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OUR LONG-TERM DECISIONS
— OVER THE LAST YEAR —

REDUCING INFLATION BY 40%



Helping families with £3,300 of cost-of-living support

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DELIVERING NET ZERO FAIRLY




Reducing the costs on hard-working people, saving families up to £18,000

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BOOSTING LOCAL BUSES, ROAD & RAIL



We're rerouting £36 billion from HS2 into hundreds of projects across the country

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CREATING THE FIRST SMOKE FREE GENERATION



Children turning 14 or under this year can never buy cigarettes

Image by florendia

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EXPANDING CHILDCARE



Doubling the current entitlement meaning working parents will be able to access 30 hours of free childcare a week

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INTRODUCING THE ADVANCED BRITISH STANDARD



Bringing T-Levels and A-Levels into parity and giving students more breadth in studies

Image by Kris

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STOPPING THE BOATS



Crossings are down 20% thanks to action we've taken so far

Image by Mariana

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PASSING THE PUBLIC ORDER BILL



Meaning Just Stop Oil protests are now broken up in under 10 minutes

Image by Michael Bußmann

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HAVE YOU ENTERED OUR PRESIDENT'S FREE DRAW YET? IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO WIN A TICKET. THE LAST TWO MONTH'S PUZZLES AND A NEW PUZZLE ARE IN THIS ISSUE

PHISHING/SCAM WATCH

Phishing emails should be reported to the National Cyber Security Centre on
report@phishing.gov.uk

Please report every one of them. It is our weapon to stop the scammers

Take care if you're shopping on online marketplaces like Facebook

There has been a 75% increase in people getting scammed when shopping for things like cars, tickets and clothes on Facebook Marketplace.

SCAM

Here are some things to look out for:

- **Is it too good to be true?**
It's not a bargain if it never turns up.
- **Do you have to pay right away?**
A genuine seller won't pressure you into a quick sale.
- **Can you meet the seller in person?**
Look for things nearby so you can check the item before you pay.
- **Will they let you pay by card?**
Never pay by bank transfer. Even paying by debit or credit card is fraught with danger.

A member has recently been scammed by a Facebook advert. An advert for a £4 box of Cadbury's chocolates seemed a good bargain but checking the bank statement later our member found that £208 had been taken from it.

Please don't answer adverts or puzzles on Facebook. They are all scams or they are data-fishing (phishing).

You can sign up for email scam warnings by searching: **which scam alert service**

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Email supposedly from DVLA

Welcome

We have noticed that your vehicle is no longer up to date with its current road tax. This is the last reminder we will issue you. (v11) Currently your vehicle is legally not allowed to be on the road.

You must fill out the form below in order to be up to standard with the DVLA legal requirements

START NOW >

A text message from HalifaxUK claims you've requested a password change and directs you to a copycat website.

The text reads:

'PAYEES passcode - Do not tell anyone. If you did not request it please visit us on [halifax-onlineuk.com/mobile]'

The one scam giveaway in this case is that Halifax is spelt incorrectly in the URL.

Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes ((Association Chairman)

30 Nov 2023

What we have achieved over the last few months: With everything that has been going on over the last few weeks and months, and the persistent trickle of negative news from the press that seems difficult to shake off (some of our own making, some simply made up), it seems some are writing off our Party entirely.

The Conservative Party is the oldest political party in the UK, and arguably in the world. We didn't survive and thrive for all of those years without being resilient.

So I felt inclined to counter some of the negativity by reminding myself of the huge achievements the Conservative Party have delivered in recent times.

Inflation:

The world has been through a tough time, with Covid, an on-going war between Russia and Ukraine and general unrest, and the UK has not escaped unscathed. Financially we've seen inflation and the cost of living rise dramatically. The Party committed to reducing inflation and, at the time of writing, it has reduced from a peak of 11.1% to 4.6%.

Tax:

Now that Rishi Sunak has delivered on his pledge to halve inflation, he is committed to cutting tax. The Conservatives have built a reputation over the centuries of being a low-tax Party, believing in the principle that lower taxation will ultimately stimulate the wider economy, generating overall

economic prosperity which in turn generates a higher overall tax take. A pledge therefore to lower taxes now inflation is more under control is most welcome.



National Living Wage:

Nearly 3 million low-paid workers will receive a pay increase of almost 10% next spring after the chancellor announced an increase in the national living wage to £11.44 an hour. Jeremy Hunt said the earnings of full-time workers would rise by £1,800 a year as a result of a move that the Low Pay Commission (LPC) said met the 2019 Conservative pledge to end poverty pay in the UK.

Maths standards in schools:

Under Labour the UK fell from 8th to 27th in the international rankings for maths, and Labour-run Wales continue to have the lowest maths ranking in the UK. Under the Conservatives reforms, combined with the hard work of teachers across the country, we are up in the international rankings and seeing a year-on-year improvement.

Backing our High Streets, Pubs and Small Businesses:

Whilst business rates are set to rise with inflation, the Chancellor has extended business rates relief to 2025. It means the 75 per cent business rates relief for eligible retail, hospitality, and leisure businesses has been extended for 2024-25.

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HALVE INFLATION | GROW THE ECONOMY | REDUCE DEBT | CUT WAITING LISTS | STOP THE BOATS

The government has promised to do more to crack down on companies paying SME invoices late. The "Cash Flow and Prompt Payment Review" has already been published. And the Procurement Act means 30-day payment terms are extended to all subcontractor invoices within the supply chain for public sector contracts.

What it means to be a Conservative:

At a recent meeting of members, discussion turned to what it means to be a Conservative. Members expressed their own views and ideas, and a selection of those personal views are listed below: -

- Give everyone the opportunity to success
- Encourage hard work, and reward success
- Support those who are disadvantaged
- Behave with honesty, integrity and dignity
- Avoid unnecessary regulation
- Be a Party of low tax and small government
- Be friends with the people of every nation (even when we deplore their Governments), and offer support where it will make a positive difference
- Manage budgets prudently
- Support the Monarchy and traditions of the country
- Be proud of being British

Northamptonshire Police:

The most Police ever in Northamptonshire: Northamptonshire Police has officially topped the Force's target set under the Home Office 20,000 officer recruitment drive. Northamptonshire Police now has 1,546 officers, more than at any time in the Force's history.

