



## **This week's news from Ben Bradley MP**



# Another month gone! It'll soon be Spring!

I've been to visit some brilliant local groups, clubs and projects recently and I try and get out and about across our area as much as I can. It's always a pleasure to find those hidden gems; the brilliant sports club, incredible volunteers, the businesses doing amazing things hidden away unnoticed in an industrial estate...

So many great stories, and people doing brilliant things. I always enjoying celebrating the good stuff we have here, in a world where negativity sometimes seems to be everywhere.



**Some amazing visits to organisations across the area over the last few weeks!**



Keep in touch! 📍



Join my constituents only Facebook group here!



## **£1.5 billion of transport investment is coming our way!**

A few people have asked me why Nottinghamshire didn't appear on a list of new transport funding reallocated from HS2 this week...

For clarity, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have done VERY well from these HS2 funds, with a £1.5bn Transport fund already allocated.

The announcements looked at non-Combined Authority areas, allocating the

same pot of funding that we were already given, back in the Autumn. Our £1.5bn Fund, or £750m per county for Notts and Derbys, is significantly more than any other part of the region. The biggest non-Combined Authority allocation was Lincs, with only around a third of that amount. Our funding is by far the largest.

That's because we're now considered in that group of Combined Authorities - the regional Mayor I keep talking about, coming in May - that have additional transport funding and powers. As we've always said, this is the route to access very significant additional funds. As a result we got our allocation early, and we now know that we've got 3x more than other areas.

Important to clarify I think, as the headline on the article above could be easily misunderstood, and indeed has led to a number of constituents contacting me. Yes we've got £0 yesterday, but that's because we got this funding announced early due to our Combined Authority status, and we got 3x as much as anyone else in the region.

By now hopefully you know I'm standing for that Mayoral role, and it's a huge opportunity for us to fix the roads and improve public transport. More at [campaign.benbradley.uk](https://campaign.benbradley.uk) or [Ben Bradley for East Midlands Mayor](#)

[Read more here](#)



## **Major works on A617 next week!**

Good news that there are major patching works happening next week on this Rainworth stretch of the A617, overnight on Monday and Tuesday.

As our summer programme comes together, it looks like the Pleasley Hill

junction of the A617 is on the cards for May, and Peafield Lane for June, subject to the Cabinet decision to confirm the programme.

I know the roads are a huge issue, I know it's got much worse over this winter, and that's why I've made it my number one priority to find answers. Whilst lots of politicians are pointing fingers, I'm the one finding solutions.

As well as recently announcing a 15% or so increase in the summer resurfacing programme last week, I've also worked for over 18 months to get us a new £1.5bn Transport Fund from Government. That kicks in this summer with the creation of the new Combined Authority.

Even 5% of that level of new funding would mean pretty much doubling the funding for Highways, and you could make a HUGE and quick impact. I won't just add it to the repairs 'pot', if I'm elected in May I'll set up a major programme of proper large scale resurfacing to tackle this issue properly.



## Coming soon!

Almost £40m worth of major improvements...

Details at:

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/a614](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/a614)

# MORE YOUTH WORK INVESTMENT FOR MANSFIELD

# £3,200,000 SECURED!



**BEN BRADLEY**  
MP for Mansfield

## **Securing more funds for Youth Services**

I'm continuing to work cross-party in Whitehall to support and develop youth services, improve funding and press Government to deliver a more joined up strategy around services for young people. That work includes recent research set out in the article below, which shows that whilst there is more funding for youth services locally, it remains really inconsistent.

In our area, we're trying to lead the way on working with communities to make these things sustainable, as well as delivering a £3.4m new investment in youth centres themselves this year.

Ben Bradley said: "It is positive that there's more funding going in to youth work, though clearly it needs to continue to grow and needs to be more consistent across the board.

It is essential for local authority funding to be increased to secure quality youth services, and so we can support vulnerable young people in particular. There's some good practice out there led by councils who commission and support local voluntary and community groups, alongside statutory provision.

We have seen improved government guidance, and seemingly now more money. However, council spending is inconsistent across the board. Hopefully increased spending means that youth services can be on a better trajectory."

[Read more here](#)

I'm constantly demanding more investment for our area, I've secured a lot of additional funding for our infrastructure in the years ahead but I also know that our roads and public transport need that investment now not just in future years.

I've been working with colleagues across our area to release this funding now in the spring budget. We can't afford to wait.

[Read about this here!](#)



**Visiting Trent Barton!**

I've been to see Trent Barton, mainly to drive some buses around :) but also to talk about some stuff!

In all seriousness, really grateful for the invite, and we spoke about services across the area, the challenges in the sector, and some of the opportunities. What's really clear, is that new transport powers and funding through the Combined Authority could be a MASSIVE boost for local public transport, with a £1.5bn Transport fund and new powers to integrate and improve the network. Was great to see that Trent Barton are keen to engage in all of that and help make it happen!

