



Philip - DAVIES

Member of Parliament for Shipley

Winter 2007

Shipley Police Station Help Desk to Re-Open

The Shipley helpdesk was closed in April last year after it had undergone a £55,000 make-over. Philip campaigned to re-open the help desk and secured a debate in Parliament where he was able to question the Government directly.

Following Philip's continued pressure and public demand the decision was made to reopen the Shipley helpdesk; had the closures gone ahead it would have meant no police station would be open to the public throughout the Shipley constituency at any time of the day.

Philip welcomed the change of heart by the Police, "Obviously I am absolutely delighted and pleased that the police have listened to local people's concerns. Neighbourhood policing should be about how close the police are to the community and

how accessible they are."

The help desk reopened on Monday 24th September, and is open Monday to Friday 3-7pm.

Philip was very disappointed the Police have refused to re-open Bingley Police Station, "The argument for re-opening Bingley is just as strong as Shipley. Should the funding situation in West Yorkshire improve I will ask the Police again to make this a top priority."



Philip Ranked Top Conservative and Third Overall by WriteToThem.com

In a recent survey done by the independent website WriteToThem.com, Philip ranked third out of all MPs and first among Conservatives, on his speed of responses to constituents.

Due to his quick responses to constituents, Philip continues to be awarded the ranking of 'very high' by the website.

Philip said, "I have always made it a top priority to give my constituents the best possible service and to deal with any correspondence as quickly and as thoroughly as possible."



Philip learns from some local children the best tactics for catching fish at Cottingley Manor Pond

Working Hard in Shipley

Philip understands the importance of keeping his finger on the pulse of Shipley by staying in touch with local businesses, organisations and schools. He tries to visit as many as possible in order to raise the concerns of constituents in Parliament. Here are a few places Philip has been recently: Helped with a Volunteering Day in Denholme, Attended Baildon Carnival, Visited the Junction Pub in Baildon as part of the Beer Festival, Attended Parish Council meetings in Burley-in-Wharfedale and Cullingworth and a Town Council meeting in Denholme, Attended Windhill Neighbourhood Forum, Visited Harden

Horticultural Show, Attended a Race Night at Burley-in-Wharfedale, Visited the Organic Fayre in Saltaire, Attended Denholme Gala, Ran stalls at Bingley Show and Eldwick & Gilstead Gala, Spoke to Cottingley Senior Citizens, Participated in Baildon As We Are Discussion Group, Supported Myrtle Park School's Centenary Celebrations, Helped to publicise Blood Pressure Awareness Week in Shipley, Gave a talk to Baildon Ladies Club, Addressed Saltaire Village Society on the proposed bypass, Met with the local Federation of Small Businesses and supported a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Wilsden.

LEFT: Philip opened the Flower Fund Emmandjay House, and is pictured with charity benefactor Sylvia Clegg and Bingley Flower Fund Chairman Andrew Whitwham



Philip presents Tom Bairstow with the 'Older Volunteer Award' for his work in the community



Philip met local childminder Tracie Linsley after she received glowing reports from inspectors

Your interests, not self interest

Philip speaks out on Housing Crisis

Philip was very concerned to hear that another 3 million homes are due to be built before 2020 and a massive one million of these are required for predicted future immigration.

In Parliament Philip said, "Currently, one migrant a minute is coming into this country – the equivalent in population terms of a city the size of Birmingham every three years or so. That level of immigration is completely unsustainable, and unless the country gets to grips with the issue and we have a controlled and sustainable level of immigration, we will not solve the housing crisis that we face."

Philip added, "We are already seeing building taking place on green belt, on flood plains and in people's back gardens which I totally oppose. This situation will only get worse with these predictions."



As your MP I believe in representing everyone across the Shipley constituency. If you ever feel that I can be of any help with any issue or if you ever want to share your views with me on any issue, I would be delighted to hear from you.

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Did you know:

- n Between 1997 and 2004* 162 planning applications were approved on green belt land. (*last years for which figures are available)
- n In Yorkshire 17% of land within designated green belt has now been changed to residential use.
- n The proportion of houses being built in flood risk areas is 16%.

Parliamentary Bites

EU Referendum – Philip attended the launch of the campaign for a referendum on the EU constitution and treaty.

Forced Marriage – Philip called for the minimum age for a marriage visa to be raised to 21 to aid in the prevention of forced marriages.

Local Government – Philip called for more powers to be given to parish councils when it comes to matters close to the community.

In Your Words

'It is very encouraging to know that as our MP you are looking after the needs and concerns of your constituents.'

R.M. – Bingley

'I do indeed appreciate your honesty.'

A.R. – Menston

'I'm very grateful and I'm very impressed.'

B.R. – Shipley

'My problem has now been resolved, thanks to you.'

G.R. – Saltaire

Philip Questions the PM on Crime and Punishment

In July Philip questioned the Prime Minister on two separate occasions about crime and punishment.

Philip asked him if he was proud of the fact that 1,500 prisoners have Sky TV in their cells along with two-thirds of all prisoners having keys to their cells in addition to the 5 prisons having swimming pools for use by the prisoners.

Later in the month Philip again questioned the Prime Minister this time about the early release of 951 prisoners. The prisoners who were selected for early release had previously been deemed too dangerous to be released on tag, but were released on a tag to reduce overcrowding in jails.



Special Educational Needs Funding

Philip called for a debate to be held on special educational needs funding.

Philip has found that many schools in the Shipley constituency find they are getting less funding for children with special educational needs than other schools in less affluent and more deprived areas are getting for children with exactly the same educational needs. Philip believes special educational needs funding should be given on the basis of need and not on the affluence of the surrounding area.



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