In 2019, prior to Uplift, the force had a headcount of 1,280 police officers, and were set a Home Office target to recruit 190 new officers over the next three years.

The Force has far exceeded that target figure, recruiting 266 between 2019 and 2023.

This figure reflects numbers on top of normal recruitment to replace natural attrition in the force such as retirements, leavers and transferees. In reality a total of 663 officers were recruited in the period.

Thank you again for all of your support, especially those who have been out campaigning with Harriet Pentland and Tom Pursglove MP over the last few weeks.

Onwards and Upwards

Yours,

Councillor Lee Wilkes
Chairman
Corby & East Northamptonshire
Conservative Association

The Corby Towns Fund is seeking your input on exciting projects to enhance our town.

From today (November 1st) to December 22nd, you can share your views on issues in and around the Town, such as pedestrian and cycle routes, the Town Centre to Train Station link road and many more.

Together, let's take full advantage of the £19.9m funding which has been awarded to North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) from the Government.

Visit the Corby Towns Fund website <https://corbytownsfund.co.uk/tow.../corby-station-link-road/> or attend events at the Corby Cube to make your voice heard.

These events will be between 10am and 4pm on:

- * Mon. 4 December
- * Wed. 6 December
- * Fri. 8 December



BUS FARE NEWS



Photo: R Boyd

Buses are Britain's most popular form of public transport, and our £2 bus fare cap has already helped millions save on their commute, their school run and their weekend travel plans.

While the cap was due to rise on 1st November, we're using the savings from HS2 to keep the cap at £2 until December 31st 2024.

Of course as well as being affordable, bus services have to show up on time. So we're also investing £27.7 million into improving the frequency and reliability of bus services in the East Midlands over the next year.

Don't forget, that while fares are going up in Labour-controlled London and SNP-controlled Scotland, it's this government that has the back of Britain's commuters.

Keeping bus fares at £2 is just a small part of the support that this government has provided to help people manage the cost of living.

And it's just one of the ways we're using the £36 billion in HS2 savings for projects which deliver on the North and Midland's transport priorities.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Labour's Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves has been caught red-handed, copy and pasting whole sections of her new book from Wikipedia and other sources.

If Labour's Copy and Paste Shadow Chancellor is using Wikipedia for her book: where do Labour's budget ideas come from? And where does she find the time?

Instead of apologising, Rachel Reeves says she's proud of 'her' book.

The person that Labour would put in charge of your finances is taking you for a mug.

And Sir Keir Starmer is too weak to investigate his Copy and Paste Shadow Chancellor.

And in case you are tempted, by all accounts, the book is pretty dull as well.

THE TRIPLE LOCK IS NOT SAFE UNDER LABOUR

Labour's Deputy Leader Angela Rayner has been criticised after evading a question on BBC Breakfast.

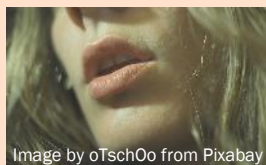


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The clip of the interview is circulating on X (Twitter) as people reshare it.

The clip shows her response to the repeated enquiry: **'Do you support the triple lock on pensions?'**

She refused to give a straight answer which has led to accusations that Labour won't keep the triple lock on pensions if they take power at the next election.

Source: GB News 16 Nov 2023

We love to receive letters or articles for the magazine, complimentary or otherwise. Just send them in Word format to the office. Photos are good too. Contributions may be edited or abridged slightly as necessary.



Northamptonshire PFCC Stephen Mold's Newsletter



30 Nov 2023

Over the last few years, my office has been very successful in securing money from the government's Safer Streets Fund which allows Police and Crime Commissioners and local authorities to invest in crime prevention initiatives.

As part of the latest round of funding, we were able to secure £646,570 to support practical and targeted projects to tackle burglary and vehicle crime and reduce violence against women and girls. This is the fifth time that we have made a successful Safer Streets bid since the scheme was launched four years ago. Rounds one and two were in relation to Neighbourhood Crime which was followed by the Safety of Women at Night Fund (SWAN) which was focused on the protection of women and girls in the night-time economy. Rounds three to five were then expanded from just neighbourhood crime to include safety for women and girls. As a result of those bids, we have been awarded nearly £4m to invest in crime prevention, in conjunction with our local authority colleagues, we have invested a further £1m to boost safety in communities across the county.



As part of the latest funding, a forensic property marking, and asset recording scheme called 'Stand up to crime' will be rolled out to residents across Kingswood in Corby to help tackle residential burglary. Equipment to identify stolen property will be installed in custody suites and given to second-hand dealers. Equipment to identify stolen property will be installed in custody suites and property suites. UV torches will be issued to all front-line officers, second-hand dealers aid remote routine searching of stolen goods. We will also be training staff at bus and train hubs in the county to recognise when women are vulnerable and how to respond appropriately.

As we approach the festive period, there will be an increased focus on ensuring safety on our roads, however this is something that we take seriously all year round. I am pleased that an increase in arrests, a crackdown on traffic offences and a greater police presence are just some of the benefits resulting from the newly formed Roads Policing Team (RPT) who are driving down crime and improving road safety across Northamptonshire.

Thanks to funding I was able to provide, the RPT consists of five teams each containing one sergeant and eight police constables who benefit from a state-of-the-art fleet of vehicles and drone and Automatic Number Plate Recognition capability. They work a 24-hour shift pattern all year round, providing comprehensive, vigilant cover for the county for the first time in over a decade. Roads policing has a critical role to play in reducing casualties, improving driver and rider behaviour as well as targeting and disrupting serious organised crime

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committed using the County's road networks. A key part of the work carried out by the RPT will focus on the fatal five – not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile device, being under the influence of drink or drugs, careless driving or excess speeds.

