



Tim Roca MP January Newsletter

Working hard all year round for

Macclesfield

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

As this is my first newsletter for the beginning of the year, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Macclesfield and beyond a very Happy New Year. I am sure 2025 will be just as busy as last year and I am already getting stuck in here in Macclesfield and in Parliament.

As people were celebrating to bring in the New Year, others were preparing for some of the severe weather we saw in the first few weeks of the month. I want to pass on my thanks to all the community groups and organisations who helped in different parts of the constituency, especially in Poynton and Bollington. I have been in contact with the environment agency and pushed out updates and responded to constituents who needed immediate support and assistance.

As soon as I returned to Parliament, I asked the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minister, Emma Hardy to join me in speaking with the Department for Transport and local authorities to address concerns raised regarding the A555 road. The road flooded again recently with many citing poor engineering as an issue. I'm determined solutions are found to ensure our communities are safe from flooding. I have also written to local authorities about particular incidents and to address specific problem areas. Climate change continues to cause severe weather events and this will only get worse without the necessary action from governments around the world.

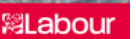
Also in parliament, I voted to support Labour's children's and wellbeing schools bill. This bill focused on free breakfast clubs in primary schools, caps on branded school items which cost parents a fortune in some cases, but most importantly to protect vulnerable children. Following a national inquiry into child sexual abuse a number of years ago, costing the taxpayer £200 Million, 20 recommendations were made. Unfortunately it was made clear that many of the recommendations from the report had not been implemented by the previous government, letting down victims and survivors of some of the most horrendous crimes. I published a statement on social media and have also written to those constituents who contacted me to give their views.

Stronger protections for renters was always going to be a priority for this government and that is why I was pleased to vote for the third reading of the Renters Rights Bill. This will mean that landlords will no longer be able to ask for multiple months of rent upfront and renters will only have to pay one months rent before moving into a property. The legislation also includes protection for students so they are not pressured into signing tenancy agreement for a property so early in the academic year and grieving families will not be forced to pay rent or utility bills for a loved ones rented property if they pass away. Last but by no means least, we are ending no fault evictions.

£21M FOR CHESHIRE EAST TO TACKLE THE POTHOLE EPIDEMIC

THAT EXPLODED UNDER THE CONSERVATIVES

Change has begun



The Labour government has announced an extra £5.5M towards repairing potholes taking the total Cheshire East allocation to £21M. These extra funds could be the equivalent to repairs of 76, 751 potholes. We are fixing the roads for our communities with extra investment.

LABOUR'S PLAN for warm homes

- ✓ Grants for heat pumps
- ✓ Support for families to invest in clean energy
- ✓ Up to 300,000 homes will benefit from upgrades delivering cheaper, cleaner energy in 2025

One of the Labour Government's main missions is to make Britain a clean energy superpower by 2030. This will make keeping our homes warm and the lights on more affordable.

LABOUR'S 10-YEAR PLAN WILL BUILD AN NHS FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Labour is building an NHS fit for the future. Under our plan: 65% of patients will be treated within 18 weeks. Patients will be given more choice over appointments locations. New one-stop clinics where patients can be assessed, diagnosed or reviewed on the same day.



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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

I signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment, reaffirming my dedication to marking Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January. This day serves as a moment to honour the memory of those who were murdered during the Holocaust and to pay tribute to the incredible survivors who continue to educate young people about these atrocities.

The year 2025 marks 80 years since the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, a significant milestone. We must ensure these events are not forgotten so that future generations never repeat such evil.



Tim signs the book of commitment for Holocaust Memorial Day which takes place each year on the 27th January.

EAST CHESHIRE HOSPICE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION EVENT TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS



Tim met with Richard, Pete and other volunteers at East Cheshire Hospice Christmas Tree Collection event to thank them for their work.

It was a pleasure to join East Cheshire Hospice to celebrate 25 incredible years of their Christmas Tree Collection and to see their founders, Pete and Richard, receive High Sheriff Awards for their outstanding contribution to the hospice movement.

The dedication of the hospice's volunteers is inspiring, and it was wonderful to mark this special milestone with them. Thank you for all you do for our community and I look forward to the project continuing for many years to come.

