



# Tim Loughton MP's Parliamentary E-Newsletter

## Welcome to my E-Newsletter

Dear Constituent

Welcome to the summer edition of my e-newsletter. Apologies first of all that you have not received a copy since May. Learning how to adapt to life as a Minister at the Department for Education has been hectic to say the least, added to which there have been a number of changes in my Parliamentary office. I am sorry if replies to correspondence have been a little slower than usual but I hope that things are returning to normal now.

I am pleased to report that a new full time PA Caroline MacNaughton has now started in my Westminster office and can be contacted on 02072194471. The constituency office in Worthing is open Tuesday to Fridays from 10-4 and Michelle Boase can be contacted there on 01903 235168.

Both offices will be manned for most days during the summer recess which started on July 27th and Parliament will return on Monday September 6th. I am also holding a series of scheduled surgeries and street surgeries over the summer and details are given below. I am including details of consultation exercises we will be holding in the autumn in line with the new Coalition Government's programme to make savings as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review due to be held on October 20th and I have provided links to new video podcasts on my [www.telltim.co.uk](http://www.telltim.co.uk) website which you may find of interest.

As always please do tell me if there is anything else you would like to see in future editions.

Best wishes

Tim Loughton MP

## **New Ministerial team at Department for Education**



From left to right, Sarah Teather Minister of State for Children and Families, Lord Hill of Oareford CBE Parliamentary

Under Secretary of State for Schools, Secretary of State for Education Micheal Gove, TIm Loughton Parliamentary

Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, Nick Gibb Minister of State for Schools.

## **Scheduled Surgery dates**

Phone 01903 235168 for an appointment.

Friday August 5th – Southwick

Friday August 20th – Lancing

Friday September 3rd – Worthing

## Street Surgeries



Just turn up

Saturday August 14th 10-12 - Broadwater Street West (councillors only)

Saturday August 21st 10-12 - Lancing Village

Saturday September 11th 10-12 – Shoreham Farmer’s Market

Saturday September 18th 10-12 - Dominion Road Community House, Worthing

## Arts Council England Artsmark award

Well done to the 4 schools in East Worthing and Shoreham-by-Sea who have been awarded the Artsmark. They are:

Broadwater CE First and Middle School, Arksmark Silver

Downsbrook Middle

School, Arksmark Gold

St Peter's Catholic Primary

School, Shroeham-by-Sea, Aartsmark Gold

St Andrew's CE High School for Boys, Arksmark

To gain this award the school had to have a thorough audit of their arts provision and offer a broadrange of

art activities including dance, drama, music, art and design. It is vitally important that all children have access to a wide range of artistic forms.

Congratulations!

## Playday



Tim joined children from Worthing on Broadwater Green as part of National Playday on August 4th and got very messy.

The local event was run by Worthing Playday Association with help from Adur & Worthing Councils' wellbeing team to tie in with the national event backed by Play England. As Minister for Children & Families Tim was there to support the national event and promote play opportunities especially for those children who lack the access to facilities enjoyed by others.

## Findon Valley residents take to the streets again



Residents in Findon Valley are up in arms again after an announcement by HSBC that they are to close the only

remaining bank in the Valley. It has been an active year for FVRA after the problems over the decision by West Sussex County Council to go ahead with the children's centre at the Vale School site despite objections from hundreds of residents, supported by Tim and the local councillors. Tim has been supporting this latest campaign and led a march with FVRA Chairman David Gonclaves from the Findon Valley branch to the nearest alternative HSBC branch in Broadwater at a well supported event on August 4th. He has also organised a meeting with HSBC management later in the month. The FVRA has organised a survey of users of the branch which has revealed that more than double the number of customers are using the facility as claimed by HSBC, and a number of businesses are particularly reliant on this facility. If you want more details about supporting the campaign go to the FVRA website on [www.findonvalley.org](http://www.findonvalley.org)

#### **Hasler Estate – public meeting**

Residents of the Hasler Estate in Lancing are only too familiar with the long running problems with the crumbling roads and pavements on the estate. Tim has been in discussions with the new owners Landstone Ltd and they have now agreed to attend a **public meeting** with Tim, councillors and residents to be held at Lancing Parish Hall on **Thursday**

**September 2nd starting at 7pm.** All welcome

#### **Annual International Neighbours Festival**



Tim attended a lively international 'Festival for the Community' held at Shoreham Community Centre in June organised

by Justine Green.

### **Shoreham Farmer's Market nominated again**

Sussex Food and Drink Awards are looking for the best farmer's market in Sussex again! Shoreham Farmers Market is now competing for first place again. In 2008 the Shoreham market was named the best farmers market in Sussex and with your help it could do it again. The Market boasts 60 regular stalls and live music. you can vote for the market at [www.sussexfoodawards.biz](http://www.sussexfoodawards.biz) and help Shoreham Farmers Market gain the recognition it deserves.