Casualties on our roads remains a problem and by addressing the dangers that exist, we aim to see a sustainable reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in collisions. Education, engagement and where necessary, enforcement will be used to make the roads a safer place for all users. The work of the RPT is also crucial to the disruption of serious organised crime groups who use the road networks to commit criminal activity. The RPT will work to detect, disrupt, and dismantle these groups.

When I ask people what they want from their local police, a visible presence that helps to create safer roads is always one of their top priorities. I am pleased to be able to support the creation of this dedicated new team of specialist police officers that will take responsibility for tackling driving and riding standards on the county's strategic road network. They will also make sure our roads are hostile places for criminals.

Listening to the concerns and priorities of residents is vital to policing and the Northamptonshire Police community messaging service, previously known as Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert, provides a simple and convenient way for local people to receive news and updates about crime and policing in their area.

The service offers local residents and businesses the opportunity to get connected with what is happening in their local area, stay up to date about crime and policing issues, and get involved in shaping local policing priorities. One of the key features of Northamptonshire Talking is that it enables

people to get directly in touch with their local officers. Each message sent has a reply option, which provides a simple way for people to contact their neighbourhood officer to give feedback, ask a question or share any information they may have about crime or anti-social behaviour. There is also the option to contact local officers directly by visiting the relevant team's Northamptonshire Talking web page. It provides local people with a direct line to their neighbourhood policing team, helping them to stay informed about what is happening in the area where they live or work.

As well as local crime information, people can also sign up to receive messages from the me, as well as other trusted partners Neighbourhood Watch and Action Fraud. As part of our work to improve this vital service, the OPFCC have funded new additions to support the force with developing the system. The number of users has subsequently grown from 20,000 to 37,000 sign ups and in the coming months, Artificial Intelligence will make the system even more efficient, helping create message content more easily.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy new year.

As ever, if you need any help or assistance, I can be contacted at:

commissioner@northantspfcc.gov.uk

Stephen Mold

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

Those of us who thought that the 'culture wars' were just something waged by Leftie teachers or right-on theatre groups will have realised that the woodworm of woke is gnawing away at the foundations of all our institutions.. (Allison Pearson)

OUR PLAN TO BEAT THE BLOCKERS

Image by Lars Nissen from Pixabay



1. EMERGENCY LAWS TO START RWANDA RETURNS
2. STOP FOREIGN COURTS BLOCKING FLIGHTS
3. PUTTING PARLIAMENT BACK IN CHARGE

Stopping the Boats is one of this government's top priorities.

It's the British people and their government who should decide who comes into this country not criminal gangs.

So following today's Supreme Court judgement, I will bring in emergency laws to make that happen. The merry-go-round stops now.

We will:

- Introduce emergency laws to start the Rwanda flights
- Stop foreign courts from blocking flights
- Put Parliament back in charge of our borders

But when I said at the start of this year I'd halve inflation I delivered. And when I say I'll stop the boats - I mean it. The British people expect the boats to stop. Whatever Labour might say, we're making progress. Small boat crossings to the UK are now down by a third.

If illegal migrants think that Labour will let anyone in, then deterrence will fail. So they can't be trusted to deliver on this issue. There's only one party prepared to do whatever it takes to get the flights going. And that's us.

Sir Keir may believe in a Britain where criminal gangs decide who comes in and who doesn't - but we don't. And only with your support can we get the job done.

Yours sincerely,
Rishi Sunak
Prime Minister

15 Nov 2023

CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM www.conservativepolicyforum.com

What is the CPF?

The local Policy Forum meets to discuss the Conservative Party policies. It is open to members and supporters for a friendly informal discussion session. The summary is sent to the Conservative Party Headquarters where results are collated and ultimately fed through to the Prime Minister's Policy Consultation Office.

Many of the suggestions put forward are ultimately incorporated in our Party's policy.

The Chairman of the CPF, Cllr Adam Fernley invites all members and friends to attend these important meetings.

Our next meeting will be at Corby Conservative Club on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Topic: The Future of the Welfare State

Contact the office for the briefing paper and the report from the last meeting. Copies of the briefing paper will be available at the meeting

200 CLUB

The winners of our £25 monthly 200 Club Draw

Nov	22	DA George
Dec	37	BM Cromie

Members can join at any time and will be entered in all draws from the month of their first payment.

The cost is £15 a month.

The monthly prize is £25 and we have the big prizes of £100 and £50 in February.

Contact the office for a standing order form.

THE CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT—NOVEMBER 2023

We've HALVED inflation. By getting spending under control, we've delivered our promise to halve inflation. That means prices are now stabilising — and families and businesses can look forward to more certainty.

So we're in a better position than at the start of the year. Because we've halved inflation, we can afford to support families and businesses with the cost of living — and help you keep more of your own money.

- In January, we're cutting the main rate of National Insurance Contributions from 12% to 10%, delivering a tax cut of £450 a year for the average worker earning £35,000.
- We're cutting and simplifying taxes for 2 million self-employed people. We're getting rid of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions entirely, and cutting Class 4 contributions from 9% to 8%. That's a £350 tax cut for someone earning £28,000 a year.
- The National Living Wage has received the largest ever cash increase, at £11.44 an hour. That's an extra £1,800 a year for workers.
- We're increasing pensions by 8.5%. Our Triple Lock guarantee means that we can ensure dignity in old age for those who've worked their entire lives. This means the basic state pension will be £3,750 higher than in 2010.

TAX CUT: LARGEST EVER TAX CUT FOR WORKERS

Businesses are the backbone of Britain, fuelling our economy and creating good jobs with decent wages.

