

TALKING GLYPHOSATE

In April I met with NFU members in Lincolnshire to discuss the NFU East Midlands' ongoing campaign for the reauthorisation of glyphosate.



Glyphosate, a plant protection product, is authorised across all Member States and widely used in the farming industry. Like all plant protection products, this herbicide is subject to strict regulation and its use is only approved on the basis that there are no harmful effects on human health or

unacceptable risks to the environment. On this visit I was able to see first-hand the challenge our farmers face and the damage that would be caused if farmers were unable to use glyphosate on their land. Without this product, it will represent a significant loss of yield for arable and horticultural crops and could result in a drop in value of agricultural land by 40% overnight.

To ensure that farmers across the East Midlands are able to compete in the global market I am supporting the continued use of glyphosate. It is important that politicians are making decisions based on the scientific evidence rather than being swayed by political scaremongering.

CASTLE CARE RUTLAND

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. It is my pleasure and duty to support them across the East Midlands during my time as an MEP, so I was very pleased to be invited to attend an open day to celebrate the opening of Castle Car Care Ltd in Uppingham recently.



Castle Car Care Ltd is a new venture that came about in October 2016

when John and Lisa Bartlam took over the ownership of the company. John had worked there as an employee for some time and grasped the opportunity to buy the Rutland based-business when it arose. It currently provides car maintenance and servicing in Rutland and is a member of the Good Garage Scheme.

During the event, I met with the CCC Team as well as Geoffrey Pointon, who is a Director of the business, before speaking to new and old customers about the importance of small business.

CHAMPIONING FREE TRADE

In my role as Lead on International Trade in the European Parliament I have continued to press the case for trade liberalisation and encourage progress on EU trade negotiations.



I have also undertaken several missions around the world, building relations and addressing conferences on both sides of the Atlantic on the growing opportunities that present itself after Brexit.

The UK can now truly make itself a 'Global

Britain' by working with likeminded partners around the world to pursue positive trade negotiations to the mutual benefit of both partners. We must continue to promote the UK and uphold our reputation as a global leader in trade.

Whilst the EU has stalled on this, the UK is ready to work positively to bring down barriers and open up new export markets.

The UK must now ensure that we utilise free trade to drive our economic growth forward and bring further prosperity to our Small and Medium Enterprises giving them the chance to become part of global supply chains.

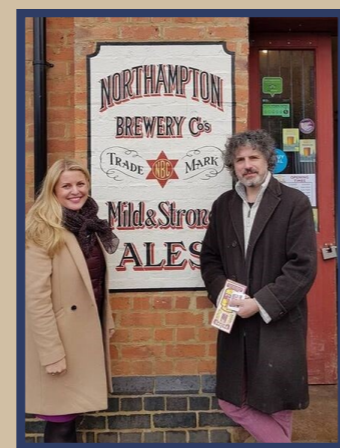
PHIPPS BREWERY— BRINGING BEER BACK!

In the East Midlands, we are really fortunate to have a tremendous amount of great local produce to shout about.

Earlier this year, I was lucky enough to be shown around the wonderful Phipps Brewery in Bridge Street Northampton by its charismatic Managing Director Alaric Neville.

The original Phipps in Northampton had closed its doors in 1974 with the firm's famous India Pale Ale disappearing completely from the shelves.

However, a few years later Alaric decided to restore an empty brewery building once used by Phipps in the heart of Northampton's town centre and turn it into a thriving brewery.



I learnt all about the history of the brewery and its current production practises as well as Alaric's plans for the venue as a possible Arts Centre on the site, something that could bring huge benefits to the town centre. Good beer, great history and a bright future.



Emma McClarkin MEP for the East Midlands



Your European Parliamentary report from Emma McClarkin MEP

Autumn 2017

DELIVERING BREXIT

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to my latest newsletter update. Over the last months I have been busy campaigning across the region and, whilst we did not get the election result many of us had hoped for, we are still the largest party and the only Government to deliver Brexit.

As you know, our Prime Minister and I are both committed to taking the UK out of the EU, maintaining a strong trading relationship with the EU and building the future of our country.

Negotiations are underway and while we lay out our plan for a Global Britain, the Conservatives are still introducing a significant domestic programme to improve our schools, fund our NHS, and tackle society's injustices.

Alongside this, I am working hard as ever to stand up for the East Midlands, and I was delighted to meet so many of you whilst campaigning and on my many visits across the region.

Emma McClarkin

As Autumn begins, the EU and UK are locked in further Brexit negotiations.

Having already held three rounds of negotiations, the Conservatives clear plan for a clean and prosperous Brexit are being presented in Brussels and London. And as we progress through the negotiations, one thing is becoming clear: as the EU becomes more divided, the UK grows more united.

Our priority at the moment remains agreeing a financial settlement between the UK and the EU that is fair. Clarifying the rights of UK citizens in Europe and EU citizens in the UK. And of course, finding a sensible solution to the Northern Ireland border that will maintain current arrangements.

