



This week's news from Ben Bradley MP

Rishi Sunak visits Trent Barton to launch local elections



A fantastic morning with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at Trent Barton HQ near Heanor, where we met MD Tom and the team to learn about their business and brilliant Apprenticeship programme, and where we kicked off our East Midlands Mayoral election campaign in style.

Brilliant that the PM chose our region to launch this national set of elections,

with local and regional elections taking place all over Britain on May 2nd. Here we have a clear choice, when selecting a regional Mayor who will have £4bn to invest in our area:

We can elect me; a local person who understands our communities; who has a clear plan to fix our roads, improve public transport, and bring major new investment in to our communities; and who has a record of getting things done for our area, including getting this new deal and funding over the line in the first place.

I'll build a light, flexible, commercial and business minded organisation that focuses on investment, on working together to deliver value for money and effective local services, and makes local people better off. I'll never raise local taxes or introduce charges on drivers. I'll put money in your pocket through new career and training opportunities, connected by better public transport.

Or we can have a Labour Mayor, the former MP for Watford, who doesn't know our communities, doesn't have a record of delivering in these relevant areas or services, and where there are Labour Mayors around the country they have created big bloated and bureaucratic organisations, paid for by charging drivers to get in their car, or by raising new local taxes and making you poorer.

It's a clear, and pretty stark choice for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire on May 2nd. It's vital we choose the right Mayor, with the experience to do the job!

[Find out more about my campaign](#)

Watch a clip from the event

The Prime Minister compared the record of well run Conservative local authorities with the appalling record of Labour Councils like Birmingham and Nottingham. Have a look!



Watch here!

Keep in touch! 



Join my constituents only Facebook group here!



Excellent! Huge well done Manor Academy!

Manor retains it's 'Good' Ofsted rating! It's brilliant to see that more and more of our schools are achieving and maintaining these positive outcomes. Well done!

[Find out more](#)



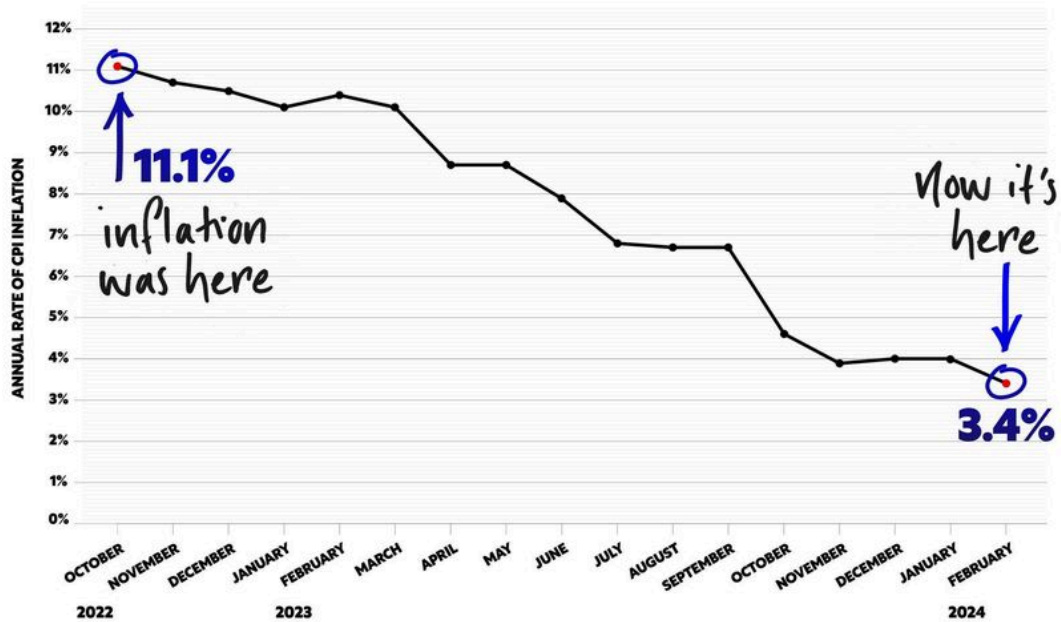
We've taken a huge steps forward...

It's always frustrating to read comments where people say 'you've done nothing'. Love me or hate me, that's one accusation that certainly doesn't ring true. Inevitably I either get criticism for doing 'nothing' or I get criticism for 'boasting' about things we've achieved, but always worth a reminder of the huge steps forward we're taking right now, and in recent years...

After a few moans and groans recently, I wrote about some of it. Click Below.

[Read more here](#)

TODAY INFLATION HAS FALLEN TO 3.4% FROM 11.1% IN OCTOBER 2022



Source: ONS Consumer price inflation

Some good news on inflation this week! it's been a huge priority, and getting inflation back to more normal levels eases the pressure on everyone's budgets



SAINSBURY'S JUNCTION



Sainsbury's Junction progress!

Sainsburys Junction update. You may remember a few weeks ago I announced that we've secured the funding to deliver these junction improvements? Well even better, as of this week the money is now in our bank account locally and all confirmed.

In the weeks ahead we'll share the plans and get your views on the improvements, and then we can get cracking! Good news!

[Find out more 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.

