

# MARK FLETCHER MP NEWSLETTER



## Early Summer 2023 Newsletter



*Dear Resident,*

I hope you and your family are well. It has been an extremely busy month since my last update at the end of May! The Government has announced a new NHS Long Term Workforce Plan and confirmed that our plan to stop illegal immigration working with small boat arrivals to the UK down by 20% this year.

The Department for Health also announced that we're rolling out a targeted lung cancer screening programme across England to help detect cancer earlier and speed up diagnosis. People aged 55-74 with a history of smoking will be invited for checks and offered expert help to stop smoking.

In Westminster, I have attended a number of events, met with Ministers to further local projects, hosted The Bolsover School for a Parliamentary visit, and I continue to speak in Parliament on both local and national issues.

Back home in our constituency, I have welcomed a Government Minister to Shirebrook, visited local businesses, gave a talk to children in Langwith, attended community events, worked to develop key projects like post-16 education, improvements to junctions 28 & 29 of the M1 and NHS dentistry in Bolsover, and hosted a surgery for constituents in Clowne.

I hope you find this edition interesting and I look forward to updating you all again at the end of August, where I'll be providing news from my summer

across the constituency.

Best wishes,

Mark

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**Meeting Rita Mellor at Clowne Parish Church Fair**



**More in Common event in memory of the late Jo Cox MP**



**Meeting John Barnes to speak about grassroots football**



**Showing Bolsover School pupils around Parliament**



**Continuing my campaign to secure funding for Junction 28**

It was great to meet with the Secretary of State for Transport, Mark Harper, to

discuss the strategic importance of upgrading Junction 28 of the M1.

We need to make this junction safer for road users, less polluting for residents and stop the loss of millions of pounds every week to the local and national economy due to delays.

As you will know, I have been campaigning for this ever since I was elected and I will continue making the case for investment to all relevant stakeholders.

Thanks to Midlands Connect for their continued support on this project.



### Welcoming Business Champion, Sarah Smith, to No11

I was really pleased that the rather wonderful Sarah Smith was able to join me and the Chancellor at a reception in Downing Street celebrating local business champions.

Old Bolsover Yard is a fantastic place in the centre of Bolsover town, and has become vital to the local economy, promoting small businesses and enhancing our community. Sarah is incredibly passionate about our area, and has worked tirelessly to bring local businesses together and lead a partnership with the council.

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Sarah to Westminster.

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### Q&A at St Joseph's Primary

The highlight of my constituency day last week was chatting with year 5's at Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Langwith Junction. They are holding elections for head pupil in coming weeks. Hopefully I managed to inspire some of them to stand - there are some excellent candidates. I am looking forward to returning to meet with the new head pupil next year, although a little concerned they may have taken my example of a crocodile park a little too literally. Good luck to all of you !

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### **Welcoming Claire Coutinho, Minister for Childcare, to Stubbin Wood and Chestnuts Nursery in Shirebrook**

Last month, Minister for Children & Families, Claire Coutinho MP, whose responsibilities include special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) came to visit the fabulous Stubbin Wood school in Shirebrook. She met some amazing young people, toured the facilities, and met with TEAM education trust about their future plans.

The Minister also visited Chestnuts Childcare in Shirebrook to talk about changes to childcare funding arrangements - thank you to the Chestnuts team and all the children for being so welcoming.



**Stubbin Wood,  
Shirebrook**



**Chestnuts Nursery,  
Shirebrook**





### **Visiting Magnavale in Holmewood**

At the end of June, I was in Holmewood visiting Magnavale Ltd, who are one of the largest cold food storage businesses in Europe.

It was interesting to hear all about how this sector operates and to listen to Andrew and Amanda talk about the future plans for growth, sustainable employment, and working with the local community.

The Holmewood site currently holds 32,000 pallets worth of products and is absolutely essential for our food security and regional supply chains.



### **Meeting the Minister for Victims and Sentencing**

I had opportunity to sit down with Rt Hon Edward Argar, Minister for Victims and Sentencing, to discuss the Victims and Prisoners Bill - in particular my campaign to ban sex offenders from changing their names. You can read more about the campaign on my website by clicking the 'Read More' link below.

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### East Midlands Designer Outlet

It was great to visit the Designer Outlet to see progress on their extension, hear about their future plans, and chat with Paul Sutton, Centre Manager, about their support for the much needed improvements at J28 of the M1. As well as being a great shopping location, the centre employs hundreds of local people and attracts visitors from across the East Midlands to our area.



### Need My Help - Book A Surgery Appointment

I held my last surgery at my constituency at the community centre in Clowne. It's always a pleasure to spend time talking with constituents, and we covered a wide range of subjects - hopefully some of peoples concerns I'll be able to help with.

Need my help with something? Click the button below and request a surgery appointment with me. Alternatively, feel free to email me, making sure to provide your FULL address and contact details.

If you would prefer to speak to someone, feel free to give my office a call on 01246 932048.

[Request a surgery with me](#)

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