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Adam Holloway MP

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Adam needs volunteers to deliver this newsletter. Tick here if you would like to help (just your road).

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Adam receiving a cheque from Tesco for Gravesham charity, Family Matters



Meet the MP in Gravesend town centre



Adam unveiling a plaque to mark the restoration of The Boat House

Transport Projects

We have two major projects.

Countdown to Paris and Brussels via Ebbsfleet International.

On, or shortly after November 14th 2007 Ebbsfleet International station will open its doors to the first passengers travelling to Paris and Brussels. It will also provide a high speed service to London. One downside is that extra traffic will flow into Gravesham and the



surrounding area because Eurostar has decided that they will cancel scheduled stops at Ashford International. So, passengers will now have to travel north to Ebbsfleet to take advantage of this service.

It seems to me that we gain on the one hand by having Ebbsfleet here, but lose out by increased traffic and pollution. I will be lobbying Eurostar to review this decision.

A2 Pepperhill to Cobham widening and A2/A282 Dartford improvement.

The work on these two schemes started on 10th November and along with councillors, the Minister for Roads and staff from the construction companies, I attended the official opening at the Start of Works Ceremony.

These improvements should bring real benefits to motorists in the form of improved safety, reduced congestion and more reliable journey times. It will also assist in supporting the economic growth of Kent and I also hope that the contractors employ local people on this project.



Adam at the opening of the A2/A282 roadworks

If local residents are experiencing difficulties then I want to hear from you.

My view is that we need more investment from Government on the infrastructure of this area and less rat runs.



DIAL NW Kent

DIAL is the telephone helpline for the disabled. Help them by becoming a volunteer to advise disabled people on things like helping a mother who needs a swimming teacher for her disabled son or point badge for their car.

Call 01474 537666 or info@dialwk.org.uk

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As your MP I am very keen to help people that find themselves in difficulties who have exhausted other lines of assistance. We do not have a magic wand, but the three of us in your Westminster office do our very best to provide a final push to resolve constituents' problems in these circumstances.

Also, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you ever want to comment on something.

Join Adam for a Question Time Webchat

I will be holding my first live webchat. You can ask me questions relating to my work in Parliament, or just to tell me what you want from politics.

Date: Thursday, 8th February 2007

Time: 7pm until 8.30pm

Venue: At a computer to suit you

Log on to:

<http://adamhollowaymp.blogspot.com>

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Action for Gravesham all year round

Another good year for Children in Need



I joined the Children in Need fundraising bus that launched the appeal from the Conservative Club for a tour of central Gravesend. People's generosity was again wonderful, but because of the rain there were less people about, so rather less money was raised this year than last. The fundraising was led by the Mayor and Mayoress, and the organisation was led yet again by the tireless Alistair Ellis, the club Chairman.

Visit to Age Concern, Mersham Court, Higham



We enjoyed a fabulous roast beef lunch with the ladies and gentlemen who attend their Friday club luncheon party. Thank you to the ladies who organise this worthwhile get-together for the elderly.

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Information and Support for Asian Communities affected by Mental Health Problems

Contact: 0808 800 2073

Mon & Wed - 6.00pm until 9.00pm
Tues & Thurs - 12.00 noon until 3.00pm

Calls are free and confidential

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

As you know, Gravesham's Big Issue is crime and anti-social behaviour. I have highlighted here two practical measures that are helping to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

I have established a good working relationship with Chief Supt. Gary Beautridge and his deputy Supt. Chris Hogben, North Kent Police's senior command team. Since their appointment in the early summer we have met on a quarterly basis to monitor their progress in tackling Gravesham's Big Issue. I am fully supportive of them and the police on the streets, but we need more of them and I will continue to call for more resources from the Government.

Gravesham's Anti-Social Neighbours

I met officers from Gravesham Council to discuss families who terrorise others living in the same area. A warning needs to be heeded by the perpetrators that the council and the police will not tolerate this behaviour. At the time of writing one family was being evicted because of their sustained attacks on another family. Anti-social behaviour and victimisation are breaches of tenancy and will be dealt with. Nationally, local authorities are taking a much harder line on this. Beware, terrorise your neighbours and the council WILL evict you.

What can happen to us, they may ask? Well, no provision needs to be made for the adults as they are considered to have made themselves homeless. Offenders should note that the council has far wider powers than the police. At the moment there are six families facing eviction.

Primary school targeted by anti-social behaviour – it's the parents this time

An unlikely target of anti-social behaviour has to be the parents of a well run local primary school, Shears Green. I had the pleasure of judging the drawings produced by the Reception and Year 1 classes on road safety awareness. But all was not what it seemed. Headteacher, Mrs Walker, explained that she had launched the campaign because of the problems she had with parents parking on double yellow lines, on the zig-zag crossing areas, across the school gates and on the pavement. When asked politely to move their cars by staff, parents mounted verbal attacks. I find it incredible that parents of little children can be so inconsiderate, after all it is their children's safety that is the issue here - at their own child's school.



Adam awarding prizes for the best drawn pictures to Ellie, Sophie and Kai.



Kent Special Constabulary are special people

In October, I joined the Special Constables who were on duty at Bluewater shopping centre. Their operation was to catch stolen, untaxed and uninsured car drivers. In conjunction with this operation they had plain clothed officers on buses coming in from south east London to highlight potential trouble-makers before they hit the shops.

Two Gravesham people were involved: Senja Compton, a lady who wanted to do something about crime in her area so set up a Neighbourhood Watch - and went the extra mile and became a Special Constable. Then there is David Craggs, the chief special in North Kent, more normally known as the headteacher of Gad's Hill School. These two people are a rare breed – they see a problem and actively work out how they can help; in their case they joined the Kent Special Constabulary.

If other Gravesham residents would like to do the same then get in touch and join the Kent Special Constabulary. Apparently, you only need to dedicate 16 hours per month on days to suit you. If a small number of you did this then Gravesham would be a better place.

To find out more call 01622 654013 or log on to: <http://www.kent.police.uk>



Special Constables

Informal careers advice from Adam

Do you want to be a journalist, join the armed forces or get involved in politics?

Don't know what to do after A levels or university? Then come and talk to me face-to-face or I am available over the phone. I have had some interesting jobs – reporting from Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein, an undercover reporter on various assignments from being wheelchair bound; sleeping rough on the streets of London; masquerading as an asylum seeker/economic migrant and a schizophrenic. I made programmes for ITV and Trevor MacDonald's Tonight. I was a captain in the Grenadier Guards and fought in the first Gulf War.

I am available for careers advice on media, TV and the armed forces. If there are enough of you I will organise an evening where I will show you videos of my TV journalism and take Q&As. We can also chat about what YOU want.

You could also log on to my webchat - see article on 'Question Time Webchat'

To arrange a time to contact me or meet up contact:

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