If elected in May my first act will be a massive road resurfacing programme!

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

[Fill in the survey here](#)



Expanding EV charging

We're continuing to invest in local infrastructure, with £5m announced today to support the expansion of local EV charging. We've secured a huge increase - an almost four-fold increase - in our local transport infrastructure funding that is coming our way in May through the new Combined Authority, with a £1.5bn new fund to invest in roads, public transport and other related local services.

[Find out more here](#)



Launching a youth sports partnership and new investment - with the PM at Nottingham Forest!

A wonderful Friday lunch time at Nottingham Forest, where I brought the Prime Minister to support the club's new strategy to invest in local sport facilities, and getting young people more active.

The Owner and Chairman laid out their vision, and a new partnership with E'On, with universities and others, to help more young people to be more active. It's fantastic to hear their passion for the area and willingness to invest in the community.

They're working with other elite sports clubs, across football, cricket, ice hockey, tennis and loads more (we have amazing clubs here in our county already) to open up new pathways in to elite sport. If you can see it, you can be it, and its great that a whole range of clubs want to inspire talented young people to succeed.

The Owner also made a huge commitment to deliver new sports facilities across our county, helping to achieve an ambition that we share to ensure that all of our young people can access great facilities, and said he'll invest 'whatever it takes' to deliver on his vision.

Fantastic to see this partnership come together, and grateful for the leadership the club have shown in bringing a partnership of elite clubs, public and private sector organisations together to work towards something amazing.

As a sports nut, I believe firmly in the power of sport in the development of our young people, and what it does for their health, discipline, teamwork, commitment, resilience.

Thats why as Mayor I'd build on this further, delivering a joined up plan and new investment across Derbyshire too to ensure that every single young person can access great local sports teams and clubs, and help to tackle the health and social inequalities across our area through sport.



“Every young person must have access to music, art, design and drama... That is our mission.”

Keir Starmer, 14 March 2024



Crisis-hit (Labour) councils in Nottingham and Birmingham approve culture cuts

“The cuts include the loss of more than 500 jobs, along with a 100% reduction in grants to cultural institutions.”

museumsassociation.org
5 March 2024

The facts are clear: Labour haven't got a plan for funding the arts

Labour make all these commitments, like their pledge to expand access to arts and culture last week, and yet in reality where they are in charge, the opposite is happening.

Whilst Conservatives have extended new funding for arts and cultural projects to communities like Mansfield for the first time in pretty much ever, and the Conservative County Council is protecting it's cultural and its library services, the Labour run City is cutting all of it. Every penny gone from these projects, like theatres, museums and galleries.

They say one thing. They do the opposite. They announce that they will prioritise arts and culture whilst simultaneously cutting every penny of local funding for it. They don't actually have any kind of plan at all!



20,000 more Apprenticeships!

This is really positive news, and a direct response to lobbying efforts that we've made locally, through Nottinghamshire County Council and particularly Cllr Gordon Wheeler through his work on local Apprenticeships.

Together we wrote and made a case to Government, and they've responded with positive changes to create additional Apprenticeship opportunities. Positive stuff.

[Read more](#)



Lung screening programme in Mansfield

We secured a bespoke lung screening programme for local residents in Mansfield to tackle cancer screening and help with early diagnosis of lung

conditions, for former miners, and due to a high prevalence of smoking in Mansfield.

Mark Spencer and I worked really hard to secure this investment. Positive news and investment to support local residents with better health outcomes, alongside further investments like the new Community Diagnostic Centre and capital investment in our hospital.

[Find out more here](#)



Lords amendments overturned as Safety of Rwanda Bill progresses again!

Government continues to be committed to finding ways and routes to remove people from the country who have no right to be here.

Plans opposed at every turn by Labour and Lib Dems, including again this week in the Lords as they seek to block plans to deport illegal migrants.

Again Government are overturning Lords amendments designed to make it impossible to deport foreign criminals and illegal migrants, and working to strengthen our ability to get that done.

[Read more here](#)



Here's something fun!

Last year, Danny Dyer came with me to Mansfield to visit Forest Town Arena and the Garra youth club at the Garibaldi School, to meet local people and particularly young lads, for a chat about issues affecting men and boys. It was for a documentary, called 'How to be a man'.

I've just been told that the documentary will be aired in the coming weeks, featuring loads of Mansfield residents in the first episode.

If you've followed my work in Parliament you'll know I've spent years pushing for recognition of the challenges facing young boys from disadvantaged backgrounds, and help to tackle issues like educational attainment, mental health, and other challenges that often aren't the 'politically correct' issues to raise.

I'm really looking forward to this going out in the coming weeks. When I get a

date, I'll let you know.

[Find out more here](#)



Changing the England flag?

Absolutely unbelievable that Nike and the FA think they have the right to change our country's flag. Some things are untouchable. It doesn't belong to them! It's who we are, and where we're from.

I won't be buying it (and I doubt many others will either at £120 a pop!)
Ridiculous decision. You'd think they'd have learned from the Mary Earps debacle!

[Read the story here](#)

And finally... This week's column 



"I'm a great believer in the power of sport to help boost our community"

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

Warmest regards,

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for Mansfield & Warsop**



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