

My November Newsletter

Welcome to my monthly newsletter, where I will provide you with an update on what I have been up to both in the constituency and in Parliament. I am proud to be your local voice in Uxbridge and South Ruislip. As ever, if you would like to sign up to my mailing list, you can do so on the homepage or by emailing steve.tuckwell.mp@parliament.uk

In the constituency

It was great to attend the Hillingdon Patient Stroke Forum at Brunel University where I met stroke survivors and found out about stroke care. With Brunel Medical School newly opened and the redevelopment project of the Hillingdon Hospital, I remain committed to offering my support to the healthcare sector in Uxbridge and South Ruislip.



The Hillingdon Hospital Redevelopment Team

Engaging with constituents is important to me, therefore I enjoyed attending the South Ruislip, Oak Farm and Ruislip Gardens Resident Associations, where I had the opportunity to answer questions and hear about local concerns. A particular highlight for me, whilst attending the Remembrance Day service in Yiewsley, was meeting my dad's friend who used to drop me off to swimming practice during my school years. It was great to meet her and reminisce.



Oak Farm Residents Association



Linda and I at St Matthews Church, Yiewsley

I continue to meet with both local and global businesses based in the constituency, such as Mills Ltd in Cowley and General Mills in Uxbridge. The event organised by the Hillingdon Chamber of Commerce to mark Small Business Saturday was well attended and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting several business owners. It is not just businesses who provide our resources, but also our armed forces such as the Royal Air Force, who have a base in Northolt. It was great to visit the base and meet the new Station Commander; I look forward to future visits.



Mills Ltd, Cowley



General Mills, Uxbridge



RAF Northolt with GP CAPT Jonathan T W Hough ADC MA BSC RAF

It is important to work closely with the local councillors in Uxbridge and South Ruislip. This month, I had the pleasure of joining Cllr Douglas Mills and Cllr Susan O'Brien (Ruislip Manor ward) to visit the New Pond Parade Shops and to attend the Ruislip Manor Fun Day, where I met many families and businesses; I even got to congratulate EAT LEBO in Ruislip Manor on their award for the Health Focused Restaurant of the Year 2023 by Uber Eats! Additionally, along with Cllr Richard Mills (South Ruislip ward), I attended the Weapons Sweep organised by the local Safer Neighbourhood Team, which is an important activity to keep our green spaces safe for our community. Community safety is important to me, and at regular meetings with both the Detective Superintendent and the Chief Inspector of Hillingdon, I raise constituent concerns and discuss matters that are important for Uxbridge & South Ruislip. I am pleased we have more police across London, and I am committed to working closely with them for the benefit of our community.



EAT LEBO Team with their award, Ruislip Manor



Weapon Sweep with Safer Neighbourhood Team

To mark Interfaith Week, I visited Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael Catholic Church, the Adhya Shakti Mataji Temple, the Ruislip Manor Synagogue and in October, I visited Cowley Mosque. I keep in close contact with faith leaders and religious communities in Uxbridge and South Ruislip; whether I drop-in to say hello, or give them a call, it is important to me that they feel safe and comfortable to practice their religion and that they know that I am here if they need any support.

In terms of my commitment to children with Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND), and during Disability History Month, I attended Wealdstone FC's SEND Football Trials where I spoke to families who are really benefiting from the brilliant work of our local football club to ensure that each child, irrespective of their disability, is included and is given the best possible chance to showcase and improve their skills. Moreover, my visit to Moorcroft School was informative to learn about the sight testing provision that SeeAbility provide to children with SEND, but also it was delightful to meet the young people and have a tour of the school.



GOALS Soccer Team



Moorcroft School

Speaking of schools, it was great to attend the Ruislip High School Presentation Evening, alongside the Mayor of Hillingdon. I was impressed and inspired by the number of young people receiving awards. During UK Parliament Week, it was a pleasure to attend Hillingdon Manor School and Hermitage Primary School to meet the Pupil Voice team and to

participate in a question-and-answer session. It was also interesting to meet with Learn Hillingdon – Adult Community Education to discuss democracy and the role of parliament.



