

Stephen O'Brien's June update



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Stephen's June story

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Stephen in his Ministerial office working on his Ministerial correspondence

June started with Stephen answering International Development Questions in the House—always a lively half-hour

This was followed by Prime Minister's Questions and after clearing the in-tray dashing to the airport to represent the Government by attending the United National Conference on HIV/AIDS where Stephen met with President Clinton



Stephen has teamed up with TV presenter Angela Rippon to support this year's Carers Week (13-19 June) & recognise the contribution made by those people in Eddisbury & throughout the UK who provide unpaid care for someone who is ill, frail or disabled.



On 21st June Stephen met with children from Winsford Pupil Forum in the House of Commons following their coming out on top at a national awards ceremony in March which recognised outstanding innovation & enterprise.



Friday 24th June saw Stephen on a whirlwind of visits around the constituency.

Stephen began his morning visiting the wonderful Hebden Green School, which he has visited on many occasions before. There he met with Headteacher, Andrew Farren, Chairman of Governors, Peter Gaskell, staff and pupils and took part in some of the activities.

Stephen then visited the newly opened Winsford Academy where he met with the Principal, Andrew Taylor Edwards and pupils and staff.

This was followed by Stephen official opening of the Tarporley Opal Club as the guest of honour (see below), an over-subscribed constituency surgery in Winsford and a lovely (if rainy) evening at Bickerton Branch's Mid-Summer Garden Party.

Stephen was also delighted to welcome constituents who attended the Global Student Forum to Westminster.



Tarporley OPAL Club Official Opening

Friday 24th June saw Stephen officially open the Tarporley OPAL Club which was a wonderful celebration and reward for a sincere and brilliantly conducted campaign by the volunteers, staff, the members and the community at large providing an even better day centre service. Stephen was thrilled to be part of what our communities do best which is to work together and look out for each other.

Stephen has been campaigning for the retention of the Day Centres since the attempt to close them last year and he was delighted to have been asked to perform the official opening.

Stephen enjoying a cup of tea with Tarporley OPAL Club members.



Conservative Party June Updates

- Start-up Hub business action competition launched ahead of the Party Conference
- Statistics published in June by the Government show it has exceeded its ambition of delivering 50,000 additional adult apprenticeships (announced in May 2010) over the 2010-11 financial year, by actually delivering more than 103,000 additional adult apprenticeships than were projected under the previous government's plans

Also in June

- Stephen visited Downing Street on two occasions.
- Stephen organized a tour of Parliament for children from Tarporley Primary School.
- Stephen gave evidence as International Development Minister to the International Development Committee.
- Stephen voted until 2 a.m. on vital clauses on the Finance Bill.
- Stephen lobbied Communities Ministers on various issues affecting his constituents such as traveler sites and wind turbines.