

DARLINGTON MATTERS

Updates from Peter Gibson MP | Member of Parliament for Darlington | Issue 6



THE GLOBAL VILLAGE
PETER WITH STUDENTS FROM
CORPORATION ROAD SCHOOL

Inspiring the next generation

A new playground has been handed over to pupils from Corporation Road Community Primary School in Darlington. An innovative project, spearheaded by local MP Peter Gibson, has seen the installation of a train and castle themed wooden playground at the local school.

The work to install the much-needed community facility began was supported by The Splash Project, a national organisation which helps to deliver community learning projects. Volunteers working on the project included local councillors, Darlington Rotary Club members, young people from YH Training Services, and members of the public with an interest in supporting their local community.

Sponsors of the project included Darlington Borough Council, Redde Northgate, Lingfield Education Trust, Amazon UK and Harry Hill & Friends. Children in the Northgate area of Darlington and pupils from Corporation Road Community Primary School were so excited to explore their new playground and discover the new educational aspects of the invitation build.

Ann Pringleton, Headteacher at Corporation Road Community Primary School said "It's even better than I thought it would be. It's absolutely amazing. It's a huge legacy for the community because it does belong to the community. We've got a global village and it doesn't get any better than that."



JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!
PETER WITH TEAM FROM
REDDE NORTHGATE

Dozens of employers and organisations gathered at Darlington College recently for Darlington's first Apprenticeships and Training Fair, hosted by Peter Gibson MP and sponsored by Redde Northgate and Beansies Flavour Coffee.

it is hoped that the event will be the start of highlighting new training and employment opportunities that are available for all age groups across Darlington.

Some of the other employers who took part were Amazon, Darlington Council, BL Training, DWP, EE, Helping Hands, Learning Curve Group, Morrison Trust, Optimum Skills, Raby Estates and the Royal Air Force. A range of temporary and permanent vacancies were available to apply for on the day and the event was attended by hundreds of pupils and job seekers.



CLEAN SWEEP
PETER HELPING OUT

Day in the life

Peter recently spent time with the Street Scene team at Darlington Borough Council and got hands on, sweeping the town's back lanes, alleys, collecting litter bins and taking bulky items to the tip. The time spent really helped to understand the great work the team do to keep Darlington tip top and tidy.



Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read *Darlington Matters*, which I've created to keep you up-to-date with some of the positive activities and achievements that are happening here in Darlington.

This newsletter hasn't cost you anything. As well as regular door knocking, hosting surgeries and circulating surveys, this is just one of the ways I communicate with you as your Member of Parliament. I do hope you find it useful and informative.

If there is ever anything you would like to bring to my attention or raise with me, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Peter

Member of Parliament for Darlington



**SUMMER SUPPORT
PETER HELPING
TO DELIVER MEALS**

Summer Activity Programme

Peter joined the teams at Firthmoor and Redhall where he supported the summer activity programme provided by Darlington Borough Council with funding from Government.

The programme provided 80 days of activities and food for 597 children across Darlington. This fantastic programme provided breakfast and lunch and a wide range of activities for children who are eligible for free School Meals.



**YELLOW BRICK ROAD
MEETING WIZARD OF OZ CAST
AHEAD OF THE SHOW AT
DARLINGTON'S MAJESTIC**



**NUMBER 11
PETER MEETING WITH
THE CHANCELLOR**



**DARLINGTON PRIDE
CELEBRATING ALL THAT'S
DIVERSE ABOUT OUR TOWN**



**BLUE WATCH
TRAINING WITH OUR LOCAL
FIRE SERVICES IN TOWN**



**SEARCH AND RESCUE
AN INFORMATIVE VISIT TO OUR
LOCAL MOUNTAIN RESCUE**

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Overall Resolved Casework

3,850



Policy Questions Answered

9,379

Data from 04.10.21



BEST GARDEN
Marty & Lozza

Garden & Yarden Competition

A competition was ran over the summer to highlight some of Darlington's green fingered residents. The winners were:



BEST YARD
Tracey & Darren



BEST PLANTER
Shirley Anderson



REACHING NEW HIGHTS
PETER USING FLIGHT
SIMULATOR SOFTWARE



ATTENTION!
FULL MILITARY KIT
WAS PROVIDED



Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme

Peter recently joined a team of MPs at the launch of this year's eagerly anticipated Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, at the Defence Academy.

The aim of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme is to give MPs an insight into military life that would not otherwise be available to them. The programme is hugely informative and highlights the great job the armed forces do. The scheme has been an enormous success and the level of understanding of the UK's Armed Forces is significantly higher as a direct result of the Scheme.

Peter will take part in many other events and tasks over the coming year.

Westminster Update

On Friday 10 September Peter introduced the Second Reading of his Private Members Bill, which will protect taxi users and drivers up and down the country. Supported by MPs from all parties, the Bill will simplify the licencing procedures used when granting taxi licences to stop dangerous drivers from operating. The Bill will protect the hundreds of thousands of decent, hard-working drivers from having their reputation tarnished and their profession diminished by the abhorrent behaviour of a small minority who would seek to abuse their position of trust. The Bill will now go through line-by-line scrutiny by a committee of MPs over the coming months.

Since September 2021:
Peter has tabled 11
Written Questions



RAISING IN PARLIAMENT
PETER RAISED THE ISSUE OF
THE BILSDALE MAST

Peter has been urging Ministers to support the thousands of constituents who have been left without terrestrial television following the fire at the Bilsdale Mast. Peter has raised his concerns in meetings directly with Arqiva and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and last week he called on Jacob Rees-Mogg to allow for a parliamentary debate on the effects of the fire. The Leader of the House praised Peter for his work on behalf of his constituents and stressed the importance of restoring terrestrial services for the people of Darlington.

Since September 2021:
Peter has had 31
appearances in Hansard,
19 of which were in the
House of Commons and
12 in committee meetings



LAW MAKING
PETER AFTER HIS PRIVATE
MEMBERS BILL PASSED



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