I was delighted to welcome students from Fallibroome Academy to Parliament this month. All the students are studying A Level politics and I was so impressed with their knowledge of the subject and the questions they asked. We are in good hands if they are the future.



Tim met with students from Fallibroome Academy and gave them a tour around Parliament. Constituents and schools are always welcome to visit Parliament and will usually have the opportunity to meet Tim and be given a tour if time allows.

MEETING WITH PEAKS AND PLAINS



Tim meeting with Mark Howden - CEO of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust

This month I met with Mark Howden, the Chief Executive of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust.

This was a great way for me to raise issues on behalf of my constituents, but to also establish a positive working relationship with the organisation.

If you rent a property with a social housing provider and need to raise issues or concerns, please contact me.

MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS, CATHERINE MCKINNEL



I met with the Minister for School Standards, Catherine McKinnell to discuss the pressing challenges facing schools and education in Cheshire East. It was also great to join fellow neighbouring MPs, Sarah Russell and Andrew Cooper, as we made the case for more support for our schools and shared concerns raised by parents, teachers, and school leaders across our constituencies.



I recently joined local Labour Councillors on one of our regular door knocking sessions to discuss local priorities.



Tim met with the team at Cre8. Jenny & Jonathan gave Tim and update about their latest work and their focus on youth work. The organisation has continued to do excellent work over 20 years.



2024 ROUNDUP

In December I marked 6 months in office with a Christmas and new Year message. At this point my team had dealt with 4000 individual pieces of correspondence covering over 200 different topics. We have helped many people with complex casework with over 500 cases open and 300 cases resolved.

So much has been achieved in 2024 with lots of new legislation voted through Parliament by the new Labour government and with much more to come in the new year ahead. I look forward to continue my work for Macclesfield and surrounding communities.



VISIT TO MACCLESFIELD RUGBY UNION FC AND CELEBRATED THEIR WIN BEFORE XMAS



I visited Macclesfield Rugby Union FC! It was fantastic to hear about their exciting plans and see first hand the vital role they play in our community. I also cheered on the men's first team to a well-deserved win in their final match before Christmas. A big thank you to everyone at the club for the warm welcome—proud to support such a thriving local hub for sport and camaraderie!

DECEMBER 2024 AND END OF YEAR



At the end of 2024, I set up my Macclesfield Small Business Awards and asked members of the public to nominate their favourite small local business. There were hundreds of nominations with many people expressing how amazing our local businesses are.

The winners in 2024 were **Loola Loves** - an independent jewellery and gift retailer, **Happy Valley Honey** - Bollington based honey bee farmers, retailers of honey and wax products & **Yas Bean** - a great coffee shop with amazing hot drinks, yummy cakes and more.

It was an absolute pleasure to recognise the hard work of One Project Ukraine and Jeanette Rice. They are doing so much to help support the people of Ukraine and I was pleased to present Jeanette and team, one of my Member of Parliament awards. Keep up the amazing work!



Tim presented an award to Jeanette Rice and the One Project Ukraine for their amazing efforts to gather donations and support for the people of Ukraine.



It was a pleasure to welcome Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, to AstraZeneca's Macclesfield campus. His visit highlighted the vital role our region plays in the UK's life sciences sector and the importance of collaboration to drive innovation and secure our global leadership.

ROYAL VISIT TO MACCLESFIELD



Tim sat with the Duchess of Edinburgh at an event hosted by the Cheshire Community Foundation. Tim was pleased to meet so many partner organisations in one place to hear from them directly.

It was a privilege to attend the recent royal visit by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh to Macclesfield, hosted by the Cheshire Community Foundation. The event highlighted the vital work of local organisations like The CORE Pantry, Silklife Foodbank, Just Drop-In, and Space4autism in tackling poverty, disability, and emotional wellbeing. Thank you to the Church of the Resurrection for hosting and to Cheshire Community Foundation for uniting these impactful charities.



Tim held a meet your MP event in Henbury and was pleased to receive many questions and comments from local residents. Tim aims to hold these events across the constituency so that people in more rural areas or smaller villages can have access to their local Member of Parliament.