So far we are proving shrewd negotiators and I am confident we will soon move to the important



With the Prime Minister and fellow Conservative MEPs

matter of the future EU-UK trading relationship. Establishing the right framework must provide stability for our businesses, certainty for our citizens and deliver on the result of the referendum. This means controlling our borders to bring numbers down to sustainable levels, setting out our own independent

WELCOMING RUPERT MATTHEWS

Whilst we have lost a brilliant MEP in Andrew Lewer MP, who was elected to Parliament as MP for Northampton South at the General Election, I am delighted to welcome Rupert Matthews as our excellent new MEP.

Rupert was a key member of the East Midlands Conservative Team at the last three Regional Elections and you will be seeing and hearing much more from Rupert very soon.

He and his office are already

hard at work standing up for Britain and the region and I look forward to a close working relationship to serve the people of the great East Midlands. #TeamEastMids



international trade agenda that promotes free trade globally and increases prosperity at home, and bringing back decision making to the UK.

I have been working closely with David Davis and Liam Fox to make sure we are positioning ourselves for the future throughout the negotiations and engaging in trade scoping exercises.

It is the Conservatives and their plan for a Global Britain that will get the best deal for the UK and ensure we are equipped to leave the EU and step out onto the world stage.

FIGHTING FOR WILDLIFE

Earlier this year, the Parliament voted for a report I authored on the EU's international trade policy and the sustainability of wildlife.

Illegal wildlife trade has been growing at a horrifying pace. It has become one of the most profitable criminal activities worldwide, with estimates of its total value of 25 billion dollars annually.

The report calls on the Commission to consider a full ban on trade in elephant ivory and

provide resources to those countries combatting these crimes inside and outside the EU.

Moving forward, there remains much work to do and I will continue to campaign in Brussels and also continue to call for the UK Government's leadership to keep this issue a priority.



COMMUNICATING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Elected as a young MEP I have always made it part of my work to communicate with our young people and listen to their ideas and concerns. No more is this important for us as a Party than right now.

Back in May, I was pleased to be invited back again to Leicester High School in South Knighton to speak to students about my role as an MEP, Brexit and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Many of our young people supported the Remain campaign and I am keen to reassure them that Brexit will still deliver on their hopes and aspirations.



I continue to support Sir Christopher Hattons in Wellingborough as an Ambassador and was

delighted to host Daniel Gunn, their Head Boy, for an internship in Brussels. It is so important to nurture our young talent. Congratulations to Daniel for getting into Oxford this summer!



Out and about across the East Midlands With Emma McClarkin MEP

Campaigning with local activists in the Local Elections (May 2017) & General Election (June 2017).



Above: Campaigning with Cllr Adam Stokes, Cllr Martin Hill and their team in Grantham.

Below: With Leicestershire County Council candidates at their manifesto launch in Glenfield.



Above: Out in Rushcliffe, campaigning with Mike Watkinson and his team.

Below: Out delivering with Cllr Amanda Wright and other activists in Burbage.



Above: Out in Birchwood, Lincoln, with Cllr Eddie Strengiel and Cllr Matthew Offord.

Below: Campaigning for Ben Bradley MP in Mansfield, with Patrick McLoughlin MP & Mark Spencer MP.



Above: Out and about with Cllr Annette Simpson and local activists in Bassetlaw.

Below: Successfully campaigning in North East Derbyshire to get Lee Rowley elected as MP.



Above: Out delivering leaflets in Bolsover with Cllr Helen Harrison and helpers.

Below: With Andrew Lewer MP and Area Chairman Michael Clarke in Northampton South.



Above: Helping to deliver leaflets in Gamesley, Glossop, with Andrew Bingham.

Below: Campaigning with Karl McCartney and his local team in Lincoln.



RAINBOWS CHARITY EVENT

At the beginning of July I had the pleasure of supporting the Bollywood meets Hollywood Ball fundraiser for Rainbows charity.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of the glamour of both Hollywood and Bollywood and highlighted the rich diversity we have in Leicester.

We had a delicious meal which was provided by award-winning Sanjay Foods who are recognised as one of the UK's finest Asian caterers. With entertainment throughout the evening, from a silent raffle to auctions and dancing, it was truly a night to remember.



Most important of all, the event recognised the amazing work of the Rainbows charity. Raising over £28,000 is a testament to the generous community spirit of the East Midlands and will go to a great cause.

I would like to thank Mrs Minhas and her team for organising the event and everyone for giving so much to those who need it.

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE

Three MPs with whom I have worked closely for the last few years sadly lost their seats at the General Election in June in tightly fought contests.

tirelessly for Derby North as their excellent MP and is carrying on the fight despite her loss.

Karl McCartney has fought hard for constituents in Lincoln over a number years particularly on issues like transport and investment in Lincoln's infrastructure and his contributions will be missed.



Andrew Bingham was a hardworking and excellent MP for High Peak. I worked closely with him over a number of years on behalf of High Peak constituents, raising money for charity on our High Peak hikes.

Amanda Solloway worked

I hope they will all return to public service in the future, and I thank them for their service.

Finally, a special mention to Sir Edward Garnier on his retirement after 25 years as Harborough MP.