

# Steve Tuckwell MP

## Uxbridge and South Ruislip



## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

### *In the constituency*

I kickstarted December by taking a visit to the Hillingdon Hospital. I was so impressed by the new patient record system across the Trust, which is such an essential part of the hospital's infrastructure and will provide real benefits to the patients. Building a New Hillingdon Hospital is one of my six priorities, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with the redevelopment team in the new year.



I reminisced about my time as a Scout in the constituency when I visited the 4th Ruislip Beavers Bakehouse and Coffee Afternoon. I know the amazing contribution our Scout groups make to our local community across UXSR, and I look forward to collaborating with them in the new year.

Since being re-elected a councillor, it really does fill me with joy that I can continue my work as councillor in South Ruislip. All the councillors and Mayor of Hillingdon debate local issues. Have your say on local concerns that matter to you so I can bring it to the table. I look forward for our next meeting, where I hope to bring up the good news that under the Conservative Government, £354,000 is given to Hillingdon to repair and resurface roads across UXSR. This will improve journey times and save motorists up to £440 in vehicle repairs caused by potholes.



I enjoy meeting various faith leaders and their teams, so I can start to develop collaborative working relationships with them. Recently I visited All Saint's Church in Uxbridge, and discussed the events they hosted for the community coming up to Christmas.



All casework is extremely important to me. That's why everyday I call and email my constituents to understand their concerns and action their requests.

I've been receiving casework regarding crime in our neighbourhoods, so I took them directly to Detective Superintendent Pete Thackray, and informed my constituents that their cases are being dealt with urgently.

Supporting local businesses and our high streets is one of my priorities as the local MP for UXSR, and I will make every opportunity to visit them. For example, recently I took the chance to have a great meal at Hughes's Pie and Mash in Ruislip Gardens. We are very lucky to have such a diverse range of hospitality in our Constituency.



It was brilliant to celebrate St. Nicholas Day specifically supportive of Ukrainian families, organised by Hillingdon Council. It was fantastic to share a festive occasion with so many lovely and happy families who live and bring positivity to our constituency.



It was a pleasure to meet families caring for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities and it was great to discuss ways in which I can support them, as their local MP.



Supporting SEND children means a lot to me, which is why it is one of my six priorities for UXSR. It brought me so much joy to visit Santa's grotto and Christmas market at Oak Wood School, which was sponsored by SEND Family Support and Anna Kennedy Online, raising autism awareness. It was a pleasure to meet families caring for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities and it was great to discuss ways in which I can support them, as their local MP.



It was great to touch base with the London Fire Brigade Borough Commander for Hillingdon, Paul Eastland, and his team. Christmas and New Years are a time for lots of candles, electric lights, and fireworks, which put our firemen and firewomen under a lot of pressure when we don't realise it. I look forward to working closely with them to keep the constituents of UXSR safe, all year round and not just at Christmas time.



I visited the Director of Home Start Hillingdon, Clare, and staff, to learn more about the support that Home Start are offering to families in UXSR, especially with regards to providing early help and intervention. If you are interested in volunteering, please click [here](#).



It was an honour to be invited to Lady Bankes School to attend the Key Stage Two Drama Club Christmas Production, I really enjoyed it. Headteachers across UXSR such as Kate Needs for Lady Bankes in Ruislip, do fantastic work for our local primary schools. I look forward to working more closely with them in the New Year on giving our children better opportunities.



It was good to catch up with Paul, the Director of Aviation Retail Direct. Paul runs Heathrow Airport's only professional aviation retail outlet specialising in aircraft. We are so lucky to be a constituency full of original creative businesses, that is why I support our local high streets to keep more creative ideas flowing for the next generation to come.



I was really pleased to congratulate Daisy, the winner of my Christmas Card competition, in person at St Swithun Wells' Catholic Primary School Awards Assembly. After I wrote her wonderfully designed cards, I went to my local Post Office at Ruislip Manor and met the lovely Rathy and Kala! As I worked at the Royal Mail for a long time, I understand how hard working the team, and all postal services are during the festive period. I'm always supportive of my fellow posties, all year round and not just at Christmas.

It was brilliant to attend and speak at the People ConneX Launch at St Matthews Church in Yiewsley. I'll always support organisations like People ConneX who continuously find fun and innovative activities to engage various and diverse communities across UXSR.



It was fantastic to visit St Mary's Catholic Primary School, where I met the Headteacher Ann Shevlin, and the Eco-Committee Team. While I was there it was great to inform pupils on parliamentary life and my role as an MP.



It was really special for me to visit Ryefield Court care home in Hillingdon where I got to see how professional and welcoming this home is for residents and their families. It was an honour to meet former Hillingdon Cllr and Mayor Ken Guy.



It was fantastic to continue my support for the Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. I helped a Crime Prevention Stall at Lidl in South Ruislip, where I spoke to residents who appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with serving Police Officers for their valuable crime prevention advice.



