



## **We Will Remember Them** **This week's news** **from Ben Bradley MP**

I'm massively proud to represent a constituency like Mansfield and Warsop, especially this time of the year where we witness the collective pride we all have in our military, and our deeply patriotic history that really comes to the fore around Remembrance Day.

Mansfield is proud to be British. To represent the values of freedom, democracy, self-determination and the duties and sacrifices that come with preserving such precious rights. This of course has led many times over the 20th and 21st century to our own men and women being sent away to a foreign shores. Many of them not to return.

As the MP for Mansfield for the last 6 years, I've had the privilege of taking part in many of Mansfield's annual services honouring our fallen - and it's a privilege to take part again this year.

I try to make sure that I attend services around the area each year, but obviously can't be in all of the five different services at once on Sunday. Last year I was at Mansfield Civic Centre, and Mansfield Woodhouse the year before, so this year I'll be marking Remembrance Sunday in Warsop.

It's really important that no matter whether you attended a service, or just took a break from your weekend routine to just pause and think, that you took at least some time for quiet contemplation, and in Remembrance, thought of those who laid their lives down to secure our freedom.



Take a look at the amazing work from the Warsop Poppy Gang here!

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Join my constituents only Facebook group here!

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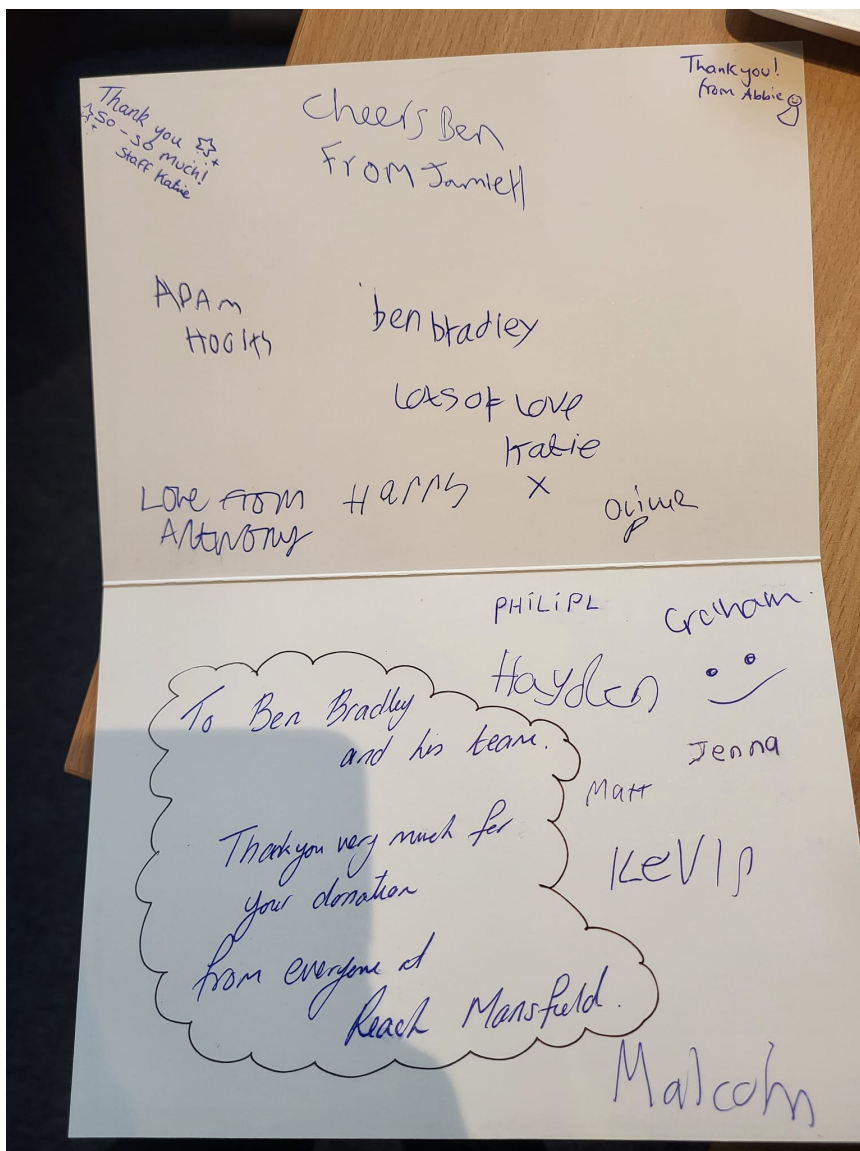


## **Working in partnership to tackle economic inactivity in Mansfield...**

A positive morning on Friday working with organisations from across Mansfield on how we tackle the issue of economic activity; 1 in 8 working age adults in Mansfield are not in work and not looking for work, for a variety of reasons including ill health or disability, skill levels, caring responsibility or all sorts of other reasons. That's one of the highest figures in England.