- We're cutting business taxes by £11 billion. This is the BIGGEST business tax cut in modern British history. That means businesses will be able to afford to invest more in British workers, grow their businesses and fuel our economy.
- We're freezing business rates. By freezing the small business multiplier yet again, we're helping the average shop save £1,650. That's a big boost to the high street. And we're topping it off by extending the Retail Hospitality and Leisure Relief for a year.
- We're backing pubs and hospitality businesses by freezing alcohol duty. Instead of increasing alcohol duty to keep it in line with inflation, we're FREEZING alcohol duty to help pubs, restaurants and hospitality businesses stay competitive and continue to thrive.

But what does all this mean for debt and inflation?

- Our plans mean debt will FALL...
- Our plan to get debt falling by the end of the five-year forecast is set to be met.
- ...with borrowing set to FALL too

The independent Office for Budget Responsibility says that borrowing is forecast to be lower this year, and set to fall from 5% of GDP last year to 1.1% of GDP by 2028-29. That will be its lowest level in over 20 years.

- And we're still focused on cutting inflation

The independent Office for Budget Responsibility says that our package as a whole means inflation is forecast to be lower next year than they previously thought. Helping to stabilise prices and give families and businesses more certainty.

Tax CUT. Inflation HALVED. National Living Wage UP.
Long-term decisions to build a brighter future.



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COULD YOU CHAMPION YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Do you want to stand up for your local community and the interests of local residents?

Your local Conservative Party welcomes all candidates who care about representing local views and looking after resident's interests.

Full training and guidance can be provided to help newly elected councillors.

Between now and May 2025 we would like to invite local residents to stand for election and join our strong, supporting and friendly team of Councillors and candidates.

If interested please contact the office.



**Don't just moan
about it -
do something about it**

**To find out more, please email:
office @cenca.co.uk
or phone
01536 200255 (11am to 1pm Mon-Friday)**

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You can find out more information about being a Councillor at: beacouncillor.co.uk



Who may be a candidate?

To stand for your local council you must be over 18 years of age AND a British citizen; or a citizen of an EU member state, AND resident in the UK

In addition one of the following criteria must apply to you:

You must be and continue to be a local government elector for the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both nomination day and the day of election, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area of the local authority.

OR

Your principal or only place of work in the twelve months preceding your nomination day and the day of the election must have been in the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both your nomination day and the day of the election resided in the area of the local authority.

AND, OF COURSE:

You must be a member of the Conservative Party to stand as a Conservative candidate.

To join go to:

www.conservatives/join

Do I know enough to stand for election?

Don't underestimate your own abilities. Each councillor will have something different to offer the council and you will not be expected to have full knowledge of the way the council operates from day one.

Serving on the council is a learning curve. Your colleagues on the council and your Conservative Association will be there to help you develop your skills.

Your main qualifications are a genuine concern for the community and willingness to learn. Knowledge and experience will soon follow.

Have I the time to be a councillor?

The time commitment involved in being a councillor will vary depending upon the responsibilities you decide to take on.

Many councillors have work and family commitments as well as other interests which they successfully balance with their role as a councillor.



TOM PURSGLOVE

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
MINISTER OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS**

30 Nov 2023



I was honoured to attend a number of moving local services to lay wreaths to mark Remembrance Sunday. My sincere thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped make these events happen and to all the fundraisers for their incredible efforts in recent weeks to raise valuable sums for the Royal British Legion. Every year, I am always very moved and heartened to see our community come together in unison for this important day. You can see more about this, below.

I hope everyone also had safe and enjoyable Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations. Again, my thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made the firework display in Corby possible - it was a fantastic night, with a very impressive display!

Welcomely, my work continues to keep me incredibly busy across Corby & East Northamptonshire and in Westminster, not least with the State Opening of Parliament, which I was honoured to be able to attend in November to hear the King set out the Government's legislative agenda for the parliamentary session ahead. Locally, I have been continuing to focus on some important issues, including meeting local health service commissioners at NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board to raise local concerns regarding GP and dentistry access, as well as gathering local views in Weldon regarding the busy and fast-paced A43 and the need for a safe crossing to be installed. It was also tremendous to open the new Corby Sixth Form last week - a £10 million investment through the Corby Town Deal initiative, funded by the Government. You can read more about many of these issues in the magazine.

HEALTHCARE ACCESS

It was very useful to meet again with Toby Sanders, the Chief Executive of NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board on Friday, to discuss some key local concerns regarding healthcare access, including to GP appointments, dentistry services and audiology and optometry provision, as well as concerns regarding appointment booking systems more generally and the need to see through the vital telephony upgrades.

I also highlighted the need to ensure that the new Community Diagnostic Centre we are getting in Corby, that I campaigned for, has the maximal impact and the best possible join-up with other services, to ensure patients have seamless journeys through their care pathways.

I stand firm on the point that people must be able to access the right care, at the right place, at the right time - a point I will continue to stress at every opportunity to our local health commissioners.

PLANNING MATTERS

Last week, my remarks were presented at the planning appeals hearing regarding the unauthorised development that has taken place at Peasdale Hill Field on Ashley Road in Middleton. Indeed, I have voiced my strong and numerous objections to this egregious breach of established planning rules as far back as 2021, when the issue first arose, and that is not to mention the environmental and heritage damage, highways risks and issues involving the loss of valuable greenfield land, sanitation and water. I sincerely hope that the right decision will be reached by the Inspector as they go about their deliberations, as I genuinely believe that the planning rules must be upheld and applied consistently.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

I recently took part in a good Westminster Hall debate on behalf of the Government, on the important issue of the use of British Sign Language and the delivery of commitments the Government made through the British Sign Language Act around accessible communications. The key message being that we have made progress, but there is more to do and there is a plan to do it - ultimately, I couldn't be clearer that the Government must lead the way on accessible communications and set the standard we wish others to follow!

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Tom Pursglove, continued>>>>

KETTERING ENERGY PARK

I was pleased to host a well-attended meeting in my office between community representatives, including members of Great Addington Parish Council, and North Northamptonshire Council officers, to hear very valid local concerns regarding the proposed Kettering Energy Park, including around sustainability, the environment, and the extent of community engagement, as well as the need for any proposal to be in keeping with the adopted local plan. In essence, local people are understandably supportive of the principle of an 'energy park' and renewable generation as a concept; but are alarmed about suggestions of intrusive B8 warehouses and knock-on effects being incorporated into the scheme.

