

# MARK FLETCHER MP NEWSLETTER



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## Mid-October Newsletter



**Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},**

I hope you are well and welcome to my latest e-newsletter.

At the start of the month, I attended the Conservative Party Conference, my first as an MP, and it was great seeing old friends and former colleagues, listening to the Prime Minister's plan for levelling-up the country, and meeting charitable organisations, such as the Alzheimers Society, British Heart Foundation, Guide Dogs, and Macmillan Cancer Support. These charities do amazing work in our local communities and it was a real pleasure to have the chance to speak with them about their work locally and across the UK.

After returning from Manchester, I have been out and about delivering annual reports across the constituency, visiting the fantastic Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School, launching a petition to help secure funding for improvements to Junction 28 of the M1, and delivering a new survey for residents of Pinxton.

My surveys for Heath and Shirebrook have now closed and I will shortly be writing to all those who have taken the time to let me know their views - your feedback is greatly appreciated!

I hope you find this edition interesting and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Kind regards,

Mark.

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Words cannot currently express how sad I am about Sir David Amess's passing.

As has been stated by so many, he was a wonderful and kind man. Someone I've known for many years, someone who I've campaigned with, laughed with and who brought joy to any room he was in.

David represented the seat where my in-laws live. I know his patch and how hard he worked there. My thoughts are with David's family at this time, but also to all the residents of Southend who have lost a true champion.

Friday was a desperately sad day for our democracy.



## **Mark Launches Petition for Junction 28 Improvements**

One of my main priorities as your Member of Parliament is the improvement of local infrastructure, such as Junction 28. Since being elected in 2019, I have been working with a number of stakeholders, including Bolsover District Council, Derbyshire County Council, the local enterprise partnership, D2N2, and Midlands Connect to secure the necessary funding to prevent standstills, improve the flow of traffic, boost regional connectivity, and ultimately, turbocharge the local economy.

At a recent meeting with Highways England, they outlined to me their new design, which has an extremely high Cost Benefit Ratio (CBR) and demonstrates significant improvements to journey times, as well as a decrease in the number of injuries from collisions.

I am launching this petition to demonstrate the support for this project amongst the local community. The more signatures the petition receives the greater chance our application for funding will be accepted by the Government, so please share this as widely as possible.

This is a key infrastructure project for the Bolsover constituency and as local residents your voice is incredibly important. Please take a moment of your time to sign this petition by filling in your details - I would love to have your support!

[Sign My Petition](#)



### **Mark Delivers Pinxton Station Survey**

Alongside Lee Anderson MP, I have been campaigning for the reopening of the Maid Marian Line and the creation of a new station to serve the local communities of Pinxton and neighbouring Selston.

The proposed new route would provide better links to Nottingham, Mansfield, and Kirkby-in-Ashfield, and allow residents quick access to key shopping, leisure, education, and employment sites, and potentially to Kings Mill Hospital.

Residents in Pinxton often feel isolated from the rest of the Bolsover constituency and the wider East Midlands region due to poor transport links. The reopening of the Maid Marian Line to passengers alongside a new railway station is an excellent chance to level-up our often-forgotten communities.

As we look to more sustainable forms of transport across Bolsover to achieve our net-zero targets this new rail route will help to reduce our dependency on motor vehicles and alleviate congestion at Junction 28 of the M1.

I would encourage all residents to take part in the survey, it only takes a couple of minutes and I would really like to hear your views!

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[Take My Survey](#)



### **Mark Visits Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School**

Last Friday, I had the absolute pleasure of a tour around Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School - they have created some wonderful outside spaces for the children to play and learn. I would like to thank Mrs Andrews and the children for showing us around.

I will continue to work with our local Headteachers to improve school standards and ensure every child in the Bolsover constituency can reach their full potential.



### **Mark Makes Guest Appearance on Politics East Midlands**

Last week, I made a guest appearance on BBC Politics East Midlands to discuss post-16 education, levelling-up, and HS2. As you may be aware, the Bolsover constituency currently has no mainstream post-16 provision - meaning students have to leave our area to receive further education. That's why I am working with Derbyshire County Council, the Department for Education, and the Regional Schools Commissioner to provide a sixth form at The Bolsover School and with Bolsover District Council to create a technical college, so we can deliver a high-skilled, high-paid, local economy.

On HS2, I outlined my opposition to this project as it has no benefits for the constituency of Bolsover, I would much prefer the money to be spent on local transport and infrastructure projects, such as better bus services, a Shirebrook/M1 Link Road, improvements to Treble Bob Roundabout and Junctions 28 & 29, as well as expanding the Robin Hood Line and reopening the Maid Marian Line with the creation of a station to serve the community of Pinxton.

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