A big challenge, but one thing is for certain, in Mansfield we have a really positive and collaborative group of leaders and organisations who want to improve things!

[Watch my update here!](#)



## Thank-you Reach Learning Disability!

A big BIG thank you to the guys at Reach Learning Disability - to

Katie, Jamie, Adam, Abbie, Katie, Oliver, Anthony, Harry, Philip, Hayden, Graham, Matt, Jenna, Kevin and Malcolm - for their lovely thank you card, delivered to my office on Friday. Really kind of you guys!

I've been to see them recently with £500 towards new laptops for their IT group, to help them improve their digital skills.

Happy to help, but really appreciate you guys taking the time to drop this at my office.

Cheers guys!

**OUR LONG-TERM PLAN**

KING'S SPEECH 2023

- GROWING THE ECONOMY**  
Safeguarding energy independence, securing the benefits of Brexit and cutting red tape.
- STRENGTHENING SOCIETY**  
Protecting the health of young people, supporting renters and leaseholders and safeguarding local football clubs.
- KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE**  
Tougher sentences and greater police powers, supporting victims and strengthening our parole system.
- PROMOTING BRITISH INTERESTS**  
Backing our armed forces, protecting our national security and promoting British interests around the world.

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## The King's Speech!

For too long governments of all colours have taken short-term decisions, instead of focusing on the right long-term decisions that will safeguard the future prosperity of our country. In recent years we have faced two unprecedented crises, firstly the Covid pandemic and then the war in Ukraine.

These events have exposed underlying issues in the way our country is run, and that is why we are determined to implement the change this country needs.

If you want to catch up on the highlights from the King's Speech and the Government's agenda for the next 12 months or so, click on the button below.

[Read more here!](#)



## Talking transport opportunities...

I've been in Birmingham talking transport with Midlands Connect and colleagues from Local Government, DfT, Network Rail and others.

We spoke about the changes in rail investment following recent Government announcements, the new funding we received a few weeks ago to improve buses from 2024/5, and the expectation for roads funding to come in the weeks ahead.

Meanwhile, £1.5bn of new devolved transport funding for the East Midlands, through our new regional Combined Authority plans, alongside that newly announced roads and bus funding from central government gives us a chance to be positive and aspirational for the future of our public transport network.



## Removing Burdensome EU Regulations

As you may be aware, the Retained EU Law (REUL) Reform programme is underway and significant progress has been made in the time since the REUL Act received Royal Assent. A number of Statutory Instruments (SIs - pieces of minor legislation) have been

laid using the REUL Act powers, which can be found alongside their explanatory memoranda at [REUL \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 statutory instruments - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statutory-instruments) with more reforms due to follow next year. These include two significant REUL Act SIs relating to equality and employment law, which were laid on Tuesday.

The REUL Act enables us to remove unnecessary, burdensome, or otherwise unwanted regulations which encumber businesses and no longer meet the Government's policy objectives. This is an important part of the Government's wider Smarter Regulation programme which is working to improve and update how the UK is regulated.

The Government has made significant progress in the time since the REUL Act received Royal Assent and a number of SIs have been laid using the REUL Act powers. The Government has reformed or revoked over 1,000 pieces of retained EU law. By the end of this year another 600 pieces of REUL will have been revoked, whilst the Financial Services and Markets Act and the Procurement Bill will repeal around 500 further pieces of REUL. This means more than 2,000 revocations and reforms are already completed or under way in total.



## **At Mansfield BID's awards evening!**

A wonderful evening with Mansfield BID - Business Improvement District - this week and local businesses at their Awards evening. Brilliant to recognise some fantastic businesses and individuals who work really hard to keep our town moving and growing.

A big thank you to Jay and the BID team for everything they're doing to support local businesses, and the events that they put on in the town that bring people in.

Great company for the evening, and can I say a big congratulations to the deserving winners!