So I'm glad that local views were heard on this by the officers, and it was a particularly timely discussion, in that later in the day, I met with the promoters of the scheme at their request and was able to put many of the probing questions that we had discussed to them.

Ultimately, I will always ensure that the views and concerns of my constituents are heard on these matters - as I am similarly doing in relation to the STAUNCH campaign elsewhere in the constituency at the moment - and I look forward to continuing to support them in this planning matter going forward. Ultimately, development must be appropriate to its surroundings, properly thought through with the right infrastructure, and have minimal impact on the environment and existing residents. Those will be the tests against which any proposed scheme is judged, and rightly so.



A43 CROSSING IN WELDON

I was pleased to write to everyone in Weldon and Priors Hall recently, with a survey to gather local people's views on the arguably pressing need for a pedestrian crossing of the A43, the lack of which is causing genuine, and very worrying, safety concerns presently. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has responded

5G MAST IN WELDON

On a recent Friday in the constituency, I met with a group of residents who are understandably concerned about the location of a new 5G mast on Welland Vale Road in Corby, and the consultation process which was sorely absent, in advance of Three installing it, with various knock on issues arising, including adverse impacts on television and mobile phone signals, the boxes obstructing the pathway and visibility from a nearby junction, as well as the fact it just looks out of place. Having seen the location of it for myself along with Councillor Mark Pengelly, I am raising the situation formally with both the council and Three, and hope that this can be reviewed and looked at afresh, ideally with consideration given to re-siting it.

MY MINISTERIAL WORK IN GOVERNMENT

My work as the Minister for Disabled People, Health & Work at the Department for Work and Pensions continues to keep me very busy, alongside my duties as your local MP, as we continue to work across Government and with some fantastic disability champions, organisations and charities, to ensure that the support we're providing allows disabled people, and those with long-term health conditions, to fulfil their full potential, including in work and beyond, as well as ensuring that there is a strong safety net for those in need.

Given that I know this is of interest to many people locally, I wanted to include an outline of what I've been up to in the past month or so, including some very insightful meetings and drop-ins. You can see more about who I have seen in my Westminster report

My work never stops on behalf of local people, and I just wanted to restate that I am always available to hear your concerns and worries, or about any issues that you may be facing and would appreciate some help with.

You can get in touch via telephone, letter, or email - please see details of contact numbers in this magazine.

Sincerely

Tom Pursglove Member of Parliament
For Corby & East Northamptonshire

Claire Coutinho, MP,
Secretary of State for Energy
Security

Building a better future for our children and grandchildren.

For too long the path to Net Zero has been about clobbering the public with unnecessary taxes and regulations, rather than embracing innovation and safeguarding Britain's energy security.

So as part of our fairer path to Net Zero, it has been revealed that six companies have been shortlisted to build Small Modular Reactors in the UK, with the final decision to be announced in the spring of next year.

Unlike Labour, we are proud to back British Nuclear, and use innovation to secure our long-term energy security and prosperity, whilst growing the economy and providing thousands of highly paid jobs.

Richard Holden - Party Chairman

It's unbelievable - Labour MPs had a voting choice on 16 Nov.

Either follow Sir Keir Starmer, hide their position, and 'abstain'. Or back their former leader Jeremy Corbyn and the SNP. And almost one third of Labour MPs chose the latter. And even worse, 10 members of Sir Keir Starmer's top team have resigned to back Jeremy Corbyn - not surprising since Sir Keir tried to make Corbyn Prime Minister – twice.

The mask has slipped, Labour is, and always will be, the Party of Protest. And you can't trust them to take the long-term decisions needed to tackle the real issues facing the country.

PRESIDENT'S PUZZLE

Members have an opportunity to win a nice prize for Christmas - at no cost.

The President has donated a case of 6 mixed bottles of wine as a prize.



And this is how it works:

A cryptic clue has been given in each magazine up to this current issue. All you have to do is solve a clue and email your answer to the magazine editor. You don't have to solve every clue but every correct answer will give you one chance to win in our Christmas draw. Make the subject: Puzzle.

Each correct answer will win the member a ticket in a draw to take place before Christmas and one lucky winner will win this nice prize. You just have to collect it and then enjoy it. The last months' quizzes are still open so you can win up to 3 tickets.

This month's cryptic clue:

Cilla changed colour
(5 letters)

Last month's cryptic clue:

The campanologists' drink?
(5 letters)

The previous month's cryptic clue:

A bird lover found in Alcatraz
(3 letters)

If you are not on the internet you can post your answer to the office.

Hurry ! Closing date 11 December

Thanks to Ollie Curtis for the idea of a competition

SAME OLD LABOUR

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“Keir Starmer is the walking definition of the 30-year political status quo. A man who will say or do anything for a headline or a brief popularity boost.

“We can't let him get to Downing Street next year. We need a government that will put the long-term future of the country ahead of short-term politics

PM Rishi Sunak 5 Oct 2023

Some ask themselves ‘What am I going to say today?’.

Sir Keir Starmer asks ‘What am I going to believe today?’.

He's broken every single leadership promise that he made, and has flip-flopped over sixty times in just three years as Labour leader.

So remind yourself, and any Labour-supporting friends you may have, about the kind of leadership Sir Keir Starmer stands for. Reger Hands 4 Oct 2023

Labour's Secret Agenda

Sky News has obtained footage of Labour leader Keir Starmer saying, “we don't want to diverge” [from EU rules] at a conference of centre-left leaders in Canada.

(Source: Daily Mail 22 Sep 2023)

Labour loved the EU, because it passed left-wing laws, without Labour having to win general elections in the UK. Now, they want to shadow the EU, so that they can re-join at some point in the future.

Mark Harper, MP, Secretary of State for Transport

Stop Labour's War on Motorists.