### **100 years of Girl Guides**



Hot on the heels of last years scout celebrations West Sussex girl guides celebrated 100 years of girlguiding with a 'Party in the Park' attended by thousands of girls from across the county at Fontwell Park racecourse. The day included a range of activities including a traditional funfair and Tim took the opportunity to join new Adur Chairman Debbie Kennard on the carousel.

### **1,000 jobs and a multiplex cinema to come to Worthing?**

Teville Gate in Worthing could still get its nine screen cinema, 260 flats, and 100 bed hotel along with shops, restaurants and offices. There were fears that the project which could create 1000 jobs had been put off due to the recession.

However Hanson Capitol Management is expected to apply for planning permission by the end of the summer, with demolition starting as soon as next spring. Worthing could have its modern cinema by 2014 and an end to this long running eyesore at last!

### **Freshbrook Road traffic**



Traffic in Freshbrook Road, Lancing has been a nightmare for some time with many drivers using this as a rat run to avoid traffic queues on the A259. Added to this, the expansion of Seaside School with the merger of Thornberry and Freshbrook Schools has meant even more congestion around school start and finish times especially. There is no easy solution but Tim organised a useful meeting between local residents, councillors, representatives from the Highways Department and the head of Seaside School Simon Mockford. Work is ongoing.

## Are you Worthing's idol 2010?



Worthing's own version of the TV talent show is coming to town on Bank Holiday Monday, August 30th between 12-3pm in South Street, Worthing. Organised by new Worthing councillor Vicky Vaughan who set up the 'Talent Within You' project, auditions were held last month and revealed a rich vein of local talent. Tim is due to be one of the judges so make sure you come along on Bank Holiday and see for yourself. More information on [www.talentwithinyou.org.uk](http://www.talentwithinyou.org.uk)

## On yer bike Nigel



Tim took up a tough challenge of a bike ride with former Formula One champion Nigel Mansell and his team on Tuesday August 3rd in aid of the positive for youth campaign being promoted by youth charity UK Youth where Tim is a patron of their centenary year celebrations. Nigel Mansell, President of UK Youth cycled 1100 miles in 13 days to promote the centenary campaign 'Positive about Youth'. Launched by HRH the Princess Royal on 18 February, this campaign will seek to change perceptions by highlighting the contribution made by youth to society. Starting from City Hall on 22 July Nigel covered an average of 100 miles per day cycling as part of a team of ten. Tim was only joining Nigel for

a short part of the final London leg from Downing Street, ending at Buckingham Palace!

### **And more on yer bike closer to home**



The Worthing Lions' Festival got off to a roaring start on July 23rd as a drive past by the Goldwing Motor Cycle Light Ride to Steyne Gardens was followed by a spectacular fireworks display on a clear summer's night. Worthing Mayor Councillor Anne Sayers and Tim were asked to judge the best turned out motorbike and took the opportunity to try out the winning vehicle for size.

### **And yet more on yer bike**

Tim dropped in to open the new 'Eco Scape' play area at the St Julian's nursery in Southwick last month and was able to try out some of the new equipment with the local vicar. The nursery have just received an 'excellent' rated OFSTED report and have been given a capital grant from West Sussex County Council to improve play facilities which includes a fantastic new rubberised surface outside which can be used by the children all year round and is particularly beneficial for those with special educational needs.

## Meet In place



Tim attended the official opening of the first community satellite police station in West Sussex at Fishergate with the High Sherriff. The police have rented a former laundrette converted into the Meet-in-Place where two community support officers will be based. They will provide the community with a visible police presence and also be on the scene to tackle anti-social behaviour.

## 250 years of Shoreham port and still going strong



Around 20,000 people turned out to Shoreham Harbour's Open Day on July 18th. It was in fact a very special day marking 250 years since the Commissioners of Shoreham Harbour met at the Star Inn to plan a new cut to the sea to beat the problem of shingle accumulation, which became the Shoreham Port we know today. The future of the Port is up for discussion as the Government look at the status of the few remaining so-called Trust Ports established by Act of Parliament. In addition Shoreham Port has published a Masterplan with some exciting proposals about the future direction of the Port. Detailed plans were on display at the Open day and can also be seen on [www.shoreham-port.co.uk](http://www.shoreham-port.co.uk)

### **Southwick Roman Villa**



Tim unveiled the new panel detailing Southwick's Roman Villa which is buried under the Southwick Methodist Church.

This follows a lot of hard work by local archaeologist Giles Standing who conducted test excavations with schoolchildren from Eastbrook School a couple of years ago. The Southwick Society have supported the project and are currently housing an exhibition of local Roman finds at the Manor Cottage. The Villa was built in 75 AD and had four lavish wings set around a central courtyard. The centre piece of the panel is an artists impression of the Villa which was drawn 43 years ago. Also on the Panel are the two winning drawings by children of Eastbrook Primary School showing the Villa owners and slaves. Now anyone passing can read about the Roman history under their feet.

