

MARK FLETCHER MP NEWSLETTER



June Newsletter



Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

It has been an extremely busy few weeks since my last update. So much has happened in Westminster and Bolsover that this is probably the longest e-newsletter edition yet! But I still hope you find it interesting and informative.

In Parliament I have had four very important Ministerial meetings to help progress my campaigns in the constituency, including tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, promoting hydrogen and renewable energy in Bolsover, resolving residents' concerns on dentist provision, and campaigning for better rail services with the Robin Hood Line extension and the reopening of the Maid Marian Line for passenger services.

I have also attended a number of events hosted by key groups such as the Mental Health Foundation, the Office of Rail and Road, Rebuild General Practice, National Farmers Union, Peace Direct, and - a group very close to my heart - the Jo Cox Foundation. These groups do amazing work across the country and it is great to offer my support.

And I have spoken in the House of Commons on four occasions on issues such as economic development, my recent visit to Exclusive Secure Care Services in Barlborough, UK support for Ukraine, and continued my campaign to return post-16 provision to the Bolsover constituency.

The Government also introduced the Bill of Rights to Parliament, which will overhaul the Human Rights Act and restore some common sense to our justice system.

Locally, I have visited some amazing schools in Creswell, had a wonderful welcome from children at Chestnuts Nursery in Shirebrook, met up again with Keeley Howson to get an update on the work Building Lives Around Shirebrook Town (BLAST) are doing in Shirebrook, spoke with residents on Carter Lane and near Shirebrook Market Place, held a number of constituent appointments for casework related matters, and held further meetings with the University of Derby about how we can provide post-16 education provision in the Bolsover constituency.

I also wrote to Openreach to request that the Holmewood exchange, which also serves Heath, be fast-tracked for Ultra-fast broadband, after a number of constituents from Holmewood and Heath contacting me about problems with their internet speed and reliability.

In other news, plans and proposals for the Levelling-Up Fund and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund are now progressing nicely and I hope to have more detailed and positive news regarding these works in my next e-newsletter.

Finally, one of my favourite weeks since taking office was the Platinum Jubilee weekend. To see so many people from across the constituency come together

was an amazing demonstration of community spirit and patriotism - it was another reminder why, for me, this is the best job in the world, and I cannot thank you enough for giving me the greatest honour of my life in being your Member of Parliament.

Best wishes,

Mark.



Pinxton Classic Car Show



Visiting Chestnuts Nursery



Attending an event by the Mental Health Foundation



Meeting Aerospace & Defence apprentices



Campaigning for better rail services

Restoring lost rail connections is pivotal to our levelling-up agenda. Earlier this month, I met with the Rail Minister, Wendy Morton MP, to talk about the extension of the Robin Hood Line from Shirebrook to Ollerton via Warsop and Edwinstowe, the reopening of the Maid Marian Line to passengers and a new station to serve the communities of Pinxton and Selston. This 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 Kings Mill Hospital.

95% of local residents who responded to my survey last October were in

favour of re-opening passenger services to serve Pinxton, and I will continue working with local MP's, Ministers and stakeholders to help bring the projects to fruition.



Visiting Schools in Creswell

I am extremely proud of all the schools in our constituency, and I absolutely love visiting and hearing of the brilliant work that is going on. Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Creswell CofE Infants and Nursery and Creswell Junior Schools and meeting their totally inspirational headteachers. The schools are a real centre of the Creswell community and I look forward to continuing work with both to ensure our children are given the best of opportunities and highest of aspirations.

Huge thank you to Mrs Pymm and Mrs Dodd for showing me around, and all the teachers and staff for everything you do to inspire and encourage our children to be the best.



Meeting Creswell Infants Headteacher, Mrs Dodd



Meeting Creswell Juniors Headteacher, Mrs Pymm



Building Lives Around Shirebrook Town (BLAST)

BLAST(Building Lives around Shirebrook Town) are the most fantastic community organisation and it was an honour to spend some time at the youth club on Carter Lane, meet some amazing children, and hear about all the wonderful work going on to help improve the lives of children and adults across Shirebrook.

It's brilliant to see progress on their new space, and hear about the generosity of local people and tradesmen, and support of Derbyshire County Council, in transforming a long under-used building into the most excellent youth zone.

There are some really worthwhile plans afoot and I truly cannot wait for my next visit. Massive thanks to Keeley for all her incredible and inspirational work



Jubilee Weekend across the Bolsover constituency

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and taking part in all the fabulous community events that took place this weekend across our constituency in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I am very proud to represent such a wonderful community. Being your Member of Parliament is truly the best job in the world.



Listening to music in Bolsover Yard



Jubilee drinks at Clowne Cricket Club



Chatting to residents in South Normanton



Celebrating with Chestnuts Nursery in Shirebrook



Tackling anti-social behaviour

Sadly, anti-social behaviour can have an overwhelming impact on its victims and, in some cases, on the wider community. A number of distressing, and long-running, cases involving neighbours have come across my desk in the past few months and although the local authority and police are taking steps to try and reduce the impact of this kind of behaviour, action is extremely slow, leaving people feeling unsafe and harassed in their own homes.

