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April Newsletter

Dear Ruby,

Over the past month, I have continued meeting with residents, businesses, schools and community groups across the constituency to hear directly about the issues affecting local people and the priorities that matter most to our communities.

In this month's update, you will find more on the work I have been carrying out locally and in Parliament, including supporting improvements to local infrastructure, backing community organisations and continuing to press for better services and support for residents.

It has also been a pleasure to visit a number of local groups, charities and businesses over recent weeks, and to see first-hand the valuable work being done across our towns and villages to support local people.

As always, thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contact me, attend events, or speak with me while I have been out across the constituency. Your conversations and feedback continue to shape the work I do both locally and in Parliament.

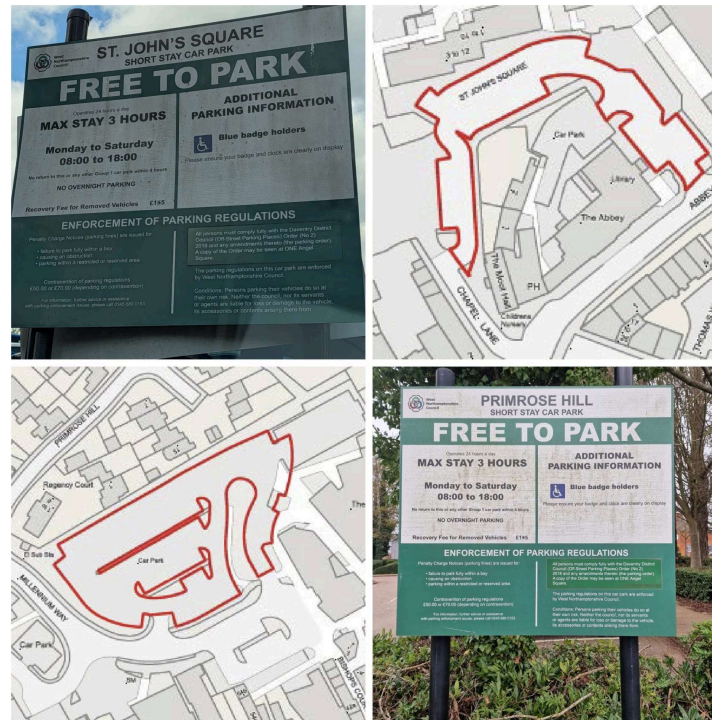
I hope everyone enjoyed the recent bank holiday weekend and had the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends.

With best wishes,

Stuart

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

Daventry Parking Proposals: My Formal Objection to West Northamptonshire Council



Earlier this year, following a huge public response and our local petition signed by more than 10,000 residents, the Reform-led Council confirmed that free parking would remain in Daventry, Towcester and Brackley.

Residents are understandably concerned that proposals have now been brought forward for ANPR enforcement and a new £5 per hour charging structure at

Primrose Hill and St John's Square car parks in Daventry.

The proposals would also extend short stay restrictions into Sundays, where the current daytime restrictions do not presently apply. While the first three hours would remain free under the current proposals, many residents have contacted me with concerns about the impact on local businesses, town centre activity and the future direction of parking policy once ANPR infrastructure is in place.

I have now submitted a formal objection and representation to West Northamptonshire Council, raising these concerns and seeking further clarification on a number of points.

Residents can still make their views known before 14 May 2026.

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You can read more about my position [HERE](#)

Tesco Confirms Repairs to Daventry Store Entrance Road



I wanted to provide a further update regarding the potholes at the entrance to Tesco in Daventry, following the concerns many residents have raised with me in recent weeks.

After continuing to press Tesco on the condition of the entrance road and the impact it has been having on both motorists and pedestrians, I have now received confirmation that repairs are scheduled to be completed by 31 May.

I know the state of the road has been a source of frustration for many local people, with understandable concerns also raised around safety when accessing the site.

I am pleased that a clear timetable for the repairs has now been confirmed and I will continue monitoring the situation closely until the work is completed.

Visit to the Rural Community Larder in Woodford Halse



I was pleased to visit the Rural Community Larder in Woodford Halse alongside Cllr Rupert Frost to learn more about the valuable support they provide for local residents.

The team are doing fantastic work helping people access affordable surplus food, while also offering wider advice and support within the community. I was particularly impressed by their cookery classes, which provide a brilliant opportunity to build confidence and skills, while also bringing people together. It was also good to hear more about the positive impact the project is having locally and the dedication of the volunteers and staff involved.

Thank you to everyone at the Rural Community Larder for the warm welcome and for everything you do to support the community. Residents interested in finding out more or getting involved can contact the team at community.larder@woodfordhalseacademy.net

Opening The Court Yard and Celebrating Community Spirit in Weedon



It was a real pleasure to attend and officially open The Court Yard in Weedon, the new home of West Northamptonshire Pickleball.

Seeing an empty historic warehouse at the Royal Ordnance Depot transformed into a thriving community space in such a short time is genuinely impressive. What stood out most was not just the sport itself, but the sense of connection and purpose that has been created there.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication of Kate Vincent and her team, and in particular the volunteers whose time, energy and kindness have made it all possible. Their work shows how powerful community-led initiatives can be in bringing people together, improving wellbeing and creating opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Pickleball is clearly growing in popularity, but what is happening in Weedon goes beyond that. It is about building friendships, supporting mental and physical health, and creating a welcoming space where people can connect.

