

## Thinking of getting hitched?



My Civil Partnership Bill becomes an Act!

Earlier this year I succeeded in getting a remarkable piece of legislation through Parliament under the Private Member's Bill mechanism and in May 2019 the 'Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration etc) Act' became law. Normally private member's bills stand little chance of getting through Parliament and contain just a single simple measure. In this case, my Bill included no fewer than four potentially contentious separate measures on issues I have campaigned for over many years. I succeeded against the odds and the result

will make a difference to the lives of thousands of people. So what does my Act do? From the end of this year opposite sex couples, who do not want to go down the marriage route but do want to commit to each other and have their union recognised by the state, will be able to enter into a civil partnership, available to same sex couples since 2004. There are currently 3.3 million opposite sex cohabiting couples in the UK, half with children, who currently lack basic legal protections. Since 1837 mothers have not been allowed to sign the marriage register at

weddings, only fathers. This goes back to the days when women were seen as 'chattels' of men to be given away and updating the law is long overdue. The Government and Church of England are now making these changes as a result of my Act. The Act will give coroners the power to investigate stillbirths if they deem there are grounds to do so. Coroners can currently look at deaths of all other humans unless they were stillborn and hospital cover-ups such as happened in Staffordshire make improved transparency even more important. The Act also obliges the Health Secretary to set up a review of how we can register children stillborn before 24 weeks' gestation. The pain of losing a baby is exacerbated when parents find out they cannot even register his or her existence and this Act seeks a solution to that after I received many tragic stories from parents across the UK. You can find more details at [www.timloughton.com](http://www.timloughton.com)

## Veterans

With a lot of veterans living in and around Worthing I am always keen to support the military and local military charities, including the annual Drumhead Service as part of Armed Forces Weekend in June. I have spoken out against the outrageous treatment of Northern Ireland veterans now facing possible charges for action they took doing their duty back in the 1970s whilst IRA terrorists went unpunished. This is an issue I feel strongly about and support the plans by former Defence Secretary Penny Mordaunt to give them proper protections and immunities. I was delighted to hear that Boris Johnson has created the new 'Office for Veterans' Affairs' which will provide lifelong support to military personnel - overdue but hugely encouraging.



Cheers to our serving Armed Forces and veterans!



## COME UP & SEE ME

I love to welcome constituents to Westminster for guided tours around the Commons and Lords. Sometimes I will act as guide myself, or else the office can organise free tours with professional guides. In a few years' time the Palace will be evacuated for several years for extensive repair and renovations so if you are interested in a trip you need to get your skates on and contact my office! I have been delighted to welcome groups from the North Lancing Residents Association, Shoreham Beach Residents, Lancing College, Worthing High School and many other groups, schools and individuals in recent months.



## Keeping in Touch

If you are not sure exactly what an MP does and how to make best use of me, you can find a helpful section on my website and make sure you watch my weekly video on Facebook detailing the week ahead and any important events that are happening both locally and in Westminster.

## Talk to Tim

I regularly hold my 'Talk to Tim' public meetings to encourage constituents to come and engage with me and local councillors on all the important local, national and international issues. Please keep an eye on my e-newsletter, social media or website for any upcoming meetings!

## Surgeries

I run surgeries by appointment and drop-in. To attend a surgery by appointment please call 01273 757182. Alternatively, you can speak to me at one of my street surgeries: **Second Saturday of every month** Shoreham Farmers' Market (10am-12pm)

**Third Saturday of every month** Lancing Country Market (10am-12pm)

Surgeries are also held in Southwick, Sompting and Worthing - check my website for more details.

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# What's he up to?

WORKING FOR YOU, **TIM LOUGHTON MP** REPORTS BACK

# WHAT'S HAPPENING ABOUT THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY?

Long after we have sorted Brexit, climate change will be the biggest challenge facing this country and our planet.



Talking to a large group of constituents in June, as part of the 'Time is Now' Lobby - discussing climate change and other key environmental issues.