**£6,604,099**

for local skills training in  
Derbyshire &  
Nottinghamshire

 Levelling-up Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

## **Millions of funding for local skills training!**

Fantastic news that our area will receive millions more funding focused on developing skills and training in our area, and particularly to build on exciting new projects and investments coming our way in sectors like renewables and clean energy, construction, or digital industries.

This will be channelled through the new Combined Authority for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, and for the first time we'll have local control over our strategy for developing this work rather than it being 'done to us' by Whitehall.

Really positive news!





## **EFL Week of Action!**

This week is EFL Week of Action, that celebrates the huge contribution and impact that EFL Football Clubs, including our very own Mansfield Town Football Club make at the heart of their communities.

I'm continuing to engage with Government on the financial settlement between the Premier League and EFL, to ensure that funding makes its way down to Stags to support the sustainability of our local club!



## **Great work Thomas!**

Local lad Thomas is doing incredibly well progressing in the Junior F1000 Rally Championship. It's a fab story and a great success! Well done Thomas!

That said, motorsport is an expensive game, and Thomas is looking for some help and sponsorship. I've pointed them towards some funding opportunities, but if you know of a local business who might fancy sponsoring Thomas, please let me know. You can also donate to support him below, if you fancy giving a talented local lad a leg up.





More at [tommarriott rallying.co.uk](http://tommarriott rallying.co.uk)

Cheers all.

[Check out his GoFundMe here!](#)

## Considering listing only ONE school?

Robin lives in the catchment area of a popular primary school.

-  Parent applies on time listing 1 preference for an out of catchment school
-  On National Offer Day, the preferred school is oversubscribed (*more applications than places available*) and a place cannot be offered for Robin
-  A place cannot be offered at the catchment school as it is also oversubscribed with preferences
-  Robin is offered a place at a school over 6 miles away - the next closest with places available



Apply online at:  
**[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

- Apply on time
- Use all 4 preferences
- Check the admission criteria

## Primary School Applications!

If your child turns 5 between 1 Sept 2024 and 31 Aug 2025, or transfers from infant to junior school, you will be able to apply for their September 2024 school place. This advice might seem obvious, in the scenario above, but every year some families end up missing out because they don't use all of their preferences on the form. Please do follow the advice and list multiple schools. Listing just one option will not guarantee you get that school, it will just mean that you could end up absolutely anywhere if you don't get your first choice.

[Find out more here!](#)



## A new 'Family Hub' for Mansfield

We're improving our services and making them more joined up, as we seek to support the most disadvantaged and most vulnerable. We're expanding the remit of Children's Centres from just helping 0-5s, to supporting families longer term in a more joined up way.

That means a new Mansfield 'family hub' with a range of services from all sorts of partners in health, children's services and others, ensuring we step in earlier and better to ensure that we prevent people needing more acute or emergency services later on.

[Read more here](#)

**Just some of the challenges we face...**

- Global pressures driving up inflation and energy costs
- Increased costs and demands on our services
- Increased complex and specialist health care needs
- National shortage of social care staff
- Need for more Government funding.

*The budget survey is now open until 12 November, so have your say today on how together we can best rise to the challenge.*

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

**supporting independence, building resilience**

**RISING TO THE CHALLENGE**

The graphic features an illustration of a diverse group of people, including a person in a wheelchair, a child, and a woman holding a baby, set against a background of houses and trees.

## Have your say on Nottinghamshire County Council's Budget

One week left to have a say on how your money is spent on some key local services... Take part!

[Take part here!](#)

## 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](#)



## **Lee's right, we have some amazing investment coming our way!**

Cheers for the kind words in your column Lee! It's great news that we've secured major new investment from 2024/5 in our transport infrastructure, including £12m for improving bus services and a £1.5bn regional settlement for major road, rail and bus investment over the years ahead. That's really positive new funding for our area.

[Read his column here!](#)



## **Meeting the team...**

Today I've been meeting with my fab Conservative colleagues, your local Councillors, to go through plans and projects at MDC and County Hall. We're working together to try and achieve more for Mansfield, and to hold the Labour administration at Mansfield District Council to account...

And finally... This week's column



"I'm pleased Government are making big decisions on transport"

Thank-you for reading my latest update, I hope you have a great weekend!

Warmest regards,

**Ben Bradley MP,**  
for Mansfield & Warsop



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