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News from Brentwood and Ongar's Member of Parliament, Alex Burghart

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Brexit 31st October

Backing new Conservative PM Boris Johnson

New PM pledges more money for schools, NHS, police and High Streets

Our new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has made a powerful promise to the electorate: more money for schools and the NHS, 20,000 more police officers, new funding to help towns and high streets and, of course, a pledge to complete Brexit by 31 October. I'm delighted to see this agenda swinging into action. I very much want to see prosperity in all parts of our country, even more people in good jobs, even more new businesses growing and competing, and even more children doing well at school.

Boris brings great experience to the role – he was Mayor of London for eight years and reduced crime, improved transport, increased wages, and brought fresh investment to the city. In my new job as his Parliamentary Private Secretary, I'm looking forward to Boris taking this dynamic leadership on to the national and international stages, bringing a new energy to government. After nine years of Conservative Government we already have record employment, growing wages, the biggest ever cash boost for the NHS, and more children in Good and Outstanding schools than ever before. I'm sure that Boris can help us go even further. ■



Visiting Brentwood and Ongar's schools



Meeting local residents in Fyfield



Discussing police action on knife crime



Attending the opening of North Weald's refurbished GP surgery.

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Joining Shenfield councillors Jan Pound and Louise Rowlands at the library campaign day in April

Securing the Future of Local Libraries

In July Essex County Council pledged £3m of extra investment for local libraries and promised no library in the area would shut within the next five years. There had been concern during the Council's consultation that libraries in Shenfield, Ingatestone and North Weald would close if volunteers did not come forward to run them. However, after support from me in Parliament and strong advocacy from North Weald Parish Council and the Conservative councillors in Shenfield and Ingatestone (amongst others) the immediate future of all three libraries has been secured. I take my hat off to those who put in the work to show the strength of local feeling about this crucial resource.

Before I went into politics I taught history and know from long experience the importance of there being places in the community where people can find books for themselves or their children, and where local groups can meet. ■



With North Weald Parish Councillors supporting the joint use of the village's library

Conservatives Working Together Across Brentwood and Ongar

Brentwood Borough Council has a new Conservative leader, Cllr Chris Hossack, who took over from Cllr Louise McKinlay when she stepped down in May this year after 10 years' distinguished service. Last December, it was good to work with the Council to reduce rough sleeping, drunkenness and intimidating behaviour on Brentwood High Street following a petition signed by hundreds of local people. I understand from shoppers and business people that there has been a real improvement – so thank you to everyone who helped make the change. Recently I've been grateful to Chris and his team for coming to a meeting I convened

in Navestock for residents concerned about unauthorised developments. Unauthorised traveller encampments are also an issue across the constituency during the summer months although we have seen some excellent improvements by our local Conservative Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Roger Hirst, whose Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Group ensures the fastest possible response to these encampments.. ■



Hearing local councillors' concerns about unauthorised development in Navestock

More Money for Schools, Hospitals and Policing

I've been very pleased by the domestic announcements the new Prime Minister has made since entering Downing Street. He's promised a further £1.8bn to the NHS on top of the additional £33.9bn that Theresa May pledged and he's taken important steps to reduce waiting times in the health service.



On a drugs raid with Essex Police



Schools to benefit from new funding

The PM has also committed to properly funding schools. I talk to headteachers in the constituency on a regular basis and I'm aware some schools are feeling the pinch from rising costs. I'll be pushing for new funding to come here so that our excellent local schools can be even better. The Prime Minister has also said he will hire 20,000 new police officers to make our streets safer – excellent news for our towns and villages. ■



Welcoming the new Leader of Brentwood Borough Council, Cllr Chris Hossack

Improving Ongar's High Street

Like many residents of Ongar, I remain concerned about the number of very large lorries using Ongar High Street. The "pinch point" near Castle Street feels unsafe, the road gets badly worn by the additional weight, and historic neighbouring buildings shake. I've met with Highways England and Essex Highways to highlight the risks and the need for change.