Last year the UN warned that we have just 12 years to act to limit catastrophic runaway climate change which will expose millions to flooding, heatwaves (haven't they already started?), poverty, drought, food shortages and biodiversity loss. Recognising this, the UK Government became the first major country to announce a legally enforceable commitment to a net zero target on greenhouse gases by 2050, and that target is likely to be shortened as environmental technology advances at pace.

## What has the Government done?

- Since 1990 the UK has cut carbon emissions by 40% whilst the economy has grown by two thirds.
- Energy recycled from renewables was just 6% in 2010, it is now 36% helped by

the likes of the Rampion wind farm powering half of Sussex households.

- The UK's CO2 emissions fell a further 2% last year to the lowest level since 1888.
- 99% of solar power installations have happened under the Conservatives since 2010.
- Coal fired power is being phased out by 2025 and plans to make all new car sales electric rather than petrol are being boosted by 20,000 publicly accessible charge points and many more on their way.

## What has the Council done?

target to be carbon neutral by 2030. You can find more details and find out how you can do your bit at [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/sustainable-aw](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/sustainable-aw)

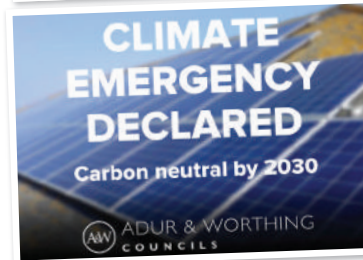
- Implemented a world-leading ban on microbeads and since the introduction of the plastic bag charge in 2015, 15.6 billion fewer bags have been handed out to shoppers by the seven main retailers.

## What have I done?

- In 2008 I set up the EYE (Eco, Young & Engaged) Project for local schools to share environmental best practice. Since then thousands of local schoolchildren have taken part. On June 27th we held our 12th annual Eco-Summit at Worthing College with over 200 pupils from 14 local schools attending. The project has now gone county wide with Eco-Summits at Chichester, Littlehampton and Crawley. The project was shortlisted for a prestigious national 'Green Heroes Award' in Parliament this year. Find out more details at [www.EYEProject.co.uk](http://www.EYEProject.co.uk)
- I produced a practical guide for all constituents - 'Your Guide to Going Green' - you can find an online version at [www.timloughton.com](http://www.timloughton.com) or order hard copies.
- I have been working with local

environmental groups including Extinction Rebellion on an Environment Fair in Worthing and constituency wide Green Day of Action later on this year so local people and local businesses can come along and find out what they can do with stalls and workshops.

- I have also written to all local supermarkets to attend the Fair and show what they are doing to reduce plastic and excessive packaging, back locally produced food and drink and helping sustainable growth.
- I am the RSPB's Yellowhammer 'Parliamentary Champion' and work with local farmers to see how Government policy can help them make their farms more friendly to birds and other wildlife, supporting the recent Open Farm Sunday at Lychpole Farm in Sompting.
- I am part of the Conservative Environment Network which has published a manifesto full of measures to get the Government to go faster and further on the environment. You can see a copy here: [www.cen.uk.com](http://www.cen.uk.com)
- Each week I include a 'Tim's Top Eco Tip' as part of my weekly forward look video - are you getting your copy online?
- This newsletter is printed on recycled paper.



**CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY  
DECLARED**  
Carbon neutral by 2030  
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**THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO SORTING BREXIT BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> AND NOT BEFORE TIME. I HAVE ANSWERED LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF EMAILS ON BREXIT OVER RECENT MONTHS BUT THERE IS LIFE BEYOND BREXIT, SO I AM CONCENTRATING ON MANY OF THE OTHER THINGS I HAVE BEEN UP TO ON YOUR BEHALF IN THIS SPECIAL CONSTITUENCY REPORT.**

## Competition Time!

## WIN A MAGNUM OF CHAMPAGNE SIGNED BY BORIS!

Everyone signing up to receive Tim's constituency e-newsletter before the end of September will be entered into a **free draw** to **WIN an exclusive magnum of champagne signed by PM Boris Johnson. Just go on to Tim's website at**

**[www.timloughton.com/form/newsletter-sign-up](http://www.timloughton.com/form/newsletter-sign-up) to enter, or you can enter your details and return the 60 second snap poll below to sign up.**

1) Who would make the best Prime Minister?