The Conservative Plan for Drivers will:

- Tackle anti-motorist policies such as so-called 15-minute cities.
- Stop councils generating surpluses from excessive fines on motorists.
- Crack down on over-running street works, including an option to extend fines and increase fines for works on the weekend.
- Restrict the use of 24 hour bus lanes where they aren't appropriate.
- Ensure councils only impose blanket 20mph limits when there are good reasons for doing so.

Too many politicians in the Labour Party view using a car or van as an optional extra rather than a necessity.

Only the Conservative Party has the back of British motorists and is giving people the freedom to travel how they want, when they want.



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Rishi Sunak agrees and says he wants to stop ‘hare-brained’ road calming and safety schemes, including 20mph zones, to end what he said was a ‘war on motorists’.” (Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-66965714>)

Just a Thought: A man is a man, a woman is a woman. That's just common sense.
Rishi Sunak Conference 4 Oct 2023

OUR OFFICE OPENING TIMES

A MESSAGE FROM RAY BOYD AT YOUR
LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE

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from 11am to 1pm. Outside office hours
you can reach me at:
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spam filter fitted).

If I am unavailable please leave a message
and I will get back to you. Please check the
website for office holiday closure dates.

You can also contact the Chairman, Cllr Lee
Wilkes. Email me if you need to get in touch
with Lee and I will pass on your details to
him.

Kind regards and keep well,

Ray Boyd

Communications Officer



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Our office sends out regular emails to all
members via Mailchimp. Unfortunately it
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recipients' Spam box.so please make a
point of checking your Trash/Spam boxes
to avoid missing our emails.

This is particularly important now as we
are sending out regular updates on our
local campaigning. These give details of
our weekly schedule of meetings for our
volunteers.

NEW FUNDING

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to improve local bus services



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**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
COUNCIL**

New funding will protect and improve bus
services while keeping bus fares low

Just a thought: Somewhere along the line, during the past decade,
something called common sense has gone AWOL. Along with the world's
sense of humour. *Author Peter James 2019*

TOM PURSGLOVE'S THOUGHTS ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISRAEL

I know that many in our community, myself included, have been horrified by the news of the recent terrorist attacks and what we have seen on our television screens has been truly shocking and frightening. As news of the attacks and their aftermath have been coming in, I have been shocked and appalled at the barbarism perpetrated by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad against innocent men, women, and children

Around 1,300 Israelis are believed to have been murdered, with many more injured, and at least 150 Israeli civilians taken hostage in Gaza. Never before in Israel's 75-year history as an independent state has it been forced to endure such an atrocity. My deepest sympathies are with the families and friends of the victims, and with the people of Israel in these darkest of hours

Let me be absolutely clear: I, and the Government more broadly, unequivocally condemn the heinous acts of terrorism perpetrated by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The UK will always support Israel's right to defend itself, as guaranteed in Article 51 of the 'United Nations Charter'

I know that the Foreign Secretary has spoken to Israel's Foreign Minister to express the UK's condolences and reaffirm our support for Israel, and will be continuing to engage closely with them. He has also spoken to the Palestinian Prime Minister, urging the Palestinian Authority to condemn the terrorist attacks and to cooperate with the Israeli security forces to prevent further violence in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, as well as speaking with other regional partners.

The Prime Minister has spoken to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as with President Biden, Chancellor Scholz, President Macron and Prime Minister Meloni, all of whom have declared steadfast and united support for Israel, and issued the strongest possible condemnation of the terrorist actions of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

More broadly, the FCDO is maintaining a close eye on the situation, and is working to support affected British nationals as an utmost priority.

UK aid funding to the Occupied Palestinian Territories is also focused on essential basic services and life-saving humanitarian assistance, mostly through dedicated UN programmes. The UK ended direct financial aid to the Palestinian Authority in 2021.

Furthermore, the UK maintains a strict and longstanding non-contact policy with Hamas, as a proscribed terrorist organisation.

Equally, I am extremely alarmed and concerned at reports of rising antisemitism against the Jewish community here in the UK, following the events in Israel. Antisemitism has no place in our society, and we must all come together to call it out and condemn it in the strongest possible terms wherever we find it.

I stand in solidarity with Israel, and the Jewish community, during this terrible time, and will continue to follow developments closely, whilst standing ready to assist anyone affected here in our community in any way I can.

Bowel Cancer Screening

Members may know that free at-home Bowel Cancer Screening kits are provided for 58 to 75 year old people.

After that age you can still continue to obtain the kit every two years by phoning the bowel screening helpline on 0800 707 60 60.

It is worth checking yourself for early detection.

I am unequivocal. We stand with Israel, not just today, not just tomorrow, but always.

And I stand with you, the British Jewish community, not just today, not just tomorrow, but always. Am Yisrael Chai. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak 14 Oct 2023

HAMAS WILL NOT STOP ATTACKING ISRAEL

Ghazi Hamad, a senior Hamas leader, said the attack on 7 October on Israel was "just the first time, and there will be a second, a third, a fourth", before repeating that Israel must be annihilated.

Source: The House 20 Nov 2023.

Leader's Update

Clr Jason Smithers
Leader of the Council



This article has been condensed from the Leader's web update

Meetings:

The Executive met on Thursday 16 November. You can watch the recording on our YouTube channel. You can also view the agenda and papers on our website or read the live tweets on X (formerly Twitter).

The next Full Council meeting has been arranged for Thursday 7 December. The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube from 6pm. The agenda will be displayed on our website in the week before the meeting.

Libraries:

A long-term project to transfer some libraries into community management in North Northamptonshire has now been completed. The programme sought to keep some libraries directly under the local authority management with the remainder managed by community groups.

Grants Available

The council has launched a new grant scheme - NNDecarb - to help local businesses invest in measures to increase energy efficiency, move to a lower carbon economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Small- or medium-sized businesses can now apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 towards 50% of project costs, with the remaining amount to be match funded by the business.

