



Tim Roca MP

November Newsletter

Macclesfield

Working hard all year round for

GOVERNMENT PRESSES AHEAD WITH FREE BREAKFAST CLUBS, VETERAN SUPPORT & PLAN FOR PRODUCTIVITY

November has been a very busy month for the Labour government, with some great announcements to support our communities. I am particularly pleased that the government is giving primary schools the opportunity to sign up early for the free breakfast clubs scheme. I have highlighted how schools can register, and I hope schools in the Macclesfield constituency take up this excellent initiative. Free breakfast clubs for primary schools were a key pledge in the Labour manifesto.

I also backed plans for increased support for veterans in Macclesfield. New rules, implemented on 18th November, remove local connection requirements for veterans accessing social housing, ensuring our heroes get the support they need.

The Work and Pensions Secretary announced plans to get Britain working again. The government will invest in people and provide robust support to help them return to work. Our young people deserve the opportunity to learn and earn, and people with disabilities should not face barriers to employment when they want to work.

Thank you to everyone who wrote to me about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. There are strong and deeply emotive opinions on both sides of this debate, and all views are valid. After reflecting on the evidence and the conversations I've had with many of you, I decided to vote for the Bill at its Second Reading. There is still a long process of scrutiny ahead, and I will continue listening to all constituents' views as the Bill progresses in Parliament.

SUPPORTING RESPECT FOR SHOPWORKERS WEEK

This month I supported Respect for Shopworkers Week to stand with those who work tirelessly on our high streets and in supermarkets. No one should face abuse for simply doing their job. I am proud to support trade union, Usdaw in calling for respect for all shopworkers.

The government has again delivered on its commitment to protect retail workers by introducing legislation which makes assaulting retail workers a specific offence. Those who commit such an offence could face up to six months in jail. There will also be a crack down on shoplifting.



Tim signed an USDAW pledge to campaign to make it a specific offence to assault retail workers.



Supporting local business here in Macclesfield is really important to me and I really enjoyed my visit to Nomias Gastrobar in Macc town centre.



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SPACE4AUTISM VISIT

This month, it was great to visit Space4Autism to meet with CEO Cheryl Simpson MBE to learn about the incredible work the charity is doing to support those with autism and their families.

We had a valuable discussion on the challenges facing SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and the local schooling system. I am looking forward to us working together to find more ways to support families across Macclesfield. Please get in touch if you need support with SEND issues.



Tim Roca meets with Cheryl Simpson MBE at the Space4Autism office in Macclesfield to work more closely together.

RECOGNISING MACCLESFIELD RBL



Tim presenting award to the Royal British Legion in Macclesfield at Remembrance concert with Macclesfield Male Voice Choir.

It was an honour to present the Macclesfield branch of the Royal British Legion with my first Member of Parliament award at a local Remembrance concert with the Macclesfield Male Voice Choir.

Huge thanks to President John Topham, Chairman Allan Williams, and the entire RBL team for their fantastic support of our veterans and community. Their dedication truly makes a difference and we are all grateful for the vital work they do. I was pleased to join many Remembrance events in November.

Thank you to staff and pupils at the brilliant Broken Cross Primary School for the chance to speak to at an assembly and encourage the pupils to take part in my Christmas card competition. It was so lovely to meet Head Girl and Head Boy, as well as Bob the school dog. The school is doing an excellent job at educating our next generation of citizens.



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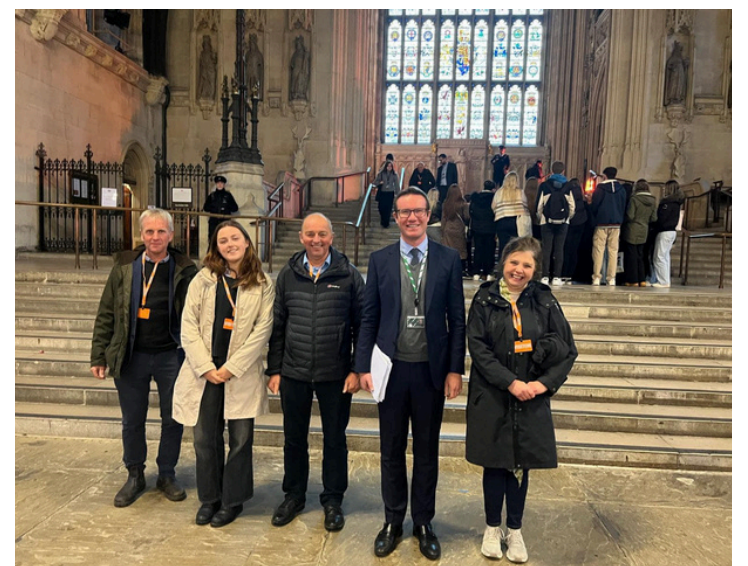
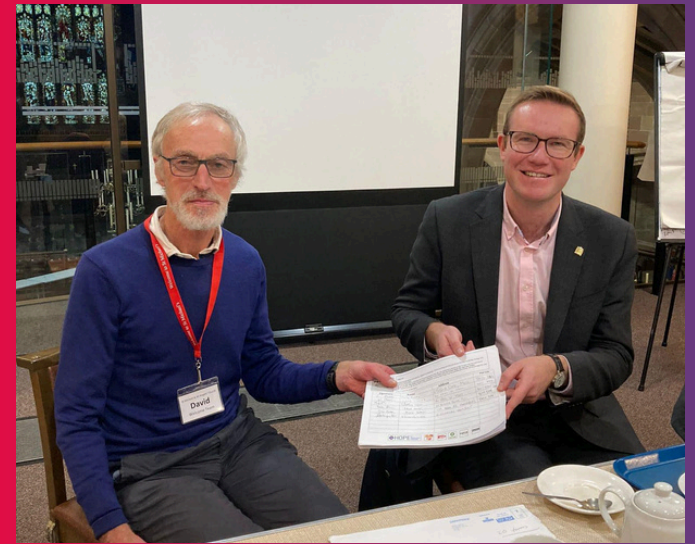
Tim in attendance at the UAE Embassy in London to deliver a record of the recent Parliamentary debate on the arbitrary detention of Ryan Cornelius in the UAE.

This month I hand delivered a record of recent Parliamentary debate on the arbitrary detention of Ryan Cornelius in the UAE. As the UK's Middle East ally celebrated their National Day, I called on the UAE government to pardon Ryan and see him returned home to his family. I will continue to raise this issue in Parliament.

MEETING WITH HOPE IN NORTH EAST CHESHIRE TO DISCUSS CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT



This month I met with Hope in North East Cheshire who represent 25 churches in and around Macclesfield, and Global Justice Macclesfield, both deeply concerned about climate change and the protection of the natural environment. During our conversation, I received a petition emphasising the urgency of climate action. I have signed an Early Day Motion on Carbon Non-Proliferation and am sponsoring the Climate and Nature Bill in Parliament. I look forward to reporting back.



Tim met with farmers in Parliament to discuss their concerns about changes to agricultural property relief. He appreciated the opportunity to listen to their perspectives and hear about the challenges they face. The government's aim is to ensure fairness by preventing tax loopholes and raise funds for public services. Tim will do all he can to raise concerns of farmers with government.