Ruislip High School Presentation Evening



Hermitage Primary School



Learn Hillingdon - Adult Community Education

Uxbridge College located in the heart of Uxbridge offers fantastic courses for young adults and I enjoyed watching the students demonstrate the use of technological equipment and see their motor car workshop. We are fortunate to have two university campus' in the constituency and meeting both Chancellors of both Brunel University and Buckinghamshire New University was terrific. Both universities do tremendous work for our healthcare sector, and I know that with the redevelopment of Hillingdon Hospital, we will have an abundance of excellent staff in the future keeping our residents healthy and well.



Uxbridge College



Brunel University



Buckinghamshire New University

As well as all the work I do across Uxbridge and South Ruislip I am still your local councillor for the South Ruislip Ward. I have been attending Full Council as well as ward surgeries and responding to all correspondence whether it be on the phone, email or in person. As ever, do email me if you have a local concern that you would like to raise with me as your MP, and we can book in a call or a surgery visit: steve.tuckwell.mp@parliament.uk.

In Parliament

When I delivered my maiden speech, I wanted to outline that as your local MP it is my responsibility to serve all my constituents, not just the ones that voted for me. I am your voice in Parliament, all year round and not just at election time. The maiden speech was a chance for me to mention my support to all constituents, but it also gave me immense pride to give 'shout-outs' to the special parts of Uxbridge and South Ruislip. For example, our heritage sites such as the Battle of Britain Bunker, the local charity Daniella Logun Foundation and my local pub, the Middlesex Arms.



My maiden speech, House of Commons Chamber

Parliament also provides the opportunity for companies and charities to come in and offer 'drop-in' and APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) sessions for MPs, and some I attended this month include Food Standards, UNICEF, <u>UK hospitality</u>, Apprenticeships, Mens Mental Health Suicide prevention, Network Rail, British healthcare trades association, Amazon, and <u>Cats protection</u>. There is also the opportunity for constituents to recommend to me what drop-ins I should attend, and request to come with me too, just email <u>steve.tuckwell.mp@parliament.uk</u> if you are interested. I enjoyed welcoming Sophie to the recent Cat Protection drop-in in Parliament.



Cat Protection Drop-In with Sophie

My team are happy to host tours for constituents and I welcome the opportunity to meet with you all. I recently hosted Mark, the Chair of Uxbridge FC for a tour of Parliament, and Ellen from Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association for a meeting on my commitment to helping constituents who suffer from MND.



Tour of Parliament with Mark Bantock, Chair of Uxbridge FC and Andrew Coyle, Trustee

I delivered my first speech at a <u>Westminster Hall Debate</u> this month, where I expressed the importance of our local heritage pubs and how they do so much for our community, not just by serving us brilliant food and drink but also how they create spaces to laugh and catch up with friends and family. I happily gave a shoutout to our local pubs such as the Crown and Treaty. Within their walls is not just the history of the building, but the history of our community, which is something we can all raise a glass to!



Heritage Pubs speech, Westminster Hall

In the House of Commons Chamber, I also asked a question directed to the Home Office Minister, on whether we could work together to focus on the unique pressures faced by Hillingdon Council in supporting Asylum Seekers. It is recognised that as a port authority, Hillingdon experiences this pressure more than other local authorities and I was pleased that the Immigration Minister acknowledged the situation and gave a firm commitment to work with me in ensuring that Hillingdon Council is supported. I look forward to our upcoming meetings to discuss the matter further.



Question to the Home Office Minister, House of Commons Chamber

To round off the month, I was grateful for the invite to speak at the Europe India Centre for Business Industry (EICBI) hosted in Parliament. It was a pleasure to discuss closer engagement of the commonwealth with the UK India Corridor, and to meet HE Colonel Christian Katsande, Ambassador of Zimbabwe to the UK. It was great to see professors from Brunel University and doctors who work at Hillingdon Hospital on the panel, as well as constituents in the audience.



Europe India Centre for Business Industry Panel Discussion

Congratulations to the winner of the Christmas Card competition, Daisy from St. Swithun Wells' Catholic Primary School as well as to the runners up, Nirved from Colham Manor Primary School, Michela, Daria and Olin from Ruislip Gardens Primary School. I am grateful to all the children who sent in their entries and for all the effort that went into the creative designs.



Myself and the Christmas Card Winners

Finally, this month I have been on the TV; on ITV and GB News – talking all things ULEZ! But if you missed me, just look for the videos on my social media.



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The Local Voice for Uxbridge and South Ruislip