☐ Johnson ☐ Corbyn ☐ Swinson  
☐ Farage ☐ Lucas

2) Put the following in order of preference:

☐ Leaving the EU without a deal  
☐ leaving the EU with a deal  
☐ not leaving the EU at all  
☐ holding a second referendum

3) Name one thing you would like to see done to improve Adur or Worthing?

4) Do you think the basic rate of income tax is:

☐ too high  
☐ about right  
☐ too low

5) What should be the top priority for local police?

6) I'd like more information about helping Tim's Conservative campaign team in East Worthing and Shoreham

☐ Yes  
☐ No

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# What's on your mind?

The profile of mental illness has increased substantially over recent years as more people are diagnosed, but more encouragingly the stigma of coming forward for help with your mental health has been largely extinguished. And why not? No one would judge you seeking help for your diabetes, asthma or heart condition so why should it be any different just because your illness is mental rather than physical. One in four of us will suffer some form of mental illness in our lifetime; one in ten school age children, whilst one in six women will experience some form of peri-natal mental illness which can be harmful when forming a strong attachment to a new baby.

The Government has been investing heavily in mental health and the 'parity of esteem' with physical illness in the NHS but much more needs to be done, especially recruiting many more clinicians. I have been heavily involved with mental health for children since my days as Children's Minister. I chair a national charity for peri-natal mental health, 'PIP UK' as well as the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Mindfulness which is being taken up by many schools in particular. In response to a number of surgery cases, mostly involving schoolchildren accessing mental health support, I have now set up a special new website to help people concerned



about mental health issues for themselves or family, friends and colleagues. It was launched in August and you can find it here:

[www.adurandworthingmentalhelp.org.uk](http://www.adurandworthingmentalhelp.org.uk)

It contains helpful information about what the NHS is doing about improving mental health services, what the law says about your rights and expectations, where to get help and support in the NHS and other local support groups and voluntary organisations. There are specific sections for pupils, students, work colleagues and older people. Uniquely the website wants your direct input.

I have linked up with our Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust which provides mental health services across the county. There are 'feedback' sections across the interactive website where you can tell me how good or bad your experience of local services has been. I have agreed with Sam Allen, the Chief Executive of the Trust, to report the findings and their comments and proposals will then be reported back publicly so that we can make sure that services can be improved, and failings dealt with. This site really is for your benefit so please do use it and tell me what you think.

## Boris backs fairer funding for schools

I was delighted when new Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced additional resources for schools and support for fairer funding. His pledge to 'level up' funding per pupil will particularly benefit schools in West Sussex where we have been near the bottom of the funding table over many years despite having some excellent schools with great teachers producing great results for our children. Together with my West Sussex MP colleagues we have been campaigning for fairer funding for West

Sussex schools since before the last election. I have held a series of 'roundtables' inviting every head and every chair of governors from every school in the constituency and most weeks I am visiting a local school. As a result, the funding formula was changed, and West Sussex received an additional £28m which was very welcome but only goes part of the way. If we level up from the current £4600 per pupil to an indicated £5000 that should fit the bill of what local heads have been asking for.



With fellow West Sussex MPs and the then-Education Secretary Damian Hinds.

## FIGHTING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABROAD

When not voting on Brexit I managed a couple of overseas trips with other MPs. It was a pleasure to travel to Dharamsala to meet the Dalai Lama as I chair the Parliamentary Group for Tibet and have long campaigned against Chinese human rights abuses which have seen more than a million Tibetans lose their lives since the invasion in 1959.



