

UPDATE FROM JULIAN SMITH MP

Working for Skipton and Ripon



MEETING LOCAL FARMERS AND THE NFU

I met farmers near Bolton Abbey together with representatives from the NFU. We spent a good hour discussing a whole range of issues—from food security to farming subsidies. Agricultural policy is a substantial part of the Government's work on Brexit and I am working to ensure that our North Yorkshire farming industry will be able to make the most of future opportunities afforded by leaving the EU.



VISITING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN RIPON

In the summer I met teachers from Holy Trinity Infant and Junior Schools and also Greystone Primary in Ripon to discuss a range of issues, including funding. I am delighted that soon after my visit a campaign that I have been heavily involved with led to the Education Secretary announcing an extra £1.3 billion in school funding.



GOUTHWAITE RESERVOIR

I had a fascinating trip to Gouthwaite Reservoir to see the important safety work being carried out by Yorkshire Water at a cost of £7 million. The integrity of this dam is vital for the safety of residents in the Pateley Bridge area and even as far as Knaresborough, and I was pleased to see that the work is on track.

UPCOMING SURGERIES

13 October - Grassington and Skipton
27 October - Masham and Ripon
10 November - Settle and Ingleton
24 November - Cowling and Skipton
8 December—Pateley Bridge and Masham

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