

Tim Roca MP

Summer 2026 Newsletter



Working hard all year round for

Macclesfield

Bollington, Disley, Poynton
& the villages

STANDING UP FOR JODRELL BANK

Jodrell Bank is one of Britain's greatest scientific institutions and an important part of our local identity here in Cheshire. Over the summer, I have been working to support its future following concerns about the long term funding of the observatory and the e-MERLIN network.

I have met senior leaders at the University of Manchester, spoken directly with the Science Minister and remained in close contact with Jodrell Bank's lead scientists. I have also been working alongside Sarah Russell MP (Congleton), whose constituency includes the Jodrell Bank site, to make the strongest possible case for its future.

Jodrell Bank is not closing. Investment in the Square Kilometre Array Observatory will continue and funding for the Lovell Telescope's role in the e-MERLIN network is currently in place until 2028. However, I fully understand the concerns about what happens beyond that point and the potential impact on its important scientific work and dedicated staff.

Many local people have contacted me to express what Jodrell Bank means to them. Their messages demonstrate the enormous pride felt across Cheshire in an institution that has inspired generations and placed our area at the heart of international scientific discovery.

I will continue pressing the Government, the University of Manchester, UKRI and the Science and Technology Facilities Council to secure the best possible outcome. The strength of local support for Jodrell Bank has been very clear, and I remain determined to do everything I can to protect its scientific, economic and cultural contribution for generations to come. A meeting has also been secured with the Government.



Christ the King Primary School Visit and Primary School of the Year Award

It was a real pleasure to visit Christ the King Primary School and spend time with pupils and staff at their breakfast club.

The club is making a real difference, giving children a healthy breakfast and a welcoming start to the school day. It was wonderful to see how it is helping families. I was also delighted to celebrate the school's Pearson National Teaching Awards Silver Award for Primary School of the Year – Making a Difference.

This prestigious recognition reflects the dedication of the whole school community. Thank you to Headteacher Nicky Leigh, staff, governors and pupils. Congratulations everyone!

PEAK CLUSTER UPDATE

I recently wrote to the Government to raise residents' concerns, particularly in Gawsorth, about the proposed Peak Cluster carbon capture pipeline. The Government confirmed that the project is privately developed, remains at an early stage and is not currently receiving government funding. No decision has been made on future government support. Before it can proceed, the developer must submit a formal application and complete the required consultation and environmental assessments. These must consider the potential impact on communities, agriculture, protected landscapes, the environment and public safety.

A second stage of consultation is expected later in 2026, when more detailed proposals should be available. I will highlight this to residents so that people can examine the plans and have their say.

The Minister has also agreed to meet with me to discuss the concerns I have raised on behalf of our communities.

MAKING SURGERY REQUESTS

Need to speak to me about an issue?
Being accessible and listening to constituents is one of the most important parts of my role as your MP.

I hold regular surgeries at my constituency office, roving surgeries across Macclesfield and online appointments for those unable to attend in person.

To request an appointment, email tim.roca.mp@parliament.uk with your contact details, address and brief information about the issue. My team will then arrange the best way to help.

Whether your concern needs action locally or must be raised with a government department or another organisation, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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MACCLESFIELD FUND: THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING



I'm proud to have worked with Cheshire Community Foundation to help bring the new Macclesfield Fund to life.

When I first met the Foundation, I knew this was something our town and surrounding communities should have. Since then, I have helped bring together local people, businesses and community leaders, as well as securing funding for a dedicated Fund Development Manager to establish and grow the Fund.

Our ambition is to raise £150,000 by 2027, creating a lasting legacy for Macclesfield. The Fund will support local charities and community organisations tackling poverty, reducing isolation, addressing health inequalities and improving opportunities for people across our area. More than £30,000 was raised at the launch, with further donations continuing to come in.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Macclesfield Fund so far. This is just the beginning, and I'm excited to see the lasting difference it will make across our communities in the years ahead.



It was brilliant to return to Barnswood for the first time in 25 years, having been a Scout myself while growing up locally.

A huge thank you to everyone at Macclesfield and Congleton District Scouts for the fantastic opportunities they provide for local young people, and especially to the brilliant volunteers who make it all possible.

You can also find out more at:
www.mcscouts.org.uk

MACC PRIDE



A huge thank you to everyone at MaccPride and all the volunteers who made this year's event possible.

It was wonderful to see Macclesfield come together for a day celebrating love and identity, while standing peacefully against the inequality LGBTQ+ people still face.

Pride matters because visibility matters, rights must be protected and everyone should be free to be themselves. I am proud of our welcoming town and proud to stand with our LGBTQ+ community.

📷 Thank you to Tom Moitié for capturing the day so brilliantly.

SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS

It's been fantastic to welcome young people from schools across the Macclesfield constituency to Westminster as part of my Summer School.

Every secondary school was invited to nominate two students aged 16 to 18. On the second day, they enjoyed a tour of Parliament and a surprise visit to Number 10 Downing Street.

Seeing their excitement was brilliant. For many, it was a really special experience, and I'm delighted to offer opportunities like this. I hope it is a visit they will remember for years to come.

A huge thank you to Avanti West Coast for generously donating the train tickets and helping make the day possible.



It was a real pleasure to return to my old primary school, Disley Primary School, and meet members of its brilliant Student Parliament. Thank you to the school for hosting me.

I was so impressed by the pupils' passion for the environment and democracy, and by their projects to bring more flowers to the village and Disley station, while supporting fellow pupils.

Now that the summer holidays are over, I want to wish pupils, teachers and staff across the Macclesfield constituency all the very best for the new school year. We are incredibly lucky to have so many brilliant schools across our local community.



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