

## SNEINTON TOWN FC VISIT

Earlier this year I visited a new Football club, Sneinton Town FC, in order to look at how sport provision in Nottingham can be improved.

I visited the club base at the Greenway Centre, Trent Lane, where I heard about



the club, what opportunities it provides for local children and adults in the area, and was given a tour of the surrounding area, including the concrete pitch at the Centre and the facilities at the City College.

During the visit, I also met with some of the club

trustees and members, coaches and young people, as well as representatives from the College, including the Principal himself. Their passion for football and the club is so strong, and all are backing development of a club in the area that can cater for the huge demand and potential that exists for football in Sneinton.

Having spoken to some of the people involved and seen first hand what they have, it is clear that they need some help to obtain modern, easily accessible facilities.

I will be working to help them in any way possible to reach that goal, so that the club can go from strength to strength, and I am in discussion with the Football Foundation about possible support.

## VISITING NORTHANTS' TASER INTERNATIONAL

Along with our new Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen Mold, I visited Taser International in Daventry earlier this year.



Taser have also previously visited me in Brussels to discuss trade issues, in my capacity as the lead Conservative MEP on International Trade.

Following our meeting in Daventry, we were given a tour of the facilities and shown some of the

equipment that the company produces.

It's great to see leading public safety equipment based here in the region.

The items that Taser makes are real cutting-edge technology, and are designed to make police work easier and safer, which in turn helps to keep the public safe.

They provide real alternatives to firearms for

police forces like ours here in the UK, as well as things like body-worn cameras. It is important that we understand the new technology that is available, so that our public can be sufficiently protected in an increasingly dangerous world.

## SPEAKING TO ROLLS ROYCE APPRENTICES

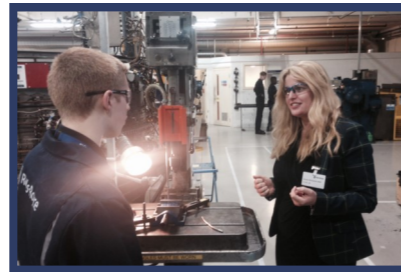
It was a great pleasure to be a guest of Rolls-Royce in Derby earlier in the year, to see their apprentice scheme and hear about their future plans and commitments.

During my visit, I spoke to Andrew Davies, the Learning Development Manager for Engineering Skills, Katie Roscoe, UK Government Relations Officer, Loic Lespagnol, the EU Affairs Coordinator, and Apprentices.

Rolls-Royce is Derby's biggest employer, with 14,000 people employed at their sites, and supporting over 35,000 additional jobs in the local supply chain.

Following a meeting about Rolls-Royce's plans and how the EU affects their various

operations, I was given a tour of the Derby facilities, where she spoke to some of the workers, including



Apprentice Edward Parks.

It was great to hear about Rolls-Royce's future business strategy, and to hear about the different ways that the EU impacts on their operations. I am passionate about young people getting the skills to work and have a career, so it was a delight to also talk to Edward about his apprenticeship and how much he's enjoying it.

## HOSTING A TRADE DEAL BREAKFAST IN NOTTS

I was delighted to host a trade breakfast roundtable event at the Potter Clarkson offices in Nottingham earlier this year.

As well as inviting local businesses of all sizes, the meeting was also attended by Lord Francis Maude, UK Trade Minister, and Christina Sevilla, one of the US negotiators working on the deal.

This provided not only a good chance for our local businesses to hear from some of those at the heart of the negotiating process, but also for the businesses themselves to relay their ideas so that they can be reflected within the discussions in Brussels and

Washington. Issues discussed included adequate safeguards for intellectual property,



including easier processes for patent applications and protection of geographical indications such as Melton Mowbray Pork Pies, and regulatory cooperation in areas such as food safety standards.

Post-Brexit we will be looking for our own Trade Deal with America, and I will be keeping in close contact with our US counterparts.



**Emma McClarkin**  
MEP for the East Midlands



Your European Parliamentary report from Emma McClarkin MEP

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*Dear Colleague,*

Welcome to my latest newsletter.

What a time to be in politics! In three short weeks over the summer, the UK voted to leave the EU, David Cameron resigned, Boris dropped his (blonde) bombshell, and Theresa May became our new Prime Minister.

With just over two years to go until Brexit means Brexit, I will continue to work for the UK's interests, ready to do everything I can to help the UK secure the best deal possible both in terms of returning sovereignty and in particular on our trading relationship, given my experience with International Trade on the Trade committee.

Locally, I will continue to champion local businesses, pushing them to the front of UK trade as we move our trading relationships beyond the EU and out into the wider world.

*Emma McClarkin*

## A GREATER BRITAIN

**British politics has been injected with a new lease of life following the EU referendum campaign.**

All the major political parties have seen a sharp rise in membership, and the referendum result in June has given our government a mandate to shape and forge new relationships, not only with the European Union, but also with the wider world.

We have a new Prime Minister with a brand new team to build a new trading future for the UK. Theresa May is a formidable politician with a strong vision and the right values to keep our country, safe, secure and prosperous for the future.

