

Ruth's Rushcliffe Round-up



June 2021

COVID News and Rushcliffe Vaccine Update

Unfortunately, this month step 3 of our roadmap out of lockdown was delayed until July 19th. This decision wasn't taken lightly but was made because of the rising number of cases and the spread of the new Delta variant. I know it's hard for everyone to have to wait another 4 weeks for the final stage of ending lockdown. Like lots of you we have had to cancel family plans, my parents can no longer come and celebrate my brother's birthday with us and his family. All of us feel the frustration and pain of limits on family celebrations and worry for local businesses.

After more than a year with restrictions, we all want to get back to how things should be. Every MP in Parliament, regardless of party, shares that view. I thought hard about voting for this extension but I do think it's important we give the vaccine programme the few more weeks that it needs to make sure all adults have a first jab and that all vulnerable groups have two jabs. The protection from serious illness and hospitalisation after two doses of either vaccine is incredibly strong. By waiting a bit longer we can be sure that the removal of the restrictions is permanent and irreversible. Caution and prudence will reward us with an end to this next month. Some restrictions are being lifted, for exams and those on weddings. For a full list please see [here](#).

In other, happier news, our vaccine roll-out continues to go from strength to strength. All adults (18+) in England can now book their vaccine by going to the NHS website [here](#).

As I write this, over 44.4 million people in the UK (84.4% of adults) have received a first dose of the vaccine. Over 32.5 million people have received

their second dose (61.9% of adults). These numbers are fantastic, but we need to keep up the momentum and get the vaccine when we are called. I was delighted when I got the call and have since received my first dose!



My Question to the Prime Minister

I had the opportunity earlier this month to put a question to the Prime Minister at Prime Minister's Questions.

I asked the PM if he will continue to look closely at ways to maximise the benefits of Brexit for new start-ups and tech so we can lead the world in the development of new technologies. Specifically, I asked if he would look closely at the Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform (TIGRR) Report which puts forward ideas for how we can seize new opportunities after Brexit.

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The Report makes recommendations about how to seize new opportunities from Brexit

Raising Planning Concerns with Robert Jenrick

I also asked the Secretary of State for Housing, Robert Jenrick MP about house building and planning. For too long Rushcliffe has been let down by the current housing system which has led to house building on greenfield sites across our constituency.

It's simply not right that greenbelt constituencies like Rushcliffe are being taken for granted by poorly-run councils such as Nottingham City.

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planning system. Can my RHF confirm that his reforms will put protecting our countryside

Home Affairs Select Committee Report

On the Home Affairs Select Committee this month, we looked at violence against women and girls (VAWG). I used my time to ask about the role technology and social media play in domestic abuse cases. Unfortunately, as technology advances, so does the sophistication in which perpetrators abuse their victims. We've come a long way to tackle domestic abuse online, for example we made threatening to share intimate images of another person without their consent a criminal offence, but we need to be realistic about the threats we face from the advancement of technology and ever-growing reach of social media.

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which obviously resulted in the outlawing of threats to share intimate images.

UPDATE: East Leake Health and Community Hub Campaign

This month, I returned to East Leake Health Centre to talk with the GPs about our bid for a new Health and Community Hub in the heart of the village. I spoke with Dr Milhavy about what the new Health and Community Hub would mean for the practice and the local community. He explained how crucial it was to have adequate services in the village, especially as the population grows, and how this exciting venture will expand the range of services currently offered at the Health Centre.