This is a matter I care deeply about, and am working with Ministers on strengthening the powers local authorities and the police have and developing further innovative solutions to assist those affected.

I met with Rachel McLean MP, Minister for Safeguarding, this week to discuss some of the frustrations and issues raised in my constituents cases and am confident that the matter is firmly on the Government's agenda.

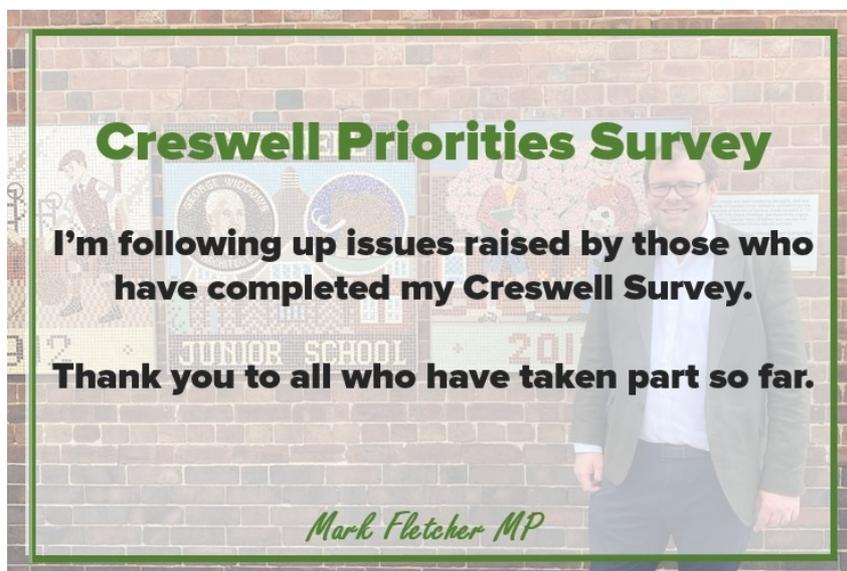


Working with the University of Derby to level-up North Derbyshire

It was an absolute pleasure to join my colleague Amanda Solloway MP at the launch of the 'Levelling Up Impact Report' by the University of Derby and the Purpose Coalition, a cross-sector group of UK universities, businesses and public sector organisations who have purpose at their core.

Following the launch, I toured the University's STEM building which houses electrical and electronics engineering. I got to play with cool trains and robots, build a cable tester and spend time in an acoustic testing room used for developing sound effects, and which was used to help create the headphone experience for Grand Theft Auto 5.

I would like to thank Justine Greening, former Education Secretary and Chair of the Purpose Coalition, and University of Derby Vice-Chancellor Professor Kathryn Mitchell CBE, for their important work on levelling up and for their leadership on social mobility. I look forward to working with them to deliver equal opportunity across Derbyshire, especially in Bolsover.



Creswell Priorities Survey

Its been great reading through some of the responses from my Creswell Priorities Survey.

I have already reported road maintenance issues for a number of streets including West Street, Portland Avenue, and Skinner Street among others.

I have also written to Derbyshire County Council with three main transport and infrastructure requests:

* For the lowering of Elmton Road to be included in the next round of capital funding, so that residents, particularly the elderly, at the bottom end of the village can easily access local bus services following the rerouting of the 77 due to height restrictions at the railway bridge.

* Funding to explore the potential for an access/relief road from the Craggs Industrial Estate to the A616 to relieve residential areas such as Morven Street from HGV and industrial traffic.

* 20mph speed limits in areas of concern throughout the village.

I will also explore the possibility for new links from Creswell to Elmton, to improve safety for those who walk/cycle on Wood Lane.

Thank you once again to everyone who took part and if you didn't have chance to let me know your views theres still time: <https://www.mark-fletcher.org.uk/form/creswell-priorities-survey>

Take my Survey



Hydrogren Hub in Bolsover

Earlier this month, I met with Trudy Harrison MP, Minister for Transport with responsibility for transport decarbonisation to discuss Bolsover's position as a major logistics hub, to be a centre of hydrogen production in the UK. I want to work with local and National partners to ensure we are well placed to be at the forefront of the industry.

One of my main aims as MP for Bolsover is to restructure the local economy towards a high-paid, high-skilled economy in new and emerging industries such as the low-carbon and renewable energy sectors.



Access to Dentistry

Many residents have contacted me regarding their concerns for local dentist provision, including registration difficulties, long waiting times for appointments, and the distances they are having to travel to access their dentist.

Following my meeting with the Secretary of State for Health, Sajid Javid MP, where I raised these concerns directly, I have now launched a survey to understand whether these experiences are more widespread.

I would encourage all residents to take part in the survey, so that I can be clear with local NHS leaders and the Government about what is needed to improve local services. To take part visit: www.mark-fletcher.org.uk/form/nhs-dentistry-survey or click the link below.

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