As a result of my meetings, traffic flow, traffic speed and the number of lorries have been measured and submitted to Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Cllr Kevin Bentley. On his advice, local councillors have made an application for a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on the High Street through the Local Highways Panel. I strongly support this application and hope it will make a positive difference to the town. ■



Supporting Ongar High Street

“One Of The Stars Of The 2017 Intake”



Standing up for my constituents in a Commons debate

I live with my wife and two daughters near Ongar and commute daily to Westminster – a busy old place in recent months. I have been honoured to be Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to both the Attorney General, Geoffrey Cox QC, and Northern Ireland Secretary, Karen Bradley – and was flattered to be called “one of the stars of the 2017 intake” by the Sun.

In July the new Prime Minister asked me to become his PPS – so you will see me sitting behind him at Prime Minister’s Questions each Wednesday. If you’d ever like to come to Westminster and watch PMQs, contact my office and we will put you on the waiting list for tickets (they are allocated by ballot so it can take a while). ■

Rural life: Action for Farmers and Tackling Fly-tipping

Many of my constituents are farmers or involved in the industry and hundreds of jobs and livelihoods depend on it. Brexit is a huge factor in farmers’ forward planning, but leaving the Common Agricultural Policy gives the opportunity to design a new domestic agricultural policy – something I discuss with local farmers regularly.

A major issue for rural residents is fly-tipping, so earlier this year I met then Environment Secretary, Michael Gove, to see what could be done to tackle it. I’m pleased to say that his department is taking forward plans to identify and punish those who fly-tip and are also looking at what Government can do to discourage people from using unscrupulous individuals to dispose of unwanted items and trade waste. ■



As Environment Secretary, Michael Gove supported my call for action against fly-tipping

Saving Lives and Keeping Us Safe – Supporting our Emergency Services

Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst continues his outstanding work in improving fire and police services in the county and bringing additional funding in to support their work. I joined Roger in March for the launch of his pioneering Fire and Rescue Plan for Essex.



Great visit to see the work of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Team



Essex Chief Constable, B.J. Harrington, tells me about his policing plans

We’re already starting to benefit from the decisions Roger made last year which led to 368 new police officers being trained in Essex, with 31 of them joining the Brentwood and Epping Policing Team. As the new PM’s police recruitment drive kicks in we can expect this number to rise again.

It’s been a pleasure getting to know some of the other superb emergency services in our part of the world. In the last year I’ve been out in an ambulance with Ongar paramedics, joined a dawn raid with police in Brentwood, and visited the Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance base. Be assured, we are being looked after by some remarkable people. ■



With Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Roger Hirst, and Chief Fire Officer, Jo Turton