I was pleased to see how enthusiastic staff at the practice are for the new Health and Community Hub and I hope you will join them in backing our bid: <https://www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/east-leake-health-and-community-hub>

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EAST LEAKE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HUB

BACK OUR *BID*



**DR MILHAVEY: I think the overall
consensus is that it is pretty crucial**

While in East Leake I also met up with Cllrs Matt Barney and Abby Brennan to encourage more people to back our bid. I am happy to report that over 28% of households in East Leake have already signed up to support us! There is still time for you to back our bid if you haven't done so already by going to my website at: <https://www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/campaigning-new-health-and-community-hub-cllrs-matt-barney-and-abby-brennan>



Tackling Crime across Rushcliffe

I recently met with our newly elected Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Caroline Henry, to discuss her plan to tackle crime across Rushcliffe and the rest of the county. If you follow me on Facebook, you'll remember that I asked people in Rushcliffe to let me know about their crime priorities and what I should raise with Caroline when I meet with her. Thank you to everyone that got back to me - myself and Caroline found it very helpful. From the results, we can see that property crime, alcohol and drug misuse, and domestic abuse/violence against women and girls ranked as the top 3 issues in Rushcliffe. I'll continue working with Caroline and our Police Force to see what more can be done to tackle this kind of crime in Rushcliffe.



Also on the topic of crime priorities in Rushcliffe, I released the results from my Pet Theft Survey which you can find below.

Pet Theft is obviously an issue of concern in Rushcliffe so I will be passing these results on to Ministers in DEFRA and have passed them onto our new PCC. I will also be engaging with Nottinghamshire Police's new dog theft lead (which is the first of its kind in the UK) to learn more about the strategy to tackle this indefensible crime in our patch.

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Litter Pick in Wilford for the Great British Spring Clean

I was pleased to take part in the Great British Spring Clean this month. I joined a group of local volunteers and helped litter pick around Wilford in West Bridgford. Despite the morning rain, we still managed to get a few good bags full of rubbish off the streets..



It is volunteer groups like this that make me proud to represent Rushcliffe. This month it was also Volunteers' Week where we recognise and thank the selfless volunteers across our community for their fantastic work. Here in Rushcliffe, we have some fantastic organisations and groups, including Gamston Vaccine Centre, Sewa Day Nottingham, West Bridgford/Compton Acres Clean Champions, Ruddington Heritage Railway, West Bridgford Colts FC, The Friary, Cotgrave Super Kitchen/Cotgrave Community Garden, Meet Greet & Eat Nottingham, East Leake Pavilion Volunteers, Grantham Canal Society and many many more.

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Happy Volunteers' Week!



Volunteers' Week takes place 1-7 June this year and ensuring that we thank the nation's volunteers is more important than ever.

World Environment Day

This month it was World Environment Day - a day to celebrate and support the protection and restoration of our natural environment. When I was elected in 2019, I made it clear that environmental protection was a top priority for me. Here's a snapshot of what I have been doing in Parliament and Rushcliffe to support our environment.

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HAPPY WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY!

Out and About in Rushcliffe

It was great to meet with local journalists from Nottinghamshire Live, Notts TV, Robin Hood Media, The Eye radio and the Minister of State for Media and Data John Whittingdale.

We discussed the hugely important role that local media has played throughout the pandemic and how to ensure a strong, vibrant local press for the future.



I had the pleasure of visiting Western Power Distribution recently to take a look at their operations and how they're taking charge in powering Rushcliffe and the rest of Nottinghamshire.

It was also great to meet apprentices Dan and Jack who gave me an insight into the potential challenges and opportunities the industry may face. It was fantastic to see the future of power distribution in our area is in safe hands!



It was Fantastic to visit Upper Broughton Youth and Social Club this month!
It was great to hear from the management committee and what they're doing
to create a friendly environment to encourage more people in the community
to take up sport.



I had a great catch up with Lila and Jess from the Financial Services
Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

Like me they are really concerned about the increase in online scams,
particularly phoenix scams and clone scams. Last year consumers lost £78m
to clone scams.

I'm looking forward to working with them to get stronger protections for
consumers into law.



I recently returned to East Leake Pavilion with Cllr. Abby Brennan who holds the Communities and Environment portfolio at Rushcliffe Borough Council to discuss the range of options available to improve the sports pavilion.

I look forward to working with the team at the pavilion, local councillors and the council in getting the most appropriate funding stream(s) that will transform the pavilion for the community in East Leake.



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