

It's time for Rishi Sunak to fire up the engine of the East Midlands!

Along with colleagues, I've written to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up to press the case for the East Midlands to be given even more clout and funding.

Our new devolution deal will bring money and powers to our area, and is a big step forward, offering us opportunities in transport, skills and investment.

At the same time though, Andy Burnham in Manchester, already equipped with more powers than we are, is taking further steps in new 'Trailblazer' deals announced in the Budget.

My colleagues and I argue that the East Midlands should be at the front of the queue to 'level up' and that Government can't allow Manchester and Birmingham to disappear in to the distance.

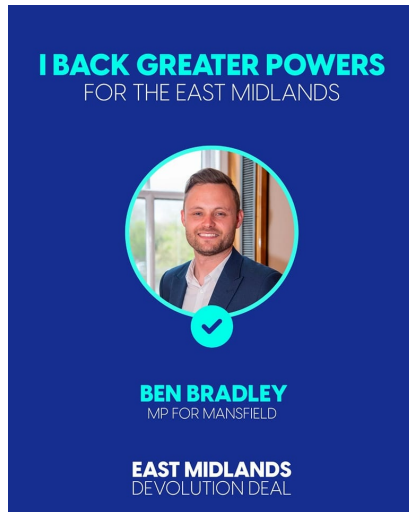
As a Conservative, I also want to see "Levelling up" defined by conservative principles; innovation, enterprise, and offering more opportunity, not by the left-wing versions in Manchester and London, with congestion charges and anti-car policies that limit choice and make lives harder.

We've asked the Secretary of State to consider this, and to equip our area with new opportunities that Manchester has had for 5+ years already, like new local trade and investment policy, on top of the exciting new deal we've already secured.

[Read more about this from the Nottingham Post here...](#)



And my column about this in the Express here...



Read more about this from the Telegraph here...

We're making major progress on massive projects for our area, to boost the economy, create great new jobs, improve our infrastructure and more...

My colleagues across the region and I have written to Government calling on every department to help us stoke the fires, and get our Midlands Engine firing on both cylinders.

We've got all the potential, and all the great projects and businesses that our colleagues in the West Mids have got, but we're yet to get the levers and funds that they have.

Now's the time to empower our region so that we can deliver a better deal for local people; one that can change lives.

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Looking back on another busy month as we headed into April last weekend!

**HOUSEHOLD
SUPPORT FUND
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£11,292,900

**SUPPORTING VULNERABLE
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Ben Bradley MP
serving Mansfield & Warsop

Household Support Funding reaches £28.2m for Nottinghamshire

The extension of the Household Support Fund means a further £11.3m of support over the coming months for those residents around Nottinghamshire who need it!

Find out more here...



Visiting Mansfield and Ashfield Bangladeshi Association

I've been to the Mansfield and Ashfield Bangladeshi Association this week to meet some guys who have raised over £8000 for the Turkey and Syria Appeal, support victims and survivors of the recent devastating earthquakes that killed nearly 60,000 people. What an amazing effort! Well done

Out and about ahead of the May elections!



On 4th May Vote

Andre Camilleri



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WE'RE WORKING HARD AND DELIVERING FOR MANSFIELD AND WARSOP



Your Conservative team is out working for you all year round



Ben Bradley, Andre Camilleri and your local Conservatives have been working hard to bring investment and positive plans forward for our District. We've secured over £100m of funding for things like town centre improvements, flood relief, a new sixth form centre, and a Community Diagnostic

Hub at the hospital, a new special educational needs school and much more.

The one piece of the Jigsaw that still isn't pulling in the right direction, is Labour's wasteful leadership at Mansfield District Council. They're still spending money outside the District instead of

here, and still incapable of delivering the best outcomes for the funding we secure from government.

Please help us to make a change this May. Mansfield deserves better. With Andre Camilleri as Mansfield's last Mayor, working as a team, we can get things done.

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 Vote Conservative

MANSFIELD HAS SO MUCH POTENTIAL. WE HAVE TO DELIVER FOR LOCAL PEOPLE!

Our huge Levelling Up Fund and Towns Fund investments can't be allowed to go to waste. We have one chance to get it right.