### **Southwick Photo Club**

Tim will be officially opening the Summer exhibition by Southwick Photographic Club at the Manor Cottage, Southwick on the morning of August 7th and the exhibition will be open free to the public for the following week. Tim became President of the Club earlier this year and has commended the very high standard of work by the local amateur photographers.

### **Worthing Children's Parade**



Worthing's Children's parade just gets bigger and better. Tim welcomed no fewer than 15 local schools to Steyne Gardens at the end of their colourful march around the town in June, each with their own interpretation of the theme 'Fantastic Fiction' involving some spectacular tableaux and bands.

### **West Sussex Schools get the vote**

Back in February students at schools across the county were encouraged to turn out to vote for representatives to the County Youth Cabinet and the UK Youth Parliament. To encourage students to vote the County Youth Service arranged a series of awards for those schools achieving a high turnout. In the event no fewer than 17 schools received awards for turnouts of over 50% with 6 over 90% and they were invited to a special Democracy Day awards ceremony at the House of Commons organised by Tim in July.

### **It's a dog's life**



Tim was invited to open Bognor Regis Dog Show where funds raised went towards Worthing charity WADARS where Tim is President.

### Third Eco Summit

The third annual Eco Summit was held at the Thomas A Becket Middle School in Worthing. Tim was not able to attend due to other Parliamentary commitments but he sent them a podcast message of support and continues to support the E.Y. E (Eco, Young and Engaged) project. It is important that children engage with environmental sound projects and learn more about sustainability.

### Going Up



Tim pressed the button to raise the Springboard Projects new lift for the first time. The lift was installed due to generous contributions from the Clothworkers Foundation, Horsham District, Garfield Weston Foundation, The Lotus Foundation and Collyers 6th Form College. It allows children with mobility difficulties to reach the Pudsey's Playroom on the 1st floor of Springboard House. The Springboard project is a community run charity which offers safe and recreational play to young people with special educational needs while offering support to their families. Springboard House where the lift has been installed has been the projects centre since 1994 and has a wide range of rooms offering different activities, for all children regardless of their ability.

## Shoreham Footbridge

Tim has again attended a meeting with the residents of Sussex Wharf School putting pressure on developers Taylor Wimpey to finish the large development satisfactorily. Taylor Wimpey bosses again attended a meeting with Tim and councillors.

Meanwhile plans for the Footbridge to the town will be under discussion at a **meeting organised by the Shoreham**

**Beach Residents on August 20th, 7pm at the Shoreham Beach School in Shingle Road. All local**

**residents welcome.**

## Shoreham Fort



Tim was invited to a guided tour round Shoreham Fort on Shoreham Beach by Gary Baines who is the brains behind the Friends of Shoreham Fort and who have been doing such a magnificent job to restore this important piece of local history. In May the Friends organised a canon firing by soldiers in period military uniforms and a number of future events are planned along with the ongoing work to repair crumbling parts of the structure. Tim, who helped set up the Parliamentary Archaeology Group has pledged to see what he can do to help raise the profile of the fort and attract additional much needed funds. If you would like to help Gary and his team look at their website on: [www.shorehamfort.co.uk](http://www.shorehamfort.co.uk)

### **The Big Budget conversation**

Both Adur and Worthing councils will ask their residents to contribute to the budget debate in two areas. Residents will have the chance to say to them which issues are most important and which ones are not. As well as being asked if they support a full merger of the two councils or not. The chance to have your say will come in September when a leaflet is delivered with the annual register of electors form. Both councils are facing cuts into the millions by 2014, now is your chance to tell the cross party budgetary advisory group what is important to you.

### **Drumhead Service**



Tim joined a well attended and now traditional Drumhead Service in Steyne gardens on June 27th to mark Armed Forces Day.

### **Young carer's festival**

More than 1500 young carers from all over the UK travelled to celebrate the 11th Young Carers Festival. Tim met many young people and took questions from the stage about Government Policy towards young carers before going on to meet many of the young carers letting their hair down. The event was held at Fairthorne Manor near Southampton and Tim has attended 7 out of the last 11 years of the event.

### So what's this stoolball then?



Tim attended the stoolball game between Shoreham residents and the Crew of HMS Shoreham. When the ship is on a home port visit the council often organises a sporting challenge to mark the event. The day was an enjoyable event with both sides making an effort and enjoying the day but in the end the crew triumphed over a team made up of Adur councillors and officers led by Chairman Debbie Kennard. Bring on the next home port challenge!

### Have your say on day services

West Sussex County Council is asking you for your opinion on day services for older people. The consultation is running from the 4th of August to the 27th of October. If you use day services in the area or you know someone who does or you think that you might use them in the future then have your say about what provisions you want in your area. Go to

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

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