Anyone who values human rights should support the cause of the peace-loving people of Tibet and in July I introduced a new Bill to Parliament which would ban Chinese officials visiting the UK if they continue to prevent foreign officials and MPs from visiting Tibet to meet Tibetans suffering abuse.



I was also proud to see the incredible benefits brought by British overseas aid money supporting the 78,000 Syrian refugees at the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan, on a delegation with UNICEF.



## Pensioners' Fair

I am again planning a Pensioner's Fair following last year's record attendance at the annual event we held in the Montague Quarter in the centre of Worthing. Look out for details on my website as soon as a venue is confirmed. Last year the local Women's 1950s Pension Group took part and I continue to fight their case in Parliament as Co-Chair on the All-Party Parliamentary Group for State Pension Inequality for Women, for a fairer deal for those disadvantaged most of all by pension age reforms.



## POLICING & SECURITY



I sit on the influential Home Affairs Select Committee which specialises in policing and serious crime, security, immigration and Brexit preparations. We are currently conducting inquiries into Islamophobia, the Macpherson Report 20 years on and Modern Slavery and have just published a report on Violent Youth Crime. You can follow our work on [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk) under 'committees'. I also welcome Boris Johnson's pledge to bring more officers onto the streets, with Sussex PCC Katy Bourne announcing Sussex are to recruit 200 police officers a year over the next 4 years.

## Animal Welfare

I was one of the original members of the All-Party Parliamentary Animal Welfare Group and have championed much animal welfare legislation - from ending puppy farming to banning live animal exports which can only happen after Brexit because of EU rules. Locally I have also been working with farmers to educate dog owners to avoid attacks on livestock. To mark the Government's Animal Cruelty Sentencing Bill increasing penalties for people abusing animals I launched a constituency 'Cutest Pets' competition and was subsequently deluged with entries. Please look online at my website or Facebook page to see the winner!

Meanwhile the Government has also:

- Brought in compulsory CCTV in abattoirs
- Banned puppy farming
- Introduced legislation to ban wild animals in circuses
- And lots more!



I get many opportunities to lend my support to organisations and good causes like the Guide Dogs, do check my website [www.timloughton.com](http://www.timloughton.com) to see more.

## Out & About with Tim



**MASTERCHEF** Champion and Worthing residents Kenny Tutt and his wife Lucy came to Parliament to open a special Taste of West Sussex event to showcase our excellent local produce before opening his great new restaurant Pitch in Worthing.



**CHILDREN'S PARADE** This was the 12th parade and 12th time I have had the privilege to act as compere welcoming the schools as they processed into Steyne Gardens. With 20 different groups all representing characters from David Walliams' children's books that was no mean feat, made all the more special by a personal appearance from David Walliams himself!



**AMBULANCE** - I regularly go out on patrol with our emergency services to see the challenges facing them at the sharp end.



**PANTO** Oh no he didn't! - Oh Yes I did enjoy the latest raucous 'panto experience' as King Richard in 'The Legend of North Lancing' performed by the North Lancing Residents' Association.



**CURRY** Congratulations to Shoreham curry restaurant Calcutta 16 for winning highly commended in the Parliamentary Tiffin Cup annual contest. Well worth a visit.



**BENEFITS** Helping employees with benefits. In June I held a special seminar with Worthing Jobs Centre and Lancing Business Park employers to make sure their employees are getting the right benefits and how they can become part of the apprenticeship and Disability Confident programmes.



**PRIDE** Worthing's second Pride was even bigger and better than last year. A great way to showcase our town in the same week I voted to extend same sex marriage to Northern Ireland to treat everyone in the UK equally.



**WORTHING HOMES** Worthing Homes Family Day - a great opportunity to catch up with tenants of the excellent Worthing Homes as housing is usually one of my biggest surgery caseloads



**CANCER RESEARCH UK** - I get the opportunity to lend my support to a variety of incredibly worthwhile causes in Parliament