If I'm elected in May, I will connect EVERY community to a bus service, I'll work with the sector to make more routes commercially viable, I'll introduce a tap on/tap off network. We'll equalise the service and the concessions across the region, across Council boundaries, as well as introducing new, free travel for young people accessing education. Nobody should be held back from the right course or the right opportunity because of their financial circumstances. I firmly believe I can work with the sector to make a huge impact on our local transport, with your support.



## **Watch: Exciting progress for STEP Fusion in North Notts as CEO appointed!**

Our area is now the home of the UK Fusion research industry, with both national and global implications, and HUGE opportunities! Have a look at this! It starts with a familiar face!





## **At UoN's Carbon Neutral Laboratories**

I've been at the University of Nottingham's Carbon Neutral Laboratories this week, discussing skills and opportunities in clean energy in our area. Fascinating building that is built to be entirely carbon neutral over its lifetime.

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# STOP THE BOATS PROGRESS: FACTS



**36%**

**36% fewer illegal migrants arriving by boat now compared to last year.**



**80%**

**80% more illegal boats crossings in the Central Mediterranean route compared to last year.**

Our plan to stop the boats is working, albeit far slower than I would like! The numbers are falling here, whilst it's getting worse everywhere else! That's why we're sticking with the plan to control immigration and deliver a brighter future for everyone.



**Meeting with the Football Foundation**

This week I met with the Football Foundation to talk about opportunities for investment in Mansfield, and how we might work together to get the best outcomes from that funding for sports pitches.

I also raised the work I want to do around partnerships to deliver additional investment.

A big opportunity for us to expand access to sports and grassroots clubs.

[Read more here](#)



## **Are you a teacher interested in experiencing the inner-workings of Parliament first hand?**

The Education and Engagement Service will be hosting its next residential UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme 1-3 July 2024. This programme offers a unique three-day course where teachers get to experience the workings of Parliament first-hand before returning to their classrooms to build their students' understanding and increase their engagement with UK Parliament.

They cover the cost of transport, accommodation, and most meals for teachers taking part and welcome applications from teachers, school/college leaders and teacher training providers working with young people aged 5-18.

Throughout the three days, the teachers will get to experience:

- Q&A sessions with the Speaker, Lord Speaker, and Members of both Houses
  - Talks from subject specialists
  - Workshops devoted to key aspects of the work of UK Parliament
  - Opportunities to explore new and exciting teaching ideas
  - Tours of the Palace of Westminster and the Parliamentary Education Centre
- In 2023, 100% of the teachers who attended rated the course as excellent, and 100% of the teachers left saying they felt confident teaching about UK Parliament as a result of the programme. One attendee shared: "It has been the most amazing course I've been on. I've found it has really fired my passion again. It has given me real and practical ideas I can take back to school."
- Application forms are available online at UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme and the closing date is Sunday 24 March 2024. Please note that the course is often over-subscribed so teachers will be accepted based on their answers to the application questions.
- Link below, or for further information: [teachertraining@parliament.uk](mailto:teachertraining@parliament.uk)

[Find out more and apply here!](#)

## Roads survey!



I need your support to ensure that we deliver major new road investment with the £1.5bn Transport Fund that I've secured for our region.

This is really important.

Please share your views on the roads using the link below!

[Fill in the survey here](#)



[Read more!](#)

## World class art exhibition in Notts!

A world class art exhibition is coming to our area next week, and is free to access. The Tate exhibition will be on Saturday 9 March in Kirkby, Saturday 16 March in Hucknall, and Saturday 23 March in Sutton.




## **Out and about in Warsop on Friday!**

Kept warm at Deb's Cafe in Warsop on Friday morning, planning the day over breakfast. Rain delayed plays early on!.. but we braved the weather to get out and spread our latest news.





 **County Cllr Andre Camilleri .**  
28 February at 18:42 · 🌐

Out on the division helping Ben Bradley get his message out regarding the up-and-coming Combined Authority Mayoral Election, I got a little wet, but it was good fun chatting with residents while at the same time getting some exercise in.

Also called Tom Ableby Garden on Waverley Road to look at the lovely display of crocuses, a sign of spring is in the air.

**Cheers Andre and Jackie!**

**If you live in Mansfield South, give Andre a follow!**

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**And finally... This week's column** 👉



**"I'm proud of the budget we were able to deliver for Notts residents"**

Last week our Budget delivered a £47m increase in funding for key services like social care, a £4m extra investment in our Highways, balanced the books for the next two years whilst many Councils are struggling to manage one, and did so with the lowest Council Tax increases of any equivalent Council in Britain.

We're working really hard to support local services, help the most vulnerable and invest in key priorities.

I've also secured massive new funding to sort our roads out, but I need your help. Please help me to get our roads fixed!

**Find out more about this new  
funding!**

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

Warmest regards,

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



**Keep up to date with my work** 🖱️



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