**CHRISTMAS DAY AT HILLINGDON HOSPITAL**

My constituency highlight of this month was meeting Angela and Terry Logun from the Daniella Logun Foundation, a wonderful charity that has my full support, to hand out presents on Christmas Day to patients at Hillingdon Hospital. It was an opportunity to visit patients, and thank the many dedicated teams and staff at the hospital. Thank you to Chief Executive Patricia Wright & Chief Medical Officer Dr Alan McGlennan for showing me around wards including ED, Maternity and Bumblebee. Hillingdon Hospital has done so much for myself and my family since I was a child, so it was an honour to visit, as the local MP and to give back.



***In Parliament***

As a patron of the Conservative Rural Forum and having local high street businesses as one of my priorities as MP for UXSR, I wholeheartedly supported Dr Luke Evans' [#BuyBritishButton](#) campaign. The best way to support our local farmers is to buy British produce. I signed Dr Luke Evans' open letter to call for all supermarkets across the UK to highlight the best of British produce by incorporating a 'Buy British' section on online stores. It is brilliant news to see Morrisons have already made a difference as a result of this campaign.

It was fantastic to attend the Police Federation Drop-In exploring local issues in-depth, and how officers and I can best work in partnership to deliver for the residents of Uxbridge and South Ruislip. It was great to discuss such matters with the Home Office Secretary James Cleverly, who I already have a good relationship with.

I really enjoyed touring Ruislip Garden Residents in Parliament, who kindly gave their review [here](#). If you are a constituent of Uxbridge & South Ruislip, and would like a tour of Parliament from me and my team, please email your request to me on [steve.tuckwell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.tuckwell.mp@parliament.uk)



This month I had discussions with various ministers about local news in UXSR. For example, I spoke to Health Minister Andrea Leadsom about the fantastic work [See Ability](#) do for SEND youth at Moorcroft School. I'm happy Andrea took an interest to visit the school, as well as the family hub at the Civic Centre, and I look forward to working together.



I also had a productive discussion with Arts & Heritage Minister Lord Parkinson which involved: championing UXSR's significant heritage asset Battle of Britain Bunker, encouraging a London memorial for PRU who operated from UXSR in WW2, and highlighting a project to renovate RAF Northolt's Scramble Hut. Lord Parkinson offered advice and methods to help grant what my constituents are asking for, and I look forward to working with him closely on this.



I am continuing to fight against Sadiq Khan's ULEZ expansion, and as such I sponsored Gareth Johnson MP's Greater London Low Emission Zone Charging (Amendment) Bill in Parliament on the 6th of December 2023. Sadiq Khan's expansion of ULEZ is completely undemocratic, and he continues to ignore not just my constituents but residents across all of outer London.



I attended the Crohn's and Colitis drop-in in Parliament because I wanted to find out more about how I can support UXSR share of the 500,000 people who are living with Crohn's and Colitis in the UK. I really appreciated the opportunity to meet people living with IBD and understand more about the issues they are facing. I will work hard with NHS Hillingdon Hospital Trust to reduce the time for diagnosis, as that is crucial for improving outcomes for these conditions.

I also went to the Westminster Eye Health Day 2023 Parliamentary Drop-In with Ovid Health to learn about how people's experiences of eye care vary significantly across the UK. In Uxbridge and South Ruislip, 2.6% of people were living with sight loss as of 2022, while 44.2% of people were waiting over 12 weeks for specialist NHS eye care treatment as of July 2023. I am already really pleased that with the Chancellor's Autumn Statement in 2022, the Conservative government's spending commitments are focusing £8 billion of funding for the NHS and adult social care in England in 2024-25.

I also went to the Guide Dogs Charity Parliamentary Drop-In which supports improving the lives of people with a vision impairment. I enjoyed speaking with guide dog owners and cane users about the differences these changes will make, but also the many challenges that still need to be tackled to enable people with sight loss to travel and live independently. This is very much a part of my work with SEND, and I continue to work hard to help those affected in my constituency.



It was superb to meet students from Uxbridge College in Parliament recently. I really enjoyed showing them where I work and answering their questions. I really support getting younger people involved in politics, and I offer a 'Day in the Life' work experience for those interested in pursuing a political route. If you'd like to see what working in Parliament is like, email me at [steve.tuckwell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.tuckwell.mp@parliament.uk).



You asked, I delivered. My Parliamentary highlight of this month was when I voiced the concerns of my local constituents in UXSR on animal welfare. I am pleased to say the Second Reading Animal Welfare (Live Exports) Bill passed. Animal welfare is something I care deeply about and I know many residents of UXSR feel the same. Watch [here](#).



I look forward to attending more Parliamentary debates and drop-ins, as well as meeting and supporting more of the hard-working constituents in Uxbridge and South Ruislip. Here is to 2024!

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