Government, Scotland, Culture, Media and Sport, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Solicitor General alongside the weekly Prime Minister's Questions.

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