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Catch up on my week!

In Parliament this week, kicking off by talking Councils and Combined Authorities, Nuclear Energy and Fusion. **Then over to Number 10** to talk Towns, Town Centres, Regeneration and sharing some thoughts on our local challenges and opportunities. It's great to be able to raise these and offer ideas directly in to the heart of it!

Good opportunities through meetings and roundtables with decision makers, including Number 10, to share some of the challenges and opportunities that matter for our area. More on this below!

Out and about in Mansfield on Friday meeting constituents!

There's some great events and activities to report back on around Mansfield this week, which you can find out more about below!

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Labour's answer to small boats?

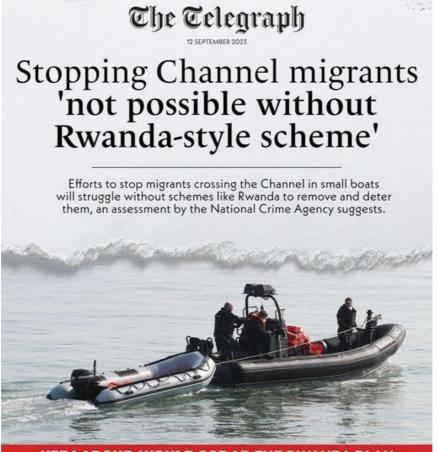
Agree a deal with the EU to bring them here, so they're not illegal any more...

Open up a legitimised back door for those camping in Calais to dodge our visa rules... That's something we never even agreed to when we were in the EU!

Granted the Government hasn't found the answers to small boats yet, but as it stands at least at the minute ending this people trafficking trade and restoring security on our borders is a stated aim of the UK and one of the PM's key priorities.

We now know that if Labour win, they won't try to stop it at all. They'll legitimise it, and offer to take even more from Europe!

They must not win! They will INCREASE the number of asylum seekers coming to the UK from safe European countries, and just legitimise that backdoor route, bypassing our visa and immigration system, into our country.



YET LABOUR WOULD SCRAP THE RWANDA PLAN..



THE SEPTEMBER 2023

EUROPEANS SCOFF AT LABOUR PLAN FOR BESPOKE IMMIGRATION DEAL

Sir Keir Starmer's plans to seek a new migrants return deal with the EU have been **dismissed as "delusional" by European diplomats**

Who could have guessed that the EU wouldn't fancy doing us any favours on tackling illegal migrants shock. Labour branded 'delusional' over their latest migration plan to DOUBLE the number of illegal migrants in Britain!

l was on The World at One with my thoughts on this, click here!



Meeting with the Chancellor

This week I met with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, along with colleagues from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, to talk about the upcoming Autumn Statement and share some local priorities.

Collectively we spoke about Highways investment, about various cost of living challenges and business costs, about major regional investments and much more. Really helpful to be able to speak directly to the Chancellor and feed these things in.



Talking nuclear energy and cheaper bills!

On Tuesday in Parliament I met representatives from across the nuclear sector to talk about the opportunity of this sector in delivering cheaper bills for residents and energy security for the UK. We're currently creating 'Great British Nuclear' to help develop our national infrastructure and supply chain, and if course this is a huge regional opportunity too!

The East Midlands is home to Small Modular Reactors, STEP Fusion, the Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre in Derby, and new and emerging centres for skills and training in the sector. Our Combined Authority is going to be MASSIVE in helping develop this science and technology, supporting this sector, and equipping local people with the skills to get in to exciting clean energy jobs!

It's big for Mansfield, because so much of that is in commutable distance for us to take advantage of new jobs and opportunities, and for our part of the world to power Britain again!



Onam celebration with Lee Anderson and the Indian Kerali community

I had a fantastic time with the Indian Kerali community in Mansfield and Ashfield last weekend. A wonderful Onam celebration with food and dancing. A huge thank you for the invitation to come and speak and join in with your festivities.

There are probably getting on for 1000 Indian people living and working in our area, and a huge proportion of them work at King's Mill Hospital, keeping us safe and well. Lee and I were really grateful for the invite to come and take part!







Nitrous oxide to become an illegal Class C substance by the end of the year, as we continue our crackdown on the antisocial behaviour



Positive news for our economy!

The UK has leapfrogged France to become the 8th largest manufacturer in the world.

