

Tim Roca MP

April/May Newsletter



Working hard all year round for

Macclesfield

Bollington, Disley, Poynton
& the villages

£150 MILLION FOR ASTRAZENECA MACCLESFIELD

In April the government announced significant new investment from AstraZeneca in a major vote of confidence in our local area and our national life sciences sector.

I've been working closely with the Government and AstraZeneca, and lobbying to help get this investment over the line. I've also been working with GMB union representatives to ensure that the voices of the workforce are heard.

I'm especially pleased to see £150 million committed to the Macclesfield site. This will support upgrades to existing facilities and the creation of a new "lab of the future" harnessing cutting-edge digital and data technologies to drive the next generation of drug development.

This investment will help secure high-quality jobs, support our local economy, and strengthen the UK's position as a global leader in innovation and science.

I warmly welcome this announcement and look forward to seeing the benefits it brings to Macclesfield and beyond.



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SEND EXPERT AT HAND FUNDING SECURED

**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL TO RECEIVE
£2.85M**

**FUND WIDENS ACCESS TO SPECIALISTS
IN EVERY LOCAL AREA**

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN FROM EARLY
YEARS TO POST - 16**

**SEND funding boost to Cheshire East
Council for specialist support.**

The Labour Government has given Cheshire East Council £2.85 Million to set up a new 'Experts at Hand' service.

This means quicker, earlier, easier access to specialist support from educational psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, for Macclesfield children with SEND.

Having met with many SEND families and representatives at the round-table events I have held, I know this is welcome news, but of course there is always more to do.



B5470 TO BE REOPENED

I welcome the news from Cheshire East Council that the B5470 Macclesfield Road, Rainow is scheduled to reopen on 29 May following major repair works.

I want to thank everyone who contacted me when this first became an issue. I know how difficult the closure has been for residents, local communities and commuters who rely on this road, and the disruption has not been easy.

While it has taken time, this has been a major engineering project to rebuild the collapsed embankment and ensure the road is safe for the long term. I also want to thank the engineers, contractors and highways teams for their hard work in getting the road ready to reopen.

I raised this matter in Parliament and have worked closely with Cheshire East Council to help ensure these works were prioritised. I know this will be welcome news for many.

£640K SECURED FOR MACCLESFIELD COLLEGE

Macclesfield College is set to receive £640,791 for vital improvements to its buildings and facilities.

This investment will help create better spaces for students to learn, develop skills and succeed as part of the Labour Government's plan to modernise colleges and back the next generation.

I'm delighted to see this funding coming to Macclesfield College, helping ensure local students and staff have access to high quality facilities that match their ambitions. For too long, further education was overlooked, but this Labour Government is investing in the skills our communities and economy need to thrive. By backing colleges like Macclesfield, we are giving young people and adult learners the opportunities they deserve and helping build a stronger future for our area.



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MACCBEERFEST SUCCESS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES AND GROUPS



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's Macclesfield Beer Festival such a fantastic event.

It was also incredibly moving to see the support for such important causes, especially in memory of Mia Jennings. Mia's legacy continues to make a real difference across Macclesfield through the amazing fundraising work supporting Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), helping provide potentially life saving heart screening for young people. Seeing the community come together in her memory was genuinely emotional.

It was also brilliant to see support for Macclesfield Boys Boxing Club, another fantastic local group making a real difference in our community. The club gives young people a safe and supportive place to build confidence, discipline, fitness and respect, while helping people of all ages stay active and work towards their goals.

Great to see so many local people supporting the event at Macclesfield Rugby Union FC and backing causes that matter so much to our community.



Our community hub will be a safe place which will support events, activities and health & wellbeing

SCAN TO DONATE



I am supporting efforts of Helen Buchanan and the community for a new Community Hall at Lyme Green. There are lots of fundraising events taking place to try and secure enough funds to take plans to the next stage. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code using your mobile device camera and make a donation on the official JustGiving page. Every donation will help to support this wonderful project and match funds already secured from local developers.

VISIT TO THE SAMARITANS



I recently visited the Samaritans in Macclesfield to learn more about the vital support they provide locally and nationwide. Often described as the nation's fourth emergency service, volunteers answer around 10,000 calls a day, offering confidential support when it is needed most.

The charity also carries out outreach in schools, prisons and at Macclesfield Station, supported by its charity shop on Pickford Street. To find out more or get involved, visit Samaritans.org. Pictured with Tim are Branch Director Wendy Bateman and Vice Directors Kathryn Hughes and Nic Rigby.

OUT IN DISLEY WITH NEW LOCAL BOBBY

It was great to be out in Disley recently with our new local bobby, PC Donny Kelly, discussing a range of concerns raised by residents, including anti-social behaviour and the ongoing work to address it.

It is really important to me to have a strong working relationship with our local policing teams. When residents raise issues that fall within the police's remit, we can work together to take action and make a real difference on the ground. My office team and I work closely with the police to report concerns of local residents so get in touch if you have a problem in your area.



I recently visited Park Lane Special School. Thank you to Headteacher Emma Shaw, staff and pupils for the warm welcome. What an amazing school!

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