If elected as Mayor this May, Andre would be the driving force we need for change and improvement.

For all the hundreds of millions of funding our MP has secured for our town centres, so much is still reliant on MDC to deliver the outcomes. This needs to be better, and faster. Residents expect more!

We need to stop Labour's spending on wasteful out of town projects, and invest that money here instead.

Mayors from both Labour and the Mansfield Independent Party have committed tens of millions of your money to fund properties in London and Edinburgh, whilst saying they have no money to invest here. Andre would end this practice, end these risky investment schemes, and instead focus on delivering outcomes for local residents.

Andre would prioritise community safety and tackling antisocial behaviour. Labour's cuts to Community Protection and Housing Officers mean it's harder to tackle crime, and residents get a poorer service. Andre will do more to help people feel safe in their own communities.

Andre would also give you the chance to ditch the role of Mayor of Mansfield altogether. Many people believe that having a Mayor at Mansfield District Council instead of a normal Council Leader like everyone else has, has been a waste of money and led to poor decisions being forced through, against the wishes of other local representatives. It costs more, but comes with no extra clout or funding. Andre would give you the chance to decide, and scrap the job if that's what residents want.

Andre and Ben Brodley MP work together. They can ensure that plans are coherent and joined up to get the best for Mansfield.



Andre wants to do more to promote our town's proud history and heritage.



Andre knows that our WHOLE District is important, and won't leave anywhere behind.

WHAT WE'RE DOING FOR OUR AREA

ANDRE HAS SECURED PLANS FOR A NEW SEND SCHOOL HERE

tirelessly campaigning in his role as a County Councillor means Mansfield will get a new provision of 160 places for children with special educational needs.

MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN OUR HEALTH

Our MP secured funding to deliver a Community Diagnostic Centre to speed up tests and scans, PLUS the funds for a new Warsop Health and Leisure Centre to replace the one the Mansfield Independent Party closed down.

WE'VE GOT £100M+ FOR OUR TOWN CENTRES

Through Government's Towns Fund, Levelling Up Fund, funding for green spaces and more, we've secured the cash to reconvert empty old buildings, improve car parking and access, turn concrete into nice new green space, and to improve the town centre. We need MDC to get on with delivering these outcomes quicker for local residents!

WE'RE GETTING THINGS DONE!

Getting things done for Mansfield and Warsop

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MANSFIELD & WARSOP

Out and about around Barringer Road with County Cllr Andre Camilleri - Mayoral Candidate for Mansfield and his latest leaflet.

Local elections are in just four weeks time. After decades of the same old failure from Labour and the Mansfield Independent Party, blowing your money on buildings in London and Edinburgh instead of investing here! Let's make a change this May and elect Andre and our Mansfield Conservatives team.

We'll focus in getting the basics right at MDC. Making the most of the significant town centre investment we've received, sorting out antisocial behaviour and social housing, changing the culture of the Council to be more responsive to what residents need, and ultimately giving you the choice about whether you even want a Mayor at all.

Andre will scrap the job altogether if that's what residents choose.



Oaktree Residents Group

I've been on Oak Tree Estate with Nick Marks from Oaktree Residents Group where we've been to meet some local residents and raise some issues with Mansfield District Council. Nick is working really hard for the estate, I hope he does well in the local elections in a few weeks time!



