



# 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. The past few months have been a hive of activity, with deals being done between various different parties following the European Elections, as EU groupings have been formed, re-formed, strengthened and dissolved.

One of the positive aspects of this is that our European Conservatives and Reformists group—which was only formed in 2009—has grown in number and is now the third largest grouping in the Parliament.

It has also been a busy few months for my new colleague Andrew Lewer, who has been settling in to his new role. I want to congratulate him on being elected, and I know he will do an excellent job for the region.

*Emma McClarkin*

# THANK YOU!

**The European Elections earlier this year saw us once again get two Conservative MEPs elected in the East Midlands, myself and my colleague Andrew Lewer.**

I want to say a huge thank you to all members, especially those who helped us deliver and campaign across the region, and also a special thank you to our East Mids team Rupert Matthews, Stephen Castens and Brendan Clarke-Smith. It was an absolute pleasure to see everyone, and I'm so glad that so many of you were able to help out.

Below are just a few of the many, many photos which were taken during the course of the campaign.

**Top right:** Grantham, Lincolnshire  
**Right:** Market Harborough, Leicestershire  
**Below left:** Amber Valley, Derbyshire  
**Below right:** Retford, Nottinghamshire  
**Bottom left:** Uppingham, Rutland  
**Bottom right:** Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire



## JUNCKER STITCH-UP

**I've recently condemned the predictable confirmation of federalist Jean-Claude Juncker as President of the European Commission.**

I and my fellow Conservative MEPs did not vote for Mr Juncker, but the fact is that the vote was merely a formality, as the major groupings in the European Parliament voted for him and everything he represents.

Once again it's the same old men, same old vision, same old story. We need real reform, not business as usual from the EU.

Rest assured though, that I and my fellow Conservative MEPs will continue to fight tooth-and-nail for British interests and against the creeping federalisation of the EU.



## EMMA McCLARKIN MEP - Fighting for the East Midlands in Europe

Conservative MEPs representing the East Midlands are Emma McClarkin and Andrew Lewer



**Above:** At Tunstead Quarry in Buxton with Andrew Lewer MEP.

**Below:** Supporting Historic Lincoln Trust with Karl McCartney MP.



# Out & About across the East Midlands

With **EMMA McCLARKIN MEP**

**Below:** Leicestershire Information Lunch with Nicky Morgan MP.



**Below:** At Oakham Castle with Mary Anne Donovan and Chris Emmett.



**Above:** Speaking at Trent Bridge Cricket Club, Nottingham.

**Below:** At John Crane Toys with the British Toy and Hobby Association.



## BACKING AN EU-USA TRADE DEAL

I recently addressed the **EU trade Commissioner on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) currently being negotiated between the EU and the USA.**

I wanted to reinforce that this free-trade deal is good for growth and jobs – particularly one of this scale. However, we must ensure that the deal

benefits businesses on both sides of the Atlantic, irrespective of size.



I know that there are some concerns among the public about this deal, but EU

negotiators have ruled out the inclusion of hormone beef and chlorinated chicken, so for these concerns to still be doing the rounds represents an element of mischief making from those fundamentally opposed to the deal.

We will keep pushing for a trade deal that opens markets and delivers.

## PROMOTING BRITISH TRADE

I've recently been confirmed as the **lead European Conservative and Reformist (ECR) MEP for the International Trade Committee in the European Parliament.**

As the EU was given more powers to create trade agreements under the Lisbon Treaty, it's important that we are there to scrutinise the negotiations and push for the opening of markets in order to create the much needed jobs and growth we need to boost our economy and provide more opportunities for our young people.

I am determined to do my best and fight for British interests. Whether that means fighting for or against proposed measures, the consideration of whether it would be best for Britain and the British people is always uppermost in my mind.

I want to act as an ambassador for trade for the region, promoting exports as well as inward investment to the East Midlands.

## PLEDGING MY SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FARMERS

Along with fellow **Conservative MEPs, I've recently put my name to a charter pledging support for British farming.**

The five-point pledge calls for support for UK agriculture and backing British growers in producing healthy, sustainable food. It sets out a clear vision of a fair deal for farming that should reassure consumers while securing a viable future for agriculture.

The pledge calls for fair

contracts, sustainable growth, balanced trade deals with other countries, a central place for science in agricultural decision-making, and a simpler, more-equitable Common Agricultural Policy.

The signing was organised at the European Parliament in Strasbourg by the four farming unions of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The President of the National Farmers' Union Meurig Raymond was also present.



I've always been a big supporter of farming in the East Midlands, so I was delighted to be able to give my support and promise to keep fighting for British farmers.