With an annual output of £224 billion, the buoyant sector now supports 2.6 million jobs according to new data released this morning by trade association Make UK.

The figures are contained in the latest annual 'Manufacturing – The Facts' which contains a wide variety of data about the contribution of manufacturing to the economy including exports, sectoral breakdown, how the UK compares to other nations and salary levels.

Source: MTD Manufacturing



Investing in EV charging

Great news that we've been successful in our East Midlands bid to Government, and have secured tens of millions of pounds to improve the area's EV Charging infrastructure!





Congratulations Meden School!

Fantastic news and big congratulations to everyone at Meden School for another 'Good' Ofsted outcome. Really good news.

I'm also looking forward to seeing major investment at Meden, along with Garibaldi and All Saints, which are part of the School Rebuilding Programme!

Read more here

And King Edward's Primary too...

We keep hearing more and more amazing stories of local school improvement journeys, with local schools getting big praise from Ofsted following some difficult times in the past. It's brilliant, and a testament to the hard work of lots of amazing local teachers, Heads and school communities...

More good news here...



Nick putting Oak Tree Estate on the map!

Well deserved recognition for a hard working local bloke, who's out all hours sorting things out on Oak Tree for everyone despite his own personal challenges. Well done and thank you Nick Marks!





Meeting with Jay from the Mansfield

BID!

Met with Jay from Mansfield BID on Friday for an update. A really good review for recent events in town, which have brought the crowds in, and some positive trends in terms of tackling town centre antisocial behaviour, which is also positive news.

I'm looking forward to getting involved in the BID's big Action Day on the 11th, where all sorts of organisations are getting together to spruce the place up a bit. A really helpful and proactive approach. Have a look at their Facebook page for more info.





Stopping off at Cakefield Cakes!

I popped in to see Gemma at Cakefield Cakes in Pleasley to have a chat about things. We spoke about some local parking challenges and other aspects in the village, which I've taken up with the Highways team

Also had an AMAZING Millionaire Shortbread that I fully recommend

Follow them on FB here!



Community fundraising event

My constituent Toni has been in touch, and asked me to spread the word about this community fundraising event that's taking place this

Saturday. There's lots going on, raising money in memory of her dad who passed away from a Brain Tumour in 2015. Ton has raised over £5000 for this cause since then. If you're around on Saturday why not go along, have some fun, and help raise some money for important research.

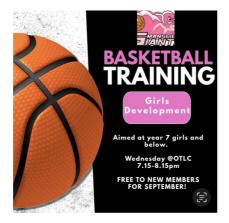


Women's football at Oak Tree Leisure Centre

After a lot of interest, we are starting Womens Football sessions at Oak Tree Leisure Centre starting Friday 15th September at 6:30pm.

No experience needed - just come and have fun!

To book, please ring reception on 0345 000 0232



Basketball training for new players at Oak Tree Leisure Centre

Did someone say FREE!

Free Girls Development Sessions at Oak Tree LC for the whole of September only for new players!!

Come down and try basketball sessions are every Wednesday 7.15-8.15pm aimed at Year 7, 6, 5, 4 female players!!



Support with redundancy...

For anyone affected by the closure of Wilko across North Notts...

Watch: Find out why East Midlands MPs are backing me to be the first East Midlands Mayor



Those people who have worked with me most closely - my colleagues from across the whole region - are backing me as the best candidate to be the Mayor of the East Midlands.

I've lived, studied and worked across the whole region, I've got a wealth of experience in major projects and investments, and I've secured this deal - and the multi-billion pound investment that comes with it - with Government where many have tried and failed.

I would be a Mayor for the whole of our two amazing counties, and I'm the only one with a record of delivery. I'm grateful for the full support of Conservative MPs from across the area.

Your feedback matters!



Every so often I like to ask Mansfield constituents to share a general sense of their thoughts and priorities, both in terms of local and national issues, and also on the politics of it all.

It only take two minutes to tell me what you think, and it helps me to make sure I'm on the right track.

Please take my survey here, and help me to do the best job that I can.

Fill in the survey here

And finally, this week's column! **↓**

Click below to read...

"Roadworks in the short term will pave the way for better transport network in the long term"

That's all for this week!

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

Ben

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