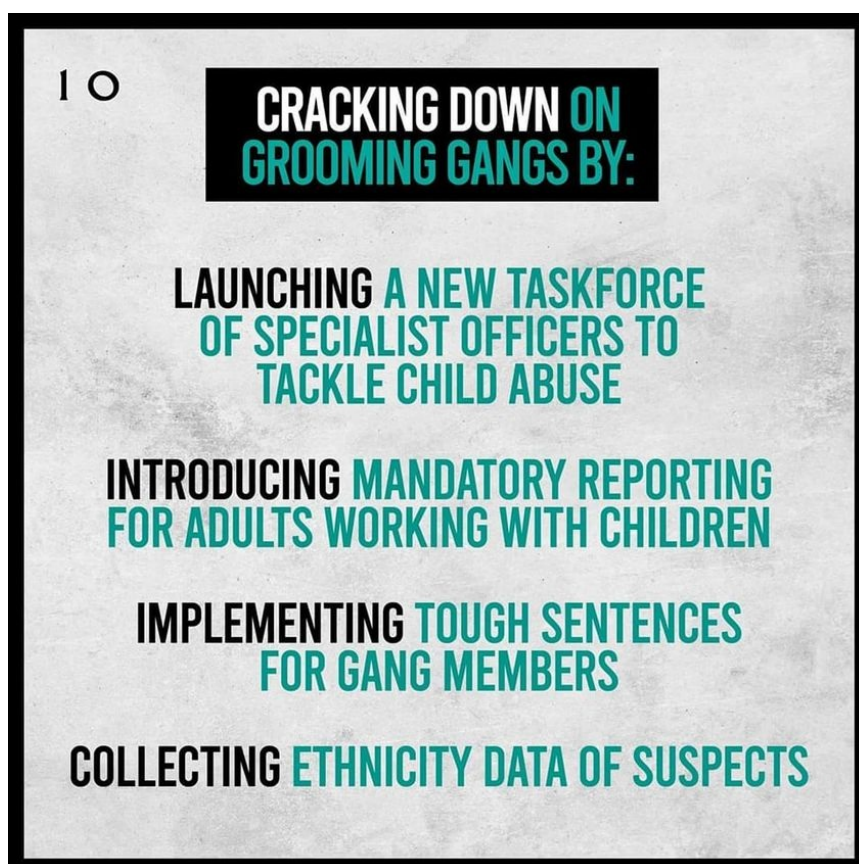
Warsop residents meeting

Up in Warsop on Thursday evening for a residents meeting along with Councillor Bethan Eddy. Always fab to pop in to the High Street, where it's really improved in recent years and become a lovely little town centre.

Looking forward to seeing the new Health and Leisure Centre open up here later this year, with Towns Fund money from the Government. We'll finally restore these facilities for Warsop after the Mansfield Independent Party closed them down in 2018.

Our meeting this week was with residents of Spion Kop about road safety...

[Here's a video about our resident's meeting](#)



Rooting Grooming Gangs out once and for all...

This is bang on! As politicians many of us have fought this cause, but I've never heard a Prime Minister be so clear and robust on it!

Political correctness should NEVER be allowed to get in the way of criminal actions, and particular the kinds of examples as we've seen in Rotherham and Birmingham.

[Watch a video from the PM...](#)

[Read more about this...](#)

ACTION ON WET WIPES

Wet wipes containing plastic will be banned. The UK uses 11 billion wet wipes a year - which can block sewers and harm our waterways.





East Midlands Freeport signed off!

Our region's economy continue to take steps forward, with new kinds of jobs being created with big opportunities for business to invest. The Freeport is one example, approved last week, along with STEP Fusion research, our regional Development Company, Integrated Rail Plans, devolution opportunities, and major new skills investment through Towns and Levelling Up Funds. It's really positive stuff.

[Find out more here...](#)



Notts County Council leading £8m 'Gigahubs' project

"With the way the world has changed these last few years, having access to reliable and fast broadband has never been more important. This project will help support children's learning in the classroom and help those who can't afford or access high-speed broadband at home. For example, being able to pop into their local library to help with things like online searches for work and training will help boost local skills and the economy."

"Thanks to devolution negotiations, we've secured extra money to benefit even more local residents, particularly young people. It is a great example of how devolution has already brought even more investment to our area to help future generations thrive..."

[Find out more here...](#)



