

ADLINGTON PETITION REACHES 18,932 SIGNATURES AND IS PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT

This month I presented a petition signed by 18,932 people to Parliament as part of a collective effort to stop the proposed New Town at Adlington. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked together in good faith to build a campaign that clearly demonstrates our shared commitment to protecting Adlington from these proposals. Thank you to all residents in Macclesfield and beyond who signed the petition. We now await a response from the government, and the large number of signatures will undoubtedly send a powerful message.

I have also met with the Minister of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Matthew Pennycook in November to set out our community's clear opposition to the proposed Adlington New Town. The recommendation from the New Towns Taskforce to the government, would place huge pressure on our green belt, local roads, schools and vital services. With an initial decision due in the spring, I made it clear that we want sustainable planning, not a development that risks overwhelming the area. Together we will keep campaigning for greenbelt, farmland and infrastructure that respects our villages, not swallows them.



Some of the things Rachel Reeves announced in the Budget:

- A pay rise for millions of workers.
- 450,000 children to be lifted out of poverty.
- Action to lower energy bills by £150 a year.
- Freezing rail fares for the first time in 30 years.
 - Freezing prescription charges.
 - An increase in the state pension.
- Investment to help young people into education, employment or training.
- 250 new Neighbourhood Health Centres.
- Fairer taxes on the wealthiest homeowners.

£172.25 Promoted by Hollie Ridlev on behalf of the Labour Party, both at 20 Rushworth Street, London, SE1 0SS

The budget, announced in November, focused on supporting families with the rising cost of living and helping to lift 450,000 children out of poverty. It also reaffirmed the government's commitment to reducing NHS waiting lists, which remain a key priority. The government is also helping small businesses by tackling late payments by large companies to improve cash flow, knocking £150 off energy bills, and keeping rail fares and prescription charges frozen to put more money in customers' pockets. The rate at which small businesses pay National Insurance is also set to be raised, along with offering new support so businesses can sell into new markets through trade deals.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

I want to wish everyone in Macclesfield a very Happy New Year and all the very best for 2026. I hope you had a chance to spend time with loved ones over Christmas and take a well-earned break.

Not everyone gets to switch off, so I want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has been working over the festive period, including our emergency services and NHS staff. Our communities could not function without you.

I know many people continue to face real pressures in their day-to-day lives. The Government continues to work hard to turn the country around after years of neglect.

Change can't happen overnight, but I know how frustrating this can be and I remain focused on doing everything I can to make a positive difference for people across Macclesfield.

REMEMBRANCE 2025

I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Macclesfield, paying tribute to all who made the ultimate sacrifice. My thanks to those who laid wreaths on my behalf in Disley, Prestbury, Poynton, and Bollington, and to everyone involved in the moving Remembrance display in Adlington.

I am grateful to the Royal British Legion and all who organised commemorations across our communities, ensuring remembrance remains central to our national life. As we mark the anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day, we reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for peace, and those who continue to serve today.

We must always remember war remains the ultimate tragedy, and these commemorations remind us of the heavy cost of conflict and the importance of peace. We will remember them.

LANDMARK UK-US PHARMACEUTICALS DEAL

AstraZeneca is vital to good jobs here in Macclesfield and to our world leading pharmaceutical capability. That's why I've been working closely with the company, GMB representatives and meeting ministers, including Health Secretary Wes Streeting, to make sure our industry stays competitive and continues to grow in the UK.

The new UK US pharma agreement is a major breakthrough. It secures 0% tariffs on medicines, protects access to vital treatments, strengthens supply chains, and helps get innovative drugs to NHS patients faster. It also gives medtech exporters a stronger platform for future investment and growth.

We are already seeing the benefits with major new investment in the UK being announced.

I will keep standing up for our brilliant AstraZeneca workforce in Macclesfield and making sure our town remains at the heart of the UK's life sciences future.

COMMUNITY NATIVITY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HURDSFIELD



I recently had the joy of attending the Community Nativity at Holy Trinity Church, Hurdsfield and even joined in by dressing up as a wise man!

A huge thank you to Reverend James Gibson for the warm welcome and to the whole church team for putting on such a wonderful event. It was also lovely to catch up with Charlie, the Kids and Families Minister (pictured).

Churches play such an important role in our community, especially at Christmas, bringing us all together to celebrate and connect.



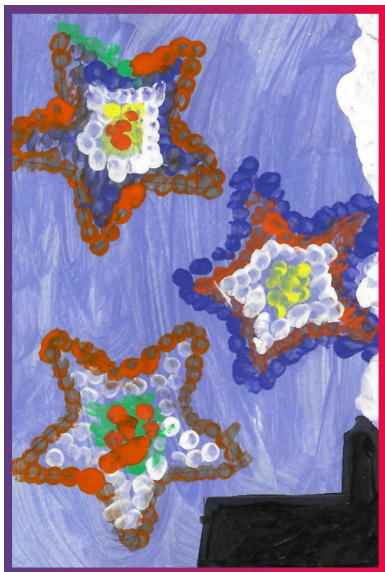
Tim meets Secretary of State for Health, Wes Streeting to discuss the deal.

VISIT TO DISABILITY INFORMATION BUREAU



I was pleased to visit the Disability Information Bureau in Macclesfield in November to speak with the team about their vital work supporting people applying for PIP and the challenges faced by those with disabilities and health conditions when navigating the benefits system.

My thanks to everyone who welcomed me, including Aoife Middlemas, Deputy CEO of Cheshire East CVS. It's so important that we continue working to ensure everyone gets the help and support they need. My office also continues to offer help to people who need it. Thank you to all involved.



This year's winner of my MP Christmas Card competition is five-year-old Thea Jones from Marlborough Primary School. Well done to everyone who took part this year from across the constituency.

HUNDREDS NOMINATE SMALL BUSINESSES FOR AWARDS



For Small Business Saturday, it was good to be out and about presenting my local Small Business Awards. After receiving hundreds of nominations, it was a joy to visit Macclesfield's fantastic Spearings Butchers, Poynton's wonderful Cofano Caff , the amazing Hook & Yarn and Maximum Cheer. Our small businesses really do keep our economy moving and deserve this wonderful recognition.



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