I wish everyone involved continued success as The Court Yard grows. It is a fantastic example of community spirit in action and something the whole area can be proud of.

Opening of Kilsby House



It was a real pleasure to be invited to officially open Kilsby House recently and to cut the ribbon on this important new facility.

Kilsby House will make a real difference locally, helping people access the support they need closer to home and nearer to family and loved ones within the community.

It was also an opportunity to hear more about the work being carried out to support mental health services and the positive impact the facility will have for residents across the area.

Thank you to everyone at Camino Healthcare for the warm welcome, and for the important work you are doing to support mental health care. I wish the whole team every success for the future.

Visit to Althorp Estate



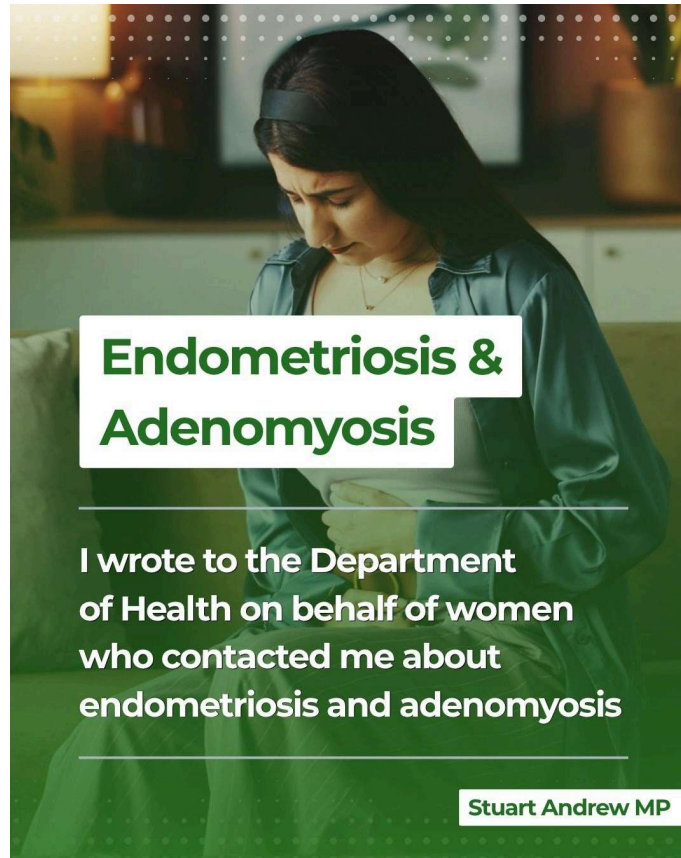
It was good to visit Althorp Estate recently and meet with the team there to discuss the work taking place across the estate.

We had a very useful conversation about farming, conservation and future development, as well as the important role rural estates can play in supporting local communities and the wider rural economy.

It was also valuable to hear more about the challenges and opportunities facing the sector and the work being done to balance environmental priorities with the long-term future of rural businesses and communities.

Thank you to everyone at Althorp for taking the time to show me around and for such a productive visit.

Raising Concerns Around Endometriosis and Adenomyosis Care



Too many women are still waiting far too long for answers, diagnosis and treatment for conditions such as Endometriosis and Adenomyosis.

After hearing from local women about their experiences and the difficulties many have faced accessing support and treatment, I wrote to the Government to raise concerns around delays in diagnosis, access to specialist care, and the

importance of women being properly listened to and taken seriously when seeking help.

I have now received a response from the Minister for Women's Health, who acknowledged that more needs to be done and outlined some of the work currently taking place nationally to improve care and support for women affected by these conditions.

While that progress is welcome, I recognise that for many women these changes will still feel far too slow, particularly for those continuing to live with pain and uncertainty while waiting for treatment or diagnosis.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their experiences with me. I will continue raising these concerns and pushing for better support, awareness and access to care.

Constituency Advice Surgeries

A reminder that I hold regular constituency advice surgeries across the constituency, giving residents the opportunity to meet with me in person to discuss any local or personal issues they may need help with.

These surgeries take place in different locations across the constituency. To find out where I will be holding my next advice surgery, please click the button below.

I am also available for telephone and online appointments. If you would like to arrange an appointment or get in touch with my office, please email stuart.andrew.mp@parliament.uk.

Advice Surgeries - Dates & Locations

Westminster Roundup



Parliament returned from the Easter recess for the final sitting weeks of this Session, with the Commons focused on completing remaining legislation before prorogation.

- Several major Bills entered their final stages, including the Crime and Policing Bill, Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill, Pension Schemes Bill, English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill, and Victims and Courts Bill, with a number going through end-of-Session “ping-pong” between the Commons and Lords.
- The appointment and security vetting of Lord Mandelson dominated Commons attention, with the Prime Minister making a statement to the

House and MPs later debating an Opposition motion on the handling of the issue.

- MPs also agreed carry-over motions for the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill and the Public Office (Accountability) Bill, allowing both to continue into the next Session.
- Departmental Questions continued across areas including Education, Health, Housing, Foreign Affairs, Work and Pensions, the Treasury, Scotland, Wales, Cabinet Office, and Culture.
- Backbench, Westminster Hall and petition debates covered issues including SEND provision, children's safeguarding, statutory menstrual leave, animal testing, allied health professionals, DVLA reform, and houses in multiple occupation.

Parliament was prorogued at the end of the month, ahead of the State Opening and the start of the new Session in May.

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