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The local choice for Spelthorne

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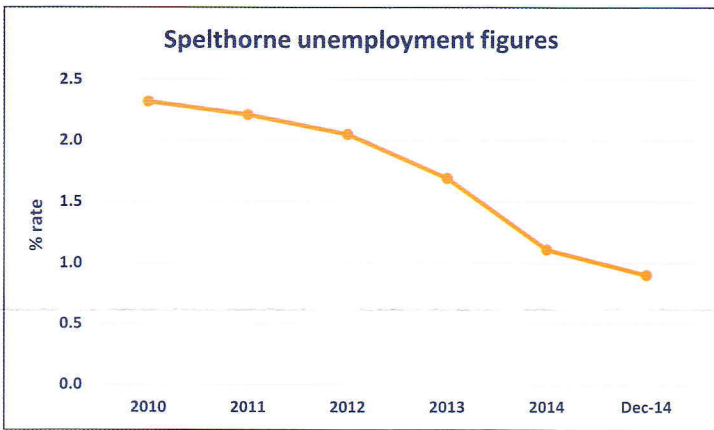


REPRESENTING THE BOROUGH

I have proudly represented Spelthorne since 2010. I have learned so much about the community and felt warmly welcome.

Spelthorne is a wonderful and unique place. We are well positioned alongside the River Thames, inside the M25 and next to Heathrow. Business is at the heart of life and people are willing to stand on their own two feet. Community spirit is a great strength. The Borough is forward-looking and dynamic, but also very conscious of its history and traditions.

I meet hundreds of local residents on the doorstep, which enables me to represent Spelthorne's interests in Parliament fully. I feel truly honoured to be the local Member of Parliament, and I hope to be able to continue to work on your behalf for many years to come.



SPELTHORNE BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

To promote local enterprise, I launched the Spelthorne Business Plan Competition in July 2013. The 2014 final took place at BP Sunbury just before Christmas. The overall winner was Richard Warren from Sunbury-on-Thames for his business idea, 'Heroes 4 Hire', which brings the experience of meeting superheroes to life. All the entrants showed a level of creativity and imagination that we can be very proud of in the Borough.

7TH MAY THE GENERAL ELECTION

2015 is a big year for Britain. The General Election on 7th May is the most important for a generation.

Just five years ago, we were on the brink of bankruptcy. Under Labour, the benefits bill soared and hardworking taxpayers were taken for granted. Places like Spelthorne were ignored. The Conservatives have reformed the welfare system so that no out-of-work household can claim more than the average working family earns. We backed businesses so they could create the jobs and opportunities that people need.

Britain is now growing faster than any other major economy in the world. The unemployment rate in Spelthorne has fallen each year since 2010 and now stands at less than 1%. The budget deficit has been halved, keeping mortgage rates low, and we have cut income tax for 26 million people.

With a second term in government, we can carry on creating jobs and giving families peace of mind about the future.



With the competition winners

WORKING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

What we have achieved together

FLOOD DEFENCES

I have been working to ensure that Thames Water and the Environment Agency work together and with the Council to reduce flood risks locally, and I held an adjournment debate in Parliament to raise, at the highest level, the impact of the floods locally and press for solutions.

I have campaigned for extra funding for the River Thames scheme, which will help reduce flood risks by constructing a flood diversion channel between Datchet and Shepperton and increasing local weir capacities. The Government has now pledged £60m in additional funding so that the scheme can go ahead, while the Environment Agency has committed £1m investment to help prevent the River Ash in Staines from flooding again.

Spelthorne's Conservative Council is helping to shape the development of the River Thames scheme.

SHEPPERTON

Alongside residents and councillors, I campaigned against Surrey County Council's proposal to introduce parking charges in Shepperton High Street. The plans, which would have been damaging to local trade and businesses, have been successfully defeated.

I have been campaigning for a solution to the problems associated with M3 motorway noise. I am pressing the Highways Agency for a commitment to resurface the Shepperton stretch of the M3 with a lower noise material as soon as possible. I also have a meeting with the Roads Minister scheduled this month.

Diamond Jubilee party, Church Street, Staines



Assessing the flood damage at Nauticalia, Shepperton

Visiting BP's HQ, Sunbury



SUNBURY HEALTH CENTRE

I have been working with local councillors and GPs to secure more space to house patients and doctors in Sunbury. I have met with NHS England to press for their help; they are being supportive and have now committed £75m to fund capital investment projects. Sunbury Health Centre is well positioned to secure a portion of this funding.

GRAVEL

I am opposed to gravel extraction at Manor Farm in Laleham and Watersplash Farm in Shepperton. I am

supporting local Conservative councillors in objecting to any applications for development and I am voicing local concerns to the Government about protecting the Green Belt and local agricultural land.

CHARLTON LANE ECO PARK

I have consistently opposed this development. I have questioned government ministers and led an adjournment debate in Parliament to highlight local opposition at a national level. I have always felt that it is my duty to voice concerns about the encroachment onto Green Belt land and the potential impact of the development on the local community.

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HEATHROW AIRPORT

Heathrow is strongly connected to the Borough. Around 4000 residents work at the airport and many more are employed in work related to it. While I support the airport whenever I can, I am very mindful that nothing should harm the quality of life here. Local Conservatives vetoed the idea of a new southern runway at our border. We also objected to Heathrow's proposal to build an energy-from-waste plant in Stanwell; they listened and abandoned the idea, agreeing to create a 'green ring' around the town. We achieved these outcomes through the good relationship we have built up with the airport over many years.



Visiting Stanwell Sure Start

At Brooklands College, Ashford



ASHFORD RAILWAY STATION

Ashford Station is a gateway to the Borough. I have been campaigning to improve its appearance and have helped set up a community rail partnership in conjunction with South West Trains to achieve this. Surrey County Council have also given me assurances that they will resurface Station Approach.

I support the idea of implementing a Smart Card ticketing system and extending the Oyster Card scheme to Ashford and other local train stations and I am engaging with South West Trains and Transport for London to try to make this happen.

LOCAL ROADS

I urged Surrey County Council to resurface Clockhouse Lane and Charlton Road, and this has been done. Alongside local councillors, I petitioned Hounslow Borough against the implementation of a HGV parking ban along the A30 at the border of Spelthorne and Hounslow, a plan that would have led to displaced vehicles parking on our residential roads. They have agreed to scrap the plan. I continue to press for road repairs across the Borough and I am working with the Council to support the construction of a footbridge over the railway line in Clockhouse Lane. I also support the implementation of a HGV ban along Feltham Road.



At the Stanwell Rose Community Centre

STANWELL NEW START

The Stanwell New Start project was initiated by local Conservatives, and I have supported it. It is regenerating parts of Stanwell to ensure that all properties are of the highest standard. The Stanwell Rose Community Centre has proved to be a significant addition to the area too, and it is fantastic to see the impact it is having on the local community.

I called for the implementation of CCTV to make Stanwell a safer place. This has now been put in place at a number of key locations; the new cameras recorded 129 incidents between November 2013 and November 2014.

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