

Ruth's Rushcliffe Round-up



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A new leader

Following the Prime Minister's resignation, the Conservative Party is electing a new leader and Prime Minister. After seeing all of the candidates come forward and listening to what each had to say about the future governing of the country, I decided that I would be backing Rishi Sunak. He has the energy, experience, and drive to lead our country forward and go for growth.

As Chancellor, he steered our country through one of the most difficult periods in our history, supporting millions of families, jobs, and businesses across the UK with the internationally-praised Furlough Scheme. Rishi is also one of the most down to earth people I have had the pleasure of working with, and I know he is committed to restoring trust in our democracy and uniting our country.

You can watch the launch of Rishi's campaign, which I attended [here](#).

I spoke about why I am supporting Rishi in the leadership contest on TalkRadio. You can listen to that interview [here](#).



The Rushcliffe Planning and Development Survey

This month, I published my Planning and Development survey to get your views on how we can best make the planning system work for Rushcliffe. As you will know from my last newsletter, the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill is currently making its way through Parliament which will reform our planning system for the better by empowering and involving communities in the planning system, holding developers to account, and ensuring local authorities are responsibly working together on housing.

Fill out my Planning and Development survey and give me your views on what we need to improve the planning system [here](#).



Government minister opens Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre at the British Geological Survey

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has plunged us into a period of political insecurity and increased pressure on our supply chains, including for critical minerals. It is important that we take steps to ensure we have a secure critical minerals supply line.

I was pleased to be invited to the opening of the new Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre (CMIC) at the British Geological Survey this month, to hear how they will assist in doing just that. The work they are doing here will ensure we have a ready supply of metals such as cobalt and lithium, critical components in batteries, and palladium, a critical ingredient in making computer chips. Minister Lee Rowley also attended to open the centre, and I know the Government will continue its commitment to the Centre and its work in the future.

The CMIC will help policymakers improve the resilience of critical mineral supply chains, and will benefit UK manufacturers, creating high quality jobs in the growing green economy and helping us reach Net Zero. Insights and analysis from the CMIC will help identify risks and develop evidence-based policies to secure robust supplies of critical minerals. Learn more about the CMIC and read their latest reports [here](#).



Levelling-Up in Rushcliffe: The UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Across the country, local authorities are currently putting together and submitting their investment plans to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

The UKSPF is a £2.6 billion scheme of new funding for local investment, delivered by March 2025, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation from the Fund. This was put into place to replace schemes organised by the European Union. Rushcliffe Borough Council has been allocated £2,571,462 over 3 years.

The UK Government's flagship Levelling Up White Paper sets out an ambitious plan to transform the UK, spreading opportunity and prosperity to all of our communities. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of this agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. You can learn more about the Fund and its objectives [here](#).

If you would like to apply to Rushcliffe Borough Council for UKSPF funding, please do contact me on ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk and I would be happy to pass this on to the Council.

Supporting Rushcliffe's school community

This month I had the pleasure of attending the 70th birthday celebration of Jesse Gray Primary and judging their cake baking competition - many

congratulations to Noah Beech on winning with his highly imaginative cake!

For 70 years, Jesse Gray has been providing an excellent education for children in West Bridgford and the surrounding areas. I was pleased to meet with the headteacher, Mr Belton, to hear about his plans to continue to take the school from success to success.



I also visited Lantern Lane Primary School to talk to Year 5 students about what it's like being an MP and to answer any questions about my role as their representative in Parliament. I've always enjoy visiting schools across Rushcliffe and the variety of the questions I get asked. It's so important to introduce children to our democratic system as early as possible.



Supporting care homes across Rushcliffe

I started this month by celebrating Care Home Open Week. I visited Leewood Manor Care Home in West Bridgford where I had a tour of the home and had the opportunity to meet and chat with some of the residents, their families,

and staff. As part of their 'Bringing Nature Back to the Garden' project, I planted a tree with resident and keen gardener James.

I was also delighted to join Rushcliffe's Mayor, Cllr Tina Combellack, to open Edwalton Manor Nursing Home and meet some of the brilliant staff who will be working there to support its residents. We met residents and students from the Busy Bees Nursery (who are located next to the home) by helping them bury their time capsule to mark the opening of the home.

I want to thank all of the fantastic care home staff across Rushcliffe for the amazing work they do. It has been so lovely getting out to visit some of the care homes we have in Rushcliffe after the pandemic and seeing how well the residents are being looked after.





Green tech at the East Midland Freeport

This month in Parliament, I asked ministers to support Uniper's bid for carbon capture and storage technology to be built into their new energy-from-waste plant at Ratcliffe on Soar in the East Midlands Freeport site. This would be the UK's first inland carbon capture storage facility and support the creation of a carbon negative and fully sustainable waste treatment solution and help our freeport being the greenest it can be. I look forward to seeing the outcome of phase 2 of the UK Carbon Capture, Usage, and Storage Fund and hope Uniper's bid succeeds in getting the funding needed very soon!

In the meantime, I am continuing to work with the Freeport Board, Government ministers, and third parties in ensuring we have a Freeport that will reinvigorate our Region, boost jobs and productivity, and encourage local prosperity.

Watch [here](#).



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Out and About!

It was wonderful to be invited to Istanbul BBQ Kitchen in West Bridgford for lunch this month! My team and I enjoyed a delicious meal of authentic Turkish food.



Huge thanks to British Canoeing and the International Canoe Federation for

inviting me to the Canoe Freestyle World Championships at Holme Pierrepont this month. An amazing performance from Team GB! Congratulations to everyone who won a medal, including Ben Higson, Harry Price, Niamh Macken, and Otilie Robinson-Shaw who made history with three gold medals and two world record points scores!

It was lovely to enjoy the sunshine at the Radcliffe Carnival for my Dad's 70th birthday. We also visited the Rempstone Steam rally, which put on an amazing display of steam engines, tractors, cars and trucks.



Along with Ruddington Parish Council, I held a street surgery at the Village market this month, to talk and listen to constituents. Nicola Brindley MBE also joined me at the market, where we talked to residents about the J9 initiative and how we're building a network of safe spaces for survivors of domestic abuse across Rushcliffe. We will be taking the J9 initiative to Parliament soon,

in hope that more MPs take it home to their constituencies and create their own network of safe spaces for survivors of domestic abuse. After that, we are looking at holding our next session in Keyworth - if you would be interested in attending this session, please register your interest by emailing me at ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk



Staying in Ruddington, I visited Nottingham College's Ruddington campus, EMTEC Academy, this month to see firsthand how the Academy is giving young people the foundations they need to succeed, as well as giving people in the middle of their career the training and qualifications needed to upskill. I was invited to see how the Academy supports its students by offering apprenticeships and commercial training in partnership with local employers and leading car manufacturers such as Kia, Tesla and Aston Martin.



I also had the honour of being invited to the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre's (DMRC) 'Beating of the Retreat' reception at Stanford Hall. The DMRC is an amazing institution that supports injured Armed Forces personnel from across the UK and we are lucky to have them here in Rushcliffe. Many thanks to Commanding Officer Captain Christopher Rowley for inviting me.

I met with St John's Ambulance (SJA) this month to discuss the charity's work and the latest SJA projects, such as the call to support first aid resilience and its integration into our daily lives. I look forward to supporting their work and encourage as many of you as possible to look out for their first aid courses.



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