Leisure Pool Funding

The Splash Leisure Pool in Rushden has secured a bid for government funding. The £114,206 from the Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF), which is administered by Sport England, will cover the increase in energy costs, allowing the swimming pool to maintain its usual opening hours.

Gritting crews ready to respond

The council is getting ready for harsher weather conditions as Kier Transportation, the council's highways provider, has its fleet of gritters ready to take on precautionary routes. The gritting season runs from mid-October to mid-April next year with gritters covering 821 miles (1,841km) of the council's road network on precautionary routes. The council has reserves of 4,000 tonnes of salt, with 651 grit bins across the region filled for use



Image by Gertrud Eichinger from Pixabay

on public roads and footpaths. Enhanced weather forecasting and temperature readings will be taken via weather stations and sensors set out along North Northamptonshire's roads, with updates sent every 15 minutes.

The gritters are fitted with advanced GPS technology which requires only one person to operate the vehicle in clear conditions, by accumulating route data and reporting back to the office to ensure that works are safely delivered. If grit bin salt stocks run low, please report that they need refilling via the Street Doctor service.

Taxi Consultation

We recognise that changes like this can have an impact on everyone, which is why I am pleased we are now in a position to consult on the proposals. Once the 12-week consultation has concluded, responses will be gathered together and presented to the relevant committee for their consideration, before the Executive make a final decision.

See more on this item elsewhere in your magazine.

Illegal tobacco and non-compliant vapes valued at more than £24,000 seized

An ongoing operation tackling the illegal importation and sale of goods across North Northamptonshire saw the seizure of 111 packets of hand rolling tobacco, 866 packets of cigarettes and 1,042 non-compliant vapes last month.

In response to an increase in complaints and intelligence, officers from Trading Standards worked with partners at North Northamptonshire Council Licensing and Northamptonshire Police to inspect four premises in Rushden. A monetary value totalling approximately £24,541.60 was seized. I would like to thank the officers and teams involved with this latest enforcement action and ongoing investigation.

Here in North Northamptonshire, there is zero tolerance for flouting the law in relation to tobacco products and the links this often has to wider criminality. There is no place for this in our communities. I would urge anyone who has concerns about the sale of illegal tobacco products and vapes to report it online at Trading Standards advice and help for consumers or call Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133

E-Scooters

Voi has expanded its service in the east of Kettering so that e-scooters are now available across the entire town. E-scooters and e-bikes provide a greener and cheaper alternative form of transport to help cut congestion and pollution for all.

Commendation

I received an email last from a resident about the positive impact that North Northamptonshire Councillor, Cllr Lora Lawman, has made on their local community.

The resident commended Cllr Lora Lawman for her loyalty and commitment to her constituents and her outstanding work to resolve a planning issue.

I know that Members across the whole area will be doing great work for their communities and constituents. Please do let me know if you have any positive feedback or good news stories that you would like me to highlight

.Rothwell Town Council wins Council of the Year 2023 award

Congratulations to Rothwell Town Council for winning the Council of the Year 2023 award. The award was announced at the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) AGM meeting earlier this month.

Two councillors nominated for national awards

Congratulations are in order for two councillors from Corby who have been named finalists in the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Star Council Awards 2023.

Established in 1947, NALC is the only national body that represents the interests of 10,000 local (parish and town) councils in England. NALC works in partnership with county associations to support, promote and improve local councils.

The Star Council Awards are the only awards in England that recognise the local (town and parish) council sector. They celebrate the positive impact on their communities of local councils, councillors, clerks and county associations.

Cllr Mark Pengelly is nominated for Councillor of the Year.

Cllr Callum Reilly is nominated for Young Councillor of the Year.

The winners of the Star Council Awards will be announced during NALC's annual parliamentary reception, which will take place on Wednesday 29 November at the House of Lords in Westminster.

Congratulations to Mark and Callum – I wish you the best of the luck in the finals.

*With Best Wishes,
Jason*



Jason's latest report can be read via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/yj98touj>

Have your say on taxi de-zoning – Cllr David Brackenbury

A consultation has been launched to review the existing taxi zones across North Northants.

30 October 2023

Earlier in 2023, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive approved a consultation to consider whether the four current zones should be retained or replaced with one zone for North Northamptonshire.



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The proposal is to remove the former authority area hackney carriage zones and to replace them with one hackney carriage zone for North Northants. It makes sense to look and consider whether this a viable option,

When North Northamptonshire Council was formed, for the purposes of taxi licensing, the previous former authority area zones were retained: Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough.

Each zone continues to licence its own taxis and drivers as well as operate to the byelaws currently in existence for that former area. It also means that a driver and vehicle wishing to operate across the whole of North Northamptonshire would need to obtain four licences.

Since North Northamptonshire Council came into existence, we have been looking at all legacy systems across the four areas and reviewing, where necessary.

but there are also a variety of elements to consider and to do this - we need the views of residents and stakeholders, including those who use taxis and drivers. This is why this consultation is so important and all responses will be carefully considered.

Consultation and engagement activities can be completed online via North Northamptonshire Council's Consultation and Engagement Hub and the taxi de-zoning consultation will be open until 21 January 2024.

Email:

taxilicensing.kbc@northnorthants.gov.uk or write to North Northamptonshire Council (Kettering Licensing), Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX



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Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service's Home Safety and Safeguarding Team has won the top team award at the National Fire Chiefs' Council Prevention and Protection Awards ceremony held in November this year.

Congratulations to the team who look after us and especially the most vulnerable people in our community.

Source: Mick Rodden Facebook 19 Nov 2023

Just a thought: 'Emotions neither prove nor disprove facts. There was a time when any rational adult understood this. But years of dumbed-down education and emphasis on how people 'feel' have left too many people unable to see through this media gimmick.'

Thomas Sowell

A MESSAGE FROM SUSAN HALL AM

Conservative candidate for Mayor of London

'LABOUR IS COMING FOR YOUR CAR'

As the Conservative Mayoral candidate, I am campaigning to stop Sadiq Khan's disastrous ULEZ expansion and if elected I will put a stop to it on day one, no ifs, no buts.