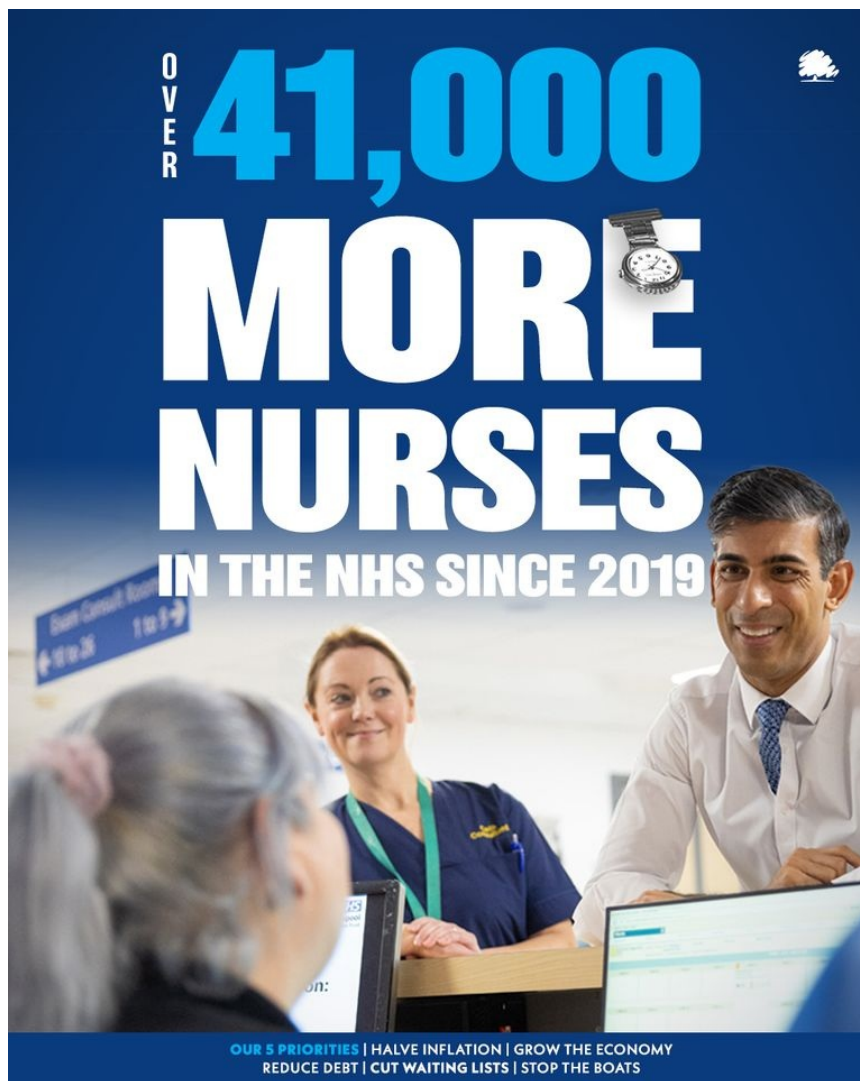
Funding boost for road safety across England

New road safety funding announced today includes support to fix safety issues on the A52, A609 and A6130...

According to Road Safety Foundation analysis, early estimates suggest that the £47.5 million investment should prevent around 760 fatal and serious injuries over the next 20 years, with a benefit to society of £420 million.

[Read more here...](#)

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Out and about campaigning in Derby City!

Been to see Amanda Solloway MP, along with this other random bloke who photo bombed...

Helping the guys in Derby City launch their local election



campaigns.

Good luck everyone!



Local elections are on May the 4th

Details of upcoming local elections for Mansfield District Council are beginning to land through your letterboxes this week.

Remember that if you vote in person at the polling station, you need to take a photo ID with you. [If you don't have one you can get one for free here.](#)

You can also still sign up to vote by post (where you don't need ID) using the link below.

Most importantly don't forget to vote for County Cllr Andre Camilleri - Mayoral Candidate for Mansfield 2023 and the Mansfield Conservatives team.

[Apply for a postal vote](#)

A colorful poster for "Spring" activities. The word "Spring" is written in large, pink, bubbly letters. To the left is a yellow chick, and to the right is a chocolate Easter egg. Below the word "Spring" is a green banner with "Nottinghamshire" written on it. Underneath that, it says "Get involved in fun activities this school holiday!". There are several circular icons representing different activities: a soccer ball, a fork and knife, a person playing tennis, a person playing badminton, and a person playing table tennis. A green speech bubble says "Plus so much more". At the bottom, there are logos for Nottinghamshire County Council and the Department for Education, with the text "Funded by".

[Find out about activities near you!](#)

[And finally, this week's column! ↓](#)

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That's all for this week!

Thanks for reading and I hope you have a great weekend!

Ben

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