

# Rt Hon Julian Smith MP

## Annual Report 2018 -19



2018 has been another extremely busy year both here and in Westminster. It has been a pleasure to serve this wonderful part of the country, as well as to continue to sit in Cabinet.

I have continued to pursue my priorities for the area, making sure all parts of the constituency continue to be well-represented through meetings with businesses, school visits, engaging with local groups, my annual School Leaders' Lunch, arranging ministerial visits and many busy surgeries.

This year, I have been particularly pleased by progress on the proposed Skipton to Colne railway line, something I have long been campaigning for, with a feasibility study announced by the Government in February 2018. Further good news came in January 2019, with the Transport Secretary's announcement that the Government is continuing to look at the business case for the line's reopening.

I was also delighted by the announcement that Castleberg Hospital was to be reopened, in line with the feeling of the majority of constituents I had contact with. I was able to represent their views in conversations and meetings with the CCG and help to bring about this result. I pay tribute to the many residents and community groups that engaged so fully with the consultation process.

As ever, if you have anything to discuss with me, I regularly hold surgeries across the constituency. For more details on these, please visit my website at [www.juliansmith.org.uk](http://www.juliansmith.org.uk) or contact my office on 01756 795898.

I look forward to the year ahead and hope it continues to bring positive changes for Skipton and Ripon.



Attending a meeting for SELRAP supporters at Westminster, to discuss progress on the Skipton to Colne railway line in September.



Viewing the wonderful floral displays created for Pateley Bridge in Bloom, which won Gold in their category and Best Village overall in May. Pateley Bridge will now represent Yorkshire at the national competition.



Visiting Borrage House Care Home, in May. I was also able to see residents crafting poppies for the Ripon Town Hall Remembrance commemorations.



Celebrating National Apprenticeships Week in March at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Bolton Abbey.



Meeting students from Masham Primary School at Masham Town Hall in October.

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Visiting GoPrint3D, Ripon, in February, hearing about their business and receiving a tour of the premises.



Attending the screening of Skipton Academy's student-made film 'The Greatest School' in September.



Hosting my annual School Leaders' Lunch at the Red Lion, Burnsall, in March.



Meeting with constituent Peter Lennard at Westminster in December, discussing Proportional Representation.



Meeting with the owners of Bentham Golf Club in November, to see their new holiday development.



At Black Sheep Brewery, Masham, discussing reforms to Small Brewers Relief, and tasting their great beer in September.



Judging my annual Christmas Card competition, which was won by Isla, from Outwood Primary Academy Greystone.



Hearing from The Potter Group, Melmerby, in May about their expansion.



Meeting with the Chairman of Welcome to Yorkshire, Sir Gary Verity, at Westminster in February.

## WORKING HARD FOR SKIPTON AND RIPON:



REPRESENTING OVER  
180 HAMLETS,  
VILLAGES AND TOWNS  
ACROSS THE  
CONSTITUENCY



OVER 37,000 EMAILS  
RECEIVED  
SINCE JANUARY 2018



MET OVER 250  
LOCAL GROUPS AND IN-  
DIVIDUALS  
SINCE JANUARY 2018



OVER  
30 SURGERIES  
HELD SINCE  
JANUARY 2018