Sadiq Khan's already extended the ULEZ tax to outer London – costing some drivers up to £4,500 a year.

Here's the truth, London is just the frontline in Labour's war on cars.

From the blanket 20mph limit in Wales to bigger and tougher ULEZ plans, motorists across the UK are feeling the brunt of a Labour-backed movement to make cars more expensive.

But don't just take my word for it. Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner admitted that ULEZ-style schemes are "coming to towns and cities across the UK."

And a victory in London will be Labour's green light to expand these measures to struggling motorists across the country.

My campaign isn't just about London and its future. It's about the right of everyone in the UK to travel how they want, when they want.

But to guarantee that freedom, we need to win in London. And to win in London, I need your help.

Sadiq Khan has the support of unions and the City Hall machine. I have the generosity of people like you – people who care about the future of this country.

Working together, we can deliver a great victory, and stop Labour's war on cars.

If you would like to help please go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/ys8e4h8c>

Or use the QR code here



SUSAN HALL WILL PUT A STOP TO ULEZ EXPANSION

In the 2 month's of Sadiq Khan's ULEZ expansion he has made over £52m



To date 767 cameras have been reported as damaged

and 220 stolen.

Each camera costs about £10,000 so the cost of replacement of all these cameras would amount to almost £10m.

Source: GB news 13 Nov 2023

NHS has spent almost £65million on making a whole fleet of ambulances ULEZ compliant.

NHS ambulance services in southern England have been made temporarily exempt by Transport for London (TfL) whilst the health service changes over from non-compliant vehicles.

Freedom of Information requests reveal that each vehicle costs £140,000 to replace.

The NHS has until October 2025 to replace the ambulances.

Source: GBNews 21 Nov 2023

TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES



As your local MP, Tom believes it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that his constituents have. As such, he holds weekly advice

surgeries.

To book an appointment, please telephone 020 7219 8043, or email pursglovet@parliament.uk, or go to <https://www.vote Pursglove.co.uk/weekly-advice-surgeries>. as he operates his surgeries on an appointments basis, utilising virtual, telephone and face-to-face methods - ensuring that his constituents do not have to rush through their concerns and to best meet people's individual circumstances and requirements.

Tom's work never stops on behalf of local people, and he just wanted to restate that he is always available to hear your concerns and worries, or about any issues that you may be facing and would appreciate some help with. You can get in touch via telephone, letter, or email and can also organise an appointment for one of his weekly surgeries if you would like to have a more detailed discussion.

Please do get in touch if you have any issues or concerns.

You can write to him at:
Tom Pursglove, MP, House of
Commons, Westminster, London,
SW1A 0AA

Tom Pursglove - Corby War Memorial

1 Nov 2023

During a busy day out and about in the constituency, I was pleased to meet with a number of local organisations, including Corby Town Council, North

Northamptonshire Council, and the Corby Branch of the Royal British Legion, where we opened discussions about an ambitious project to develop the Corby War Memorial for future generations, which I know is something local people feel very passionately about.

Over the years, the National Lottery Heritage Fund has asked me to encourage local groups to apply for funding to help bring forward heritage projects locally and this seems to me to be a perfect fit, not least given the fact that we are seeing enormous and growing numbers of people wanting to participate in the act of Remembrance each year, particularly on Remembrance Sunday.

I have therefore written to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to enquire about the possibility of accessing funding for this important local restoration project, and I look forward to continuing to work with local representatives, key organisations, and residents on this.



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THE MISERABLE OLD GIT

WHEN DID KIDS STOP HAVING FUN?



The world now seems to have an addiction to catastrophe.

Is there no end to catastrophising?

Bird Flu, Global Warming/Flooding, Illegal Immigration, Covid, HIV1, Gender Disphoria, Mass demonstrations, inflation, and, of course, two major wars. The truant Greta doesn't help. Even the weather forecasters on TV can't let a seasonal storm pass without trying to frighten the life out of us.

To paraphrase George Orwell in his book, 1984, *'always have a crisis in the offing to control the proletariat. It stops them worrying about their own personal circumstances and they will accept all privation.'* The War Criminal started it with his Iraq invasion and Foot & Mouth; the world has continued down this path ever since.

Us of the older generation just grit our teeth and carry on — we've seen it all before — but the under 20s have been brought up on a diet of constant bad news and they don't seem to have the life experience to shrug their shoulders and move on.

But it appears nowadays TikTok is the main source of news for youngsters and their algorithms make sure that our children are fed a 20-second diet of awful news interspersed with funny clips.

Of course, bad news sells, so it is no wonder the media are so keen to jump on the band wagon.

So the law of unintended consequences has led to a huge rise in mental problems for the next generation.

When did kids start to worry about the world's problems instead of just having fun and enjoying life?

SILVER VOICE FAMILY DOCTOR: SURVEY FINDINGS

It is clear from our survey findings that the problems of access to GPs are getting worse, and some members are finding it almost impossible to penetrate the barriers being put up between doctors and their patients. These access barriers are driving more patients to seek private alternatives or go to A&E Departments.

The key personal experiences highlighted by the survey were as follows, and relate to the respondent or an immediate member of their family (in the last year):

- 76% have experienced difficulties in obtaining a face-to-face GP appointment
- 80% have had to accept a telephone consultation rather than a face-to-face appointment
- 71% have had to accept an appointment with another member of practice staff rather than the GP
- 18 % have attended A&E because of the inability to obtain an urgent GP appointment
- 31% have resorted to private healthcare because of dissatisfaction with their local NHS

In terms of the barriers being created by GP practices:

- Only 24% of practices still accept walk-in requests for GP appointments
- 82% of practices still accept telephone requests for GP appointments
- But 16% of practices are operating an internet only request process for GP appointments
- Only 41% of practices still accept telephone requests for repeat prescriptions

Source: Silver Voices Nov 2023

Fore more information on Silver Voices

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