

Julian Smith MP

Annual Report 2014

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2014 has been a very busy year at Westminster and across this incredible constituency that I am so proud and privileged to represent.

Most importantly, there are very positive signs that the economy is on the mend. The Conservatives Long-Term Economic Plan is working - we have recently seen the biggest fall in unemployment since records began. But there is more to do.

I have been doing everything I can to support jobs locally by fighting for small business, including leading political efforts to bring the Tour de France to Yorkshire.

A lot of my time has been spent on ensuring our communities remain connected, whether by bus, thanks to an improved road network or through my campaign for superfast broadband.

I have also worked with communities across the constituency to deal with unwanted wind farms and planning issues, and to ensure that our rural services - schools, hospitals and post offices - are protected.

2015 will be a vital year for our country and I hope next May I can count on your support to continue the work I have been doing locally and deliver a Conservative majority Government at Westminster. We need to finish turning our economy around.




Re-opening the new look Post Office in Birstwith



With horticultural apprentices at Craven College



Discussing the importance of broadband in Galphay

Visit my website at juliansmithmp.com

ACROSS THE CONSTITUENCY SINCE 2010...


UNEMPLOYMENT
 DOWN
 BY OVER
 60%


17,865
NEW
BUSINESSES
IN YORKSHIRE


OVER 3,200
NEW
APPRENTICESHIPS
STARTED


BETTER
BROADBAND
FOR 28,000
PREMISES


YOUTH
UNEMPLOYMENT
 DOWN BY
 OVER 70%

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Securing the Economy



Julian led the efforts at Westminster to guarantee £10 million of public funding for the Tour de France and, at Westminster, chaired the All Party Parliamentary Group on the event. The Grand Depart was an important boost for the local economy.



Working with Jobcentre Plus, Julian hosted a Jobs and Skills Fair to promote options available to those out of work.



Julian visited a range of businesses across the constituency, including Hambleton Ales in Melmerby.



Working with the Government's export arm UKTI, Julian hosted an event in Ripon to encourage businesses to sell abroad and build on the success of the Tour de France.



Julian spoke at a conference to make case for more enterprise support in the National Park. Photo: Steve Finch



The Skipton and Ripon Enterprise Group, set up by Julian, helps businesses start up across the constituency.



COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AWARDS

Each year, Julian supports businesses across the constituency in their applications for the CountrySide Alliance Awards. This year, Weatherhead Butchers of Pateley Bridge won the National Champion title in the Butchers category.



Visiting the new Grassington shop of the award-winning Weatherhead Butchers.



Julian holds an annual Agriculture Surgery and this year held special drop-in sessions at Auction Marts across the constituency in Pateley Bridge, Skipton and Bentham. He listens to farmers' views and opinions and raises them with Ministers at Westminster.

Keeping Communities Connected



Julian intervened to ensure Ingleton continued to have Post Office services after the town's branch closed.



He's also opened new look branches with more services in Birstwith and Settle.



Julian supported residents in efforts to keep important bus services and passes. He also campaigned following the closure of Pennine Buses to ensure replacements were introduced.



Friends of Bentham Library have taken over the running of the town's branch. Julian met with some of the volunteers and heard about how they now open it for longer than before.



Military families play an important role in the constituency. Julian visited Dishforth Airfield to hear about schooling and transport challenges for those who live on the base.



STANDING UP FOR OUR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Julian supported efforts from Upper Wharfedale School pupils to keep bus services to and from school. Their campaign won a national Speaker's School Council Awards.



Julian handed over the petition from the school's pupils to North Yorkshire County Council.



Conoley



Burton Leonard



Fountains Abbey



Roecliffe

Superfast Broadband

Over 28,000 homes and businesses across the constituency now have better broadband thanks to the campaign, led by Julian, to bring in £70 million of investment. The roll-out is continuing to ensure as many people as possible benefit from superfast speeds in the future.

SINCE 2010 JULIAN HAS...

VOTED IN 87% OF VOTES IN PARLIAMENT

HELD OVER 125 ADVICE SURGERIES IN 21 LOCATIONS

OVER 500 SPEECHES & QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

FOLLOWED BY 4,500 PEOPLE ON TWITTER

HELPED OVER 10,000 CONSTITUENTS WITH ISSUES

RECEIVED OVER 50,000 E-MAILS

Protecting Rural Yorkshire & Our Market Towns



Julian campaigned, with other MPs representing rural constituencies, to get a new deal for schools across North Yorkshire. They will now receive £7.1 million extra in 2015-2016 to address historic unfairness in the way school funding is allocated.



Working with North Yorkshire County Council, Julian secured £5 million from Ministers for extra resurfacing and pothole repair work. The money has been matched by another £5 million by the Council to improve roads across the whole constituency.



Julian worked with communities at Penny Pot Lane, Brightenber Hill and Chelker Reservoir to support their efforts to say no to wind turbines. He's spoken up in Parliament and led efforts to change the law and reduce subsidies.



Julian has represented the concerns of residents and businesses about the high cost of petrol and diesel to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. With fuel costs particularly important for those living and working in rural communities, he welcomed the pledge to freeze fuel duty in this year's Budget.



Following the decision to close Claro Barracks in Ripon, Julian has been working with local leaders and Ministers to ensure there is investment in the City to boost the economy and maintain the important and long-standing military links.



Julian has been encouraging the Environment Agency to deliver their scheme to help protect Skipton. The proposed project is intended to reduce the risk of flooding to around 500 homes and businesses.



Working to protect pubs and breweries, which are so important to towns like Masham, has been one of Julian's priorities during 2014.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP JULIAN?

We would really appreciate your help during the coming months so we can tell everyone about the work Julian is doing and our plans for the future. Let us know if you can help at www.skiptonandriponconservatives.com/helpjulian or fill in the form below.

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 I'd like to join the Party I'd like to stand for Council I'd like to make a donation

Name

Address

Telephone

E-mail

Please return to: **Skipton & Ripon Conservatives, 19 Otley Street, Skipton BD23 1DY**

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