Fly-tipping in Dagwood Lane in Doddinghurst

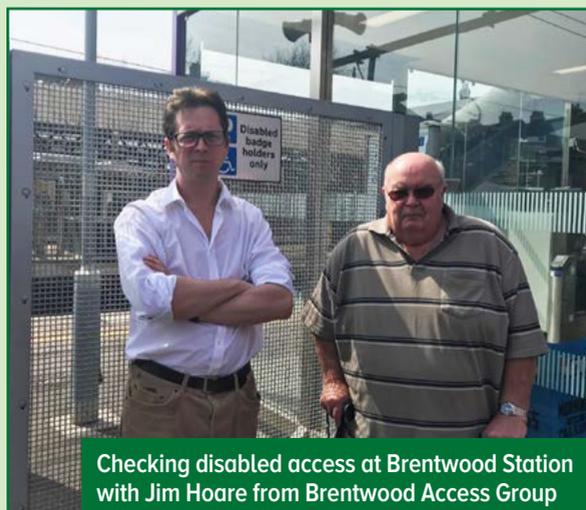


Brexit discussions with West Essex farmers in Magdalen Laver

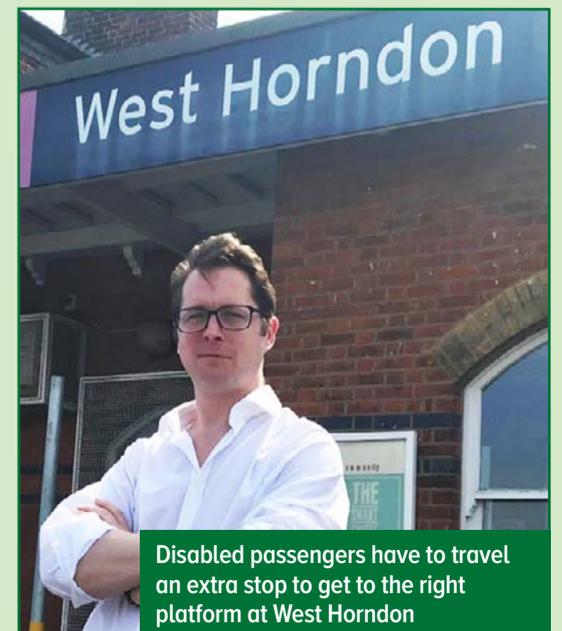
BETTER RAIL SERVICES FOR ALL

Greater Anglia, TfL and C2C train performances have seen significant improvements since the beginning of the year, and weekend services are back to normal after years of disruptions. I have had regular meetings with transport ministers to make sure local commuters’ concerns are heard. And I recently had a chat to the new Crossrail boss, Mark Wild, who has been brought in to straighten things out after some very disappointing

delays to that project. I have also been campaigning for better access to Brentwood and West Horndon stations for people with disabilities. Too often passengers in wheelchairs or those who struggle on their feet are expected to walk too far, climb too many steps or go via different stations, so I’m working closely with the Brentwood Access Group to find funding to improve facilities at these stations. ■



Checking disabled access at Brentwood Station with Jim Hoare from Brentwood Access Group



Disabled passengers have to travel an extra stop to get to the right platform at West Horndon

Constituency, Commuting and Conservatives



Presenting Andrew Clarkson with the prize for his roses at Ingatestone Flower Show

When Parliament's sitting I commute from Ongar to Westminster Monday to Thursday and then work in the constituency on Friday and Saturday, attending local events and holding regular surgeries in Sainsbury's Café in Brentwood or at the Ongar Town Council building. If ever there's an issue you think I might be able to help with – or any issue you'd like to discuss with me – please do get in touch and my office will set up a meeting.

Similarly, if you'd like to get more involved in local politics, the Brentwood and Ongar Conservative Association is growing and becoming ever more vibrant under the chairmanship of Keith Barber. We have a great group of local volunteers of all ages from Abridge to Heybridge who help us campaign in all weathers, and a busy social calendar too - quiz nights, BBQs, fundraisers and dinners with leading politicians. If you want to nail your colours to the mast and join in, get in touch with BOCA at membership@boca.org.uk or fill in the form at the bottom of the page. ■

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Taking up the Blindfold Challenge on Brentwood High Street with Guide Dogs for the Blind Association



At the Brentwood Half Marathon with father and son fun runners, Dean and George, from Doddinghurst

Order! Order! Involving Young People in Politics

As a former teacher, I regularly raise education and education funding in Westminster and am glad to see it moving back up the agenda again. There are 46 schools in my constituency and during term time I try to visit one a week to talk to heads, teachers and children. I'm also very keen to involve local school children in the democratic process and encourage schools to visit Parliament.

Earlier this year I arranged a Mock Parliament for local sixth formers in Brentwood and secured the services of the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, Dame Eleanor Laing, MP for Epping Forest, to keep order.

Students from Ingatestone's Anglo-European School, Brentwood County High, Brentwood School, and Shenfield High debated the motion "This House would legalise assisted dying". As in the Commons, Members were given a 'free vote' on this 'issue of conscience' so they could vote according to their personal views. I was very impressed by the standard of debate and hope to hold another event soon.

For younger children I organise an annual competition to design my Christmas card. Last year nine-year old Imogen Walls, a pupil at St Helen's Junior School, was the overall winner with her wonderful Parliament card. The contest for this year's card will soon be open. ■



Introducing local politics students to Parliamentary debating under the watchful eye of Deputy Speaker Dame Eleanor Laing.



Imogen's winning Christmas card

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