

Tim Roca MP

February/March Newsletter



Working hard all year round for

Macclesfield

Bollington, Disley, Poynton
& the villages

ADLINGTON SAVED FROM NEW TOWN

This week, it was confirmed that the Government will not proceed with Adlington as a site for a new town. I know this decision will come as a great relief to people across the Macclesfield constituency. This outcome was achieved because people from all walks of life came together with determination to stand up for what they knew was right.

From the moment Adlington was confirmed as a potential site, I worked closely with residents, community groups and colleagues across parties, taking a constructive, non-partisan approach to oppose these plans and make the case against a development that was wrong for this location.

In particular, I want to recognise the tireless efforts of the Stop Adlington New Town campaign group, Adlington Parish Council, CPRE the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, and the many residents and organisations who gave their time, expertise and energy.

I would also like to thank the nearly 19,000 people who signed my parliamentary petition. That level of support sent a clear and unmistakable message to ministers about the strength of local feeling and made a real difference.

I have always been clear that I support the building of new homes, but they must be built in the right places and supported by the necessary infrastructure. It was evident from the outset that Adlington was never suitable for development on this scale.

This decision protects valuable farmland, safeguards our environment, and shows that when communities come together with determination, their voices are heard.



Tim meets Transport Secretary with neighbouring Labour MPs.

I recently met with the Secretary of State for Transport, Heidi Alexander, alongside neighbouring MPs. We had a productive discussion on rail costs, including this government's first fare freeze in years, helping to ease the burden on those who rely on rail travel. We also talked about the increased funding for pothole and road repairs. While this investment is welcome, I stressed that funding must continue to rise to address the significant backlog of work facing our local councils and communities.



PRIORS LEGH MEETING WITH LOCAL GPs

I recently visited Priors Legh and spent time with our brilliant local GPs, hearing directly about the pressures they're facing and what's working well and not so well in the NHS. We had a really open and constructive conversation about access to appointments, continuity of care, workloads, and the day-to-day realities of running a busy practice. I'm very grateful for their honesty and insight.

Supporting primary care is central to the government's plan to fix the front door of the NHS, by investing in GP services and shifting more care closer to home. The message I got was that there is much more to do. Our GPs are the backbone of our health service, and the dedication they show to our community every single day is extraordinary.

BIG ADVICE DROP IN EVENT IN MACCLESFIELD

I recently held a Big Advice Drop-In event at St John's Church Hall in the Macclesfield West and Ivy Ward, and it was great to see so many people come along. I was joined by local ward councillors, Cllr Mary Brooks, Cllr Nick Mannion and Cllr Mike Hutchison, alongside the local policing team, the CAB, NHS Care and Community support team and the Family Hub.



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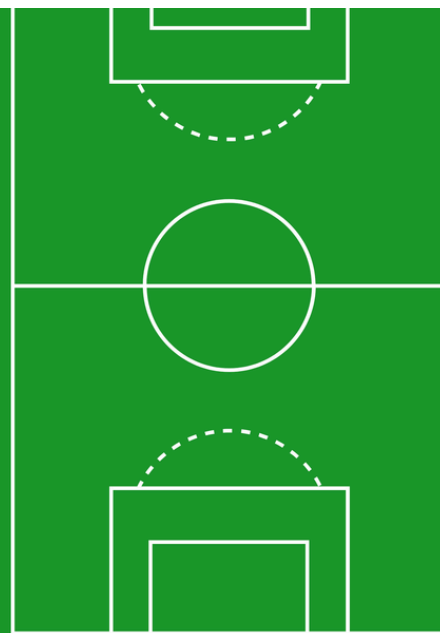
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SUPPORTING DEAN VALLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY FUNDRAISING



FUNDRAISING PROJECT TO TRANSFORM OUR SCHOOL FIELD CREATING A MATCH READY PITCH

Support our school field and make a lasting difference to pupils at Dean Valley Community Primary School and the wider community, including clubs like Bollington United. With the backing of local businesses and the community, we can improve the playing surface and create a high-quality space that can be used all year round for PE, sport, and outdoor learning. An upgraded field will boost participation, promote health and wellbeing, and provide inclusive opportunities for teamwork and confidence-building for both boys and girls. It will also become a shared community asset—supporting school events, matches, and activities in a safe and welcoming environment for years to come.



CAN YOU HELP US TO REACH OUR
TARGET OF £35,000?

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



For more information please contact
admin@deanvalley.cheshire.sch.uk



I am pleased to be supporting Dean Valley Community Primary fundraising project to improve their playing fields so they can be used for PE, sport and outdoor learning. Scan the QR Code for more information and to make a donation. Any support appreciated.

VISIT TO THE TAILORING ACADEMY



I recently visited the Tailoring Academy in Macclesfield and met founder Brita Hirsch to learn more about their outstanding work.

Founded in 2018, the Academy is the only UK provider accredited to teach the Level 5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring, a globally recognised qualification developed with UK Fashion and Textiles Association and the Savile Row Bespoke Association. They train UK and international students, support apprentices across England and Wales, and are helping tackle skills shortages in our textiles and fashion sector.

I was impressed by their innovative teaching methods and strong links with employers. I'm keen to promote their apprenticeship training and support local businesses to get involved.

MEETING WITH PALESTINIAN AMBASSADOR



I joined colleagues in Parliament to meet with the Palestinian Ambassador again.

Our discussion focused on the humanitarian suffering in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian territories, the urgent need for accountability and the ongoing violence affecting civilians. We addressed grave concerns about war crimes and the persistence of settler violence, both of which demand serious international attention.

Behind every headline are families, children and communities living through unimaginable hardship. I will continue to press the UK government to use its voice and influence to support peace and humanitarian protection in the region.

I recently met with the Prime Minister to discuss the need for more action to tackle the dangers children face on the internet and social media. I am supporting new measures by the government to keep children safe. I know this is an important issue for my constituents as many of you have written to me with your concerns. Technology is rapidly changing all the time, including the use of AI so it is vital that steps are taken to ensure users are protected from any illegal content. I will keep constituents updated as this issue progresses in Parliament.



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