Unlike the Labour Party, we Conservatives have rallied together in the national interest to build a

politics. Her ability to know her brief is well-known, and I believe she is absolutely the right person, not only to deliver Brexit, but also to ensure that our country is a success afterwards.

She has been very well received the world over. She has made a great start and has my full support.

better Britain. Labour want to fight old battles, whilst we are eager to engage with future challenges and opportunities.

The work to disengage from the European Union has already begun. A new government Brexit



Supporting a fundraising event in Gedling, Notts.

department has been created under the experienced and redoubtable leadership of David Davis and consultations with various industry trade bodies have already started. Conservative MEPs also met with our new Prime Minister in Downing

Street to discuss Brexit.

Our great country has everything to play for. We have the talent, drive and determination to be more dynamic, enterprising and innovative. I believe

Brexit will succeed, the country will succeed and that together, we can create a greater Britain.





## EVERARDS BREWERY



established in 1849. Their pub estate comprises over 170 pubs that vary from village inns to community locals across the Midlands. They brew high quality award winning

**As part of my campaign to promote local food and drink in the East Midlands, I was shown around Everards Brewery in Leicestershire by Master Brewer Graham Giblett.**

The visit was arranged as part of the All Parliamentary Beer Group's 'Brew with your MEP' campaign, which promotes understanding of the UK's beer industries among Members of Parliament and Members of the European Parliament. Everards is an independent, family business which was

ales, as well as a range of limited edition brews. Pubs are such an important part of local communities, and, as the Vice President of the Beer Club in Brussels, I'm keen to support them and breweries whenever possible. The 'Brew with your MEP' campaign is a great initiative, showing us as MEPs what goes on behind the scenes in the beer industry, and giving us a greater appreciation of the work it takes to keep a successful brewery in business. Cheers!

## CROPWELL BISHOP CREAMERY

**As a self-confessed cheese lover, I was delighted to visit local stilton producers, Cropwell Bishop Creamery, who are based in Nottinghamshire.**

During the visit I was shown around the company's facilities before discussing various issues with them,



being cousins Robin and Ben Skales. The Skales family has been involved in the cheese-making industry for over 160 years.

We have some of the best cheeses in the world right here in the East Midlands, so to be shown around their facilities and taste some of

the fabulous Cropwell Bishop cheese was a great experience.

Cropwell send 25% of their exports to the US and are keen to expand this. I am keen to support all our businesses in the

region who wish to increase their exports. Please do get in touch if you are a local business who would like some support.

including trade and export. Cropwell Bishop Creamery is a successful family-owned and run business, with the current directors

# Out and about across the East Midlands

## With Emma McClarkin MEP



**Above:** Taking part in an EU Referendum debate in **Sherwood**, Nottinghamshire.

**Below:** Campaigning for Richard Bright in the PCC elections in **Long Eaton**, Derbyshire.



**Above:** With activists in **Louth**, Lincolnshire, campaigning for Marc Jones in the PCC Elections.

**Below:** Campaigning with Vote Leave activists in **Clay Cross**, Derbyshire.



**Above:** With Tim Appleton from the Wildlife Trust, visiting the RSPB at **Rutland Water** nature reserve.

**Below:** With MPs and activists supporting the Leave campaign at the **Lincolnshire** show.



**Above:** Out supporting Leicester City FC with PCC candidate Neil Bannister in **Wigston**, Leicestershire.

**Below:** Meeting the local police with PCC candidate Mark Harper in **Retford**, Nottinghamshire.



**Above:** Campaigning with Stephen Mold, PCC candidate, in **Daventry**, Northamptonshire.

**Below:** With Matthew Holmes, campaigning for the local elections in **Derby**.



**Above:** Meeting members of the local community in **Sutton-on-Sea** on the Lincolnshire coast

**Below:** Campaigning with Grassroots Out activists in **Wellingborough**, Northamptonshire.



## VISITING LINCOLN UNI'S JOSEPH BANKS FOOD LABS

Earlier this year I visited the University of Lincoln's Joseph Banks Laboratories

Lincolnshire as a farming county, but there is so much more to food production.

During my visit, I was given a tour of the labs, being shown one microbiology, one molecular biology and one analytical chemistry laboratory, and talked to some of the staff about their work.

With Lincolnshire producing so much of the region's food, I was especially interested to talk to Professor Simon Pearson, who is Director of the University's Lincoln Institute of Agri-food Technology.

Many people know of



The Joseph Banks Laboratories are really cutting-edge, and are helping to bring world-class science research to Lincoln. This is especially important to the agricultural sector here in the county, and it was interesting to hear about food from another angle.

## MEETING WITH BRITVIC

Earlier this year I visited the Britvic distribution centre in Lutterworth, as part of my campaign to promote regional food and drink.

centre in Lutterworth.

Many of us don't stop to think about where our food or drink comes from, it's

I'm very keen to highlight the wide range of food and drink produced in the UK, and my visit to Britvic was part of a range of visits to manufacturers

in the region, from small businesses to large multi-national companies.

The Britvic brands and iconic names are widely recognised in the UK and further afield, and I was delighted to have visited their impressive distribution



always fascinating to discover that brands we buy every day are produced just down the road, right here in Leicestershire. Britvic is a perfect example of a home-grown UK company which started small, but is now a big global player.