

Julian Smith MP

Annual Report 2015-16

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Since the General Election in May 2015, time has flown by, with a packed diary both across Skipton and Ripon and in Westminster. I was delighted to have been re-elected to represent our beautiful constituency and in May I was also honoured to be asked by the Prime Minister to join the Government as a Minister in the Whips' Office.

I am focussed on delivering on the commitments I made at the last election: ensuring our rural towns and villages are better connected through increased phone coverage and Superfast Broadband, speaking up for the farming sector, promoting apprenticeships and opportunities for young people and getting our economy back on track. I have been visiting local businesses across my constituency, from small start-ups to our biggest employers who create the jobs that give our area such high employment rates.

In just a few months we have seen a dramatic turnaround of the economy, with more people than ever in work in the UK. We are helping young people buy their own homes with assistance through Help to Buy, and we are building more homes each year with the number of new homes being registered across the UK at its highest level since 2007.

I look forward to continuing to represent this fantastic part of the country. As ever, if you have anything you wish to discuss with me, I can be reached by phone on 01756 795898 or by email on julian.smith.mp@parliament.uk. I hold regular surgeries across the constituency, more details of which can be found on my website at www.juliansmith.org.uk.



Discussing the Kex Gill closure



Meeting North Yorkshire PCC, Julia Mulligan



The Annual School Leader's Lunch

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WORKING HARD FOR SKIPTON AND RIPON



REPRESENTING OVER
**180 HAMLETS,
VILLAGES and TOWNS**
ACROSS THE
CONSTITUENCY



OVER
**26,000 EMAILS
RECEIVED**
SINCE MAY 2015



SUPPORTING
**6,365
REGISTERED
BUSINESSES**



OVER
**30 SURGERIES
HELD SINCE
MAY 2015**



MET HUNDREDS
OF LOCAL
GROUPS AND
INDIVIDUALS
SINCE MAY

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Speaking up for local Businesses and Apprenticeships



Julian met with the CEO of Skipton Building Society to congratulate the company on their excellent financial results, the creation of 150 new jobs in 2014 and their apprenticeship scheme for graduates and school leavers.



Julian visited Broughton Software to hear about the training scheme they are running for young professionals looking to move into science.



School groups like Bentham Primary School visit Parliament for tours, workshops and a Q&A session with Julian.



Skipton based apprentices from Rolls-Royce joined Julian in Parliament for a reception with the leading aerospace, defence, security and space companies to talk about high-skill manufacturing industries.



First visit to HML, a leading financial administration company, since its takeover by Computershare.



Markington Primary School.



Upper Wharfedale School.



Meeting with Craven Headteachers to discuss issues facing rural schools. Julian called on the schools to think radically about how they work together to reduce costs.



Visiting Airedale Chemicals.

Engaging with Schools

DELIVERING FOR BRITAIN...

270,000 HOMES BOUGHT THROUGH HELP TO BUY SINCE 2010

OVER 2 MILLION APPRENTICESHIPS CREATED SINCE 2010

On the side of Your Community



Julian visited Settle Swimming Pool to give his support to their sponsorship initiatives with local businesses. He acknowledged the hugely important role the pool plays in the local community and pledged his continued assistance.



Julian met with the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police to talk about a variety of issues and to congratulate him and his team on reduced crime in the region.



Meeting with community organisers in Grassington to discuss rural bus services provision. Julian has been supporting community groups who are coming up with solutions to fill gaps caused by funding changes.



In September Julian joined the judging panel of the Craven Community Champion Awards which recognises outstanding community volunteers in Craven.



Julian met with Sir Gary Verity at the Welcome to Yorkshire reception in Westminster following the success of the Grand Depart in 2014. This year Settle will host the finish line of the first leg of the Tour de Yorkshire which will pass through many of the beautiful villages of Craven.



Meeting with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority to discuss the fire cover review consultation which was launched last summer.

Supporting Farmers



Since becoming an MP, Julian has been supporting farmers across Skipton and Ripon. In September, Julian met with dairy farmers near Ripon to hear about the challenges facing the industry. Following the recent flooding he met with farmers near Boroughbridge whose fields had been damaged by Storms Desmond and Eva and recommended that those eligible apply for the Farming Recovery Grant.



Attending Armed Forces Day in Ripon to pay tribute to the hard work of the this country's service men and women. Julian presented a medal to veteran Antony West who works with Help for Heroes in Yorkshire.

NO CUTS TO THE POLICE BUDGET | **CAR PRODUCTION AT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 2008** | **336,000 MORE PEOPLE IN WORK SINCE MAY** | **HIGHEST EVER EMPLOYMENT RATE**

Supporting Charities, volunteers and Community Groups



In August, Julian visited the Raise Your Hats exhibition in Ripon Cathedral which paid tribute to the role that women played in so many areas of national life during WWII.



Last summer Julian raised a glass to the hard work of the Campaign for Real Ale at the Skipton Beer Festival. The event was attended by over 1,700 over the course of the three days and boasted a selection of 70 different British real ales as well as British cider and wine.

Julian has long been a supporter and champion of community pubs, consumer rights and real ale.



In December Julian visited Hambleton Ales to see first hand how beer is brewed.



Julian joined Girl Guiding North Yorkshire West at the Ripon Spa Hotel for their Madagascar Fundraising Ball which was raising money for vital community projects in Madagascar.



Attending the Ripon launch event of the Skipton and Ripon Enterprise Group which offers free mentoring advice to businesses across the constituency.



Julian helped judge the Funday Procession Entrants at the Sutton in Craven Gala where there were some fantastic costumes and floats.

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