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This week's news from Ben Bradley MP

On Thursday we'll elect our first ever regional mayor...

Here's a message for Mansfield residents about what this means:





Our new Combined Authority and the £4 billion of funding that comes with it is something I've worked for almost 2 years now to secure for our region.

This coming Thursday it's over to you, to choose the person who will be responsible for this huge amount of money - to make your choice for which direction our region will take.

Over the course of my campaign I've been all across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, speaking with as many people as I can about our new mayor, and the fantastic opportunity we've got to finally **fix the roads, improve our public transport** and **deliver exciting new investment into our communities.**

If we haven't had the chance to speak yet, you can **take a look at some of my priorities near you**, and find out a bit more about me and why I call this entire region my home:

Click here to see the map!

It's a really exciting opportunity for our region to finally deliver the investment we need to catch up with other areas. But this election comes with a risk, that if we elect the wrong person, we could end up with new taxes and even charges for getting into your car.

I've been clear that I will never do this as mayor. And unlike other candidates, **I've sat down with former BBC Political Editor Tony Roe**, to get beyond the 60 second soundbites **and be 'grilled' about my plans if elected.**

Watch the interview in full here...

It's clear that I'm the only candidate - having negotiated this devolution deal, and having secured a £1.5 billion fund for our region's transport - who understands how I'd do things and how it can work, whereas the others just say "I'll make it better" without knowing how to do it.

Last week was the final televised debate too, which you can watch on BBC iPlayer here:

Watch here

I just wanted to share these links one last time, so that you had all the information you need to make your choice on Thursday May 2nd.

So I hope you'll join many of your neighbours and choose me as our first ever regional mayor?

To get the roads fixed, improve our public transport, and create amazing new high-skilled, well-paid jobs for our area.



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Fabulous Mansfield team out ahead of next week's election for a regional Mayor for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, spreading the news.

Here in Mansfield we've delivered loads - new sixth form centre, new Leisure Centre, University campus, new community diagnostic centre, four schools being rebuilt, and loads more. But if we're going to tick some other big boxes that are important to residents, like sorting our roads or improving the town centre, we need more funding and the right powers to sort it.

That's why I've been working for the last few years to get us that funding, and those powers. To tackle these key issues that I know are so important to local people. **And we've done it! So let's make it happen!**

With these new funds and powers, and with the right person in charge who has the experience and record of delivery to get it right, we can do something really special.







Speaking at The Do Club Business Event

I've been to The Do Club Business Event this week where I sat on a panel with industry leaders in the region to talk about the challenges and opportunities for business and growth here, and of course particularly the opportunity to help support business much more through the new East Midlands Combined Authority.

It was great to hear direct from SMEs about some of those challenges, some of the things they'd like to see fixed or supported more by Government, and to share some of the ways we could tackle that with the right Mayor who can work with business.

It's important we choose someone who understands the need to be a facilitator; to open doors, connect the dots and make things easier for SMEs and investment, and not someone who would put further barriers in the way! Fab feedback after the event this morning, I'm really grateful for the support and to everyone who came along.



Speaking with North Notts residents and business leaders

I've been meeting North Notts residents and business leaders, where we spoke about the opportunities to invest in our area, support local businesses, and ensuring that our rural areas get their fair share of support from the new Mayor.

Really grateful to those who came along to engage with it, and to share their plans and priorities. If we do this well, it's a chance to tackle key local issues, like the roads, public transport, regeneration, jobs and skills. And it comes with major new investment to help us do it.

Of course if we get the wrong person, those outcomes are at risk, and Labour Mayors elsewhere have ended up increasing taxes and costing you money! So it's vital we get this right next Thursday!



Danny Dyer Documentary in Mansfield...

This documentary on men's mental health was an important conversation to have, I think. I'm pleased to have been able to take part, give some airtime to some issues, and call for a more moderate debate on this rather than the hysteria we often get in Commons about 'male privilege' and 'toxic masculinity'.

As a dad of two primary age boys, I think our boys deserve better!

Read more here...

CUTTING NATIONAL INSURANCE



Check your payslip next week \bigcirc Whilst Labour snipe from the sidelines, we're delivering another tax cut for millions of working people.



Labour used every trick in the book to try keep the boats coming. They want more illegal migration not less.

The Conservatives are the only Party committed to stopping the boats. That's why Rishi Sunak kept Parliament working after midnight last night until the Rwanda Bill was passed - meaning illegal migrants who come here will not stay.

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!



Fantastic Stags news!

This is positive news. 1000 extra people in town on a Saturday spending their money can only be a positive thing for local businesses and Mansfield's economy.

Read more...



An absolute pleasure to celebrate Mansfield Town Football Club's incredible success at their end of season event this week! Huge congratulations to all the players staff and to John Radford and Carolyn Radford **?**



Well deserved celebrations!!

We're pleased to announce that an Open Top Bus Parade will take place this Sunday (28 April), leaving One Call Stadium at 1pm.
The new marquee and fan zone will be open for refreshments.
Further details will be announced in the coming days.

And finally... This week's column 👇



"I'll always fight for more of a focus on men's mental health"

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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