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From Mansfield, For Mansfield.

Newsletter

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Royal Mail Explain Mansfield's Slow Post Delivery



For those who have been experiencing slower than usual delivery of post by Royal Mail, I was told that their service will improve considerably in a matter of weeks. After writing to the CEO of Royal Mail back in December, I was invited to talk to their team in Mansfield.

I relayed the concerns of my constituents, who have been missing hospital appointments and job interviews due to the delay in letter deliveries. I was told by the staff at Mansfield's Delivery Office that service was supposed to return to normal by the middle of March. Have you noticed an improvement?



They informed me that 15% of their service in Mansfield was not running with the efficiency it should have been, and people in these postcodes were having their post delivered late as a result. The NG18 and NG19 postcodes were those most affected by staff shortages.

The staff explained that they are working towards more frequent rotations of post delivery - out on each street every 48 hours.

I'll be holding Royal Mail to account on this to make sure they follow through and deliver for Mansfield.



Visiting Toyota's East Midlands manufacturing plant

I was pleased to visit the Toyota manufacturing plant in Derbyshire recently, where a number of people from Mansfield are employed.

This isn't just a major regional employer - it provides thousands of highly skilled jobs, including for families right here in our town. Opportunities like this make a real difference locally, giving people secure, highly-skilled work close to home.



During my visit I was given a tour of the site and had the chance to speak with workers and union representatives. Unite have a strong presence on-site and are in regular discussions with the company to ensure workers' rights are protected and standards remain high - something that's incredibly important to me. It was impressive to see the scale of this industrial power in action, and I'm pleased to know that people from Mansfield have contributed to this manufacturing success story.

Reforms to the SEND system

The Government's Schools White Paper has been published, which outlines ways in which the education system will improve for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. I know this matters to the many people in Mansfield that it affects. I previously held a roundtable, where I heard from people in Mansfield on how the SEND system could be reformed.

I made sure to relay the feedback from constituents to Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education, who has published the White Paper outlining the Government's proposed reforms to the SEND system, including a £4 billion increase in funding that will allow every mainstream school in Mansfield to receive specialist SEND support.

Continuing the fight for Mansfield's mineworkers...

The recent transfers of Investment Reserve funds for both MPS and BCSSS members with a total value of almost £4 billion, have raised pensions for over 5,000 former coal industry workers in Mansfield, but there's more to be done.

I wrote to Minister for Industry Chris McDonald at the end of last year to request further action be taken with urgency on behalf of Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (MPS) members. Along with scheme trustees, I am proposing immediate action to end surplus sharing, and that 100% of any future investment surplus should be used to increase member's pensions.



In response to my letter, the Minister agreed to meet with me on 4th February, along with MPS trustees to make further progress on these outstanding issues for members of the Scheme in Mansfield, and the 110,000 members nationwide.



On 24th February, I was joined in Mansfield by more than 200 members of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme and their trustees, in order to update constituents in-person on the progress being made in Parliament.

Members were able to question me and discuss what they can do in Mansfield and across the area to support the MPS trustees' proposal, and I gave members my candid views on the recent meeting between myself and the Minister.



Supporting young people in Mansfield into work

I arranged for the Minister for Disability to come to Mansfield to learn about the Portland Pathways programme, which helps young people, particularly those with disabilities, into work.



The Minister set out the Government's plan to support young people into employment, including the pledge to give guaranteed job offers to under 21-year-olds who are receiving Universal Credit and have been out of work for more than 18 months.

Since the Minister's visit, the Government have announced that they will be extending the long-term unemployment jobs guarantee to include 22, 23 and 24-year-olds, as well as offering a £3,000 Youth Jobs Grant for employers who take on a young person unemployed for 6 months.

The scheme is being implemented in the East Midlands in the next few months, before a national rollout later in 2026.

St. Peter's ticket machines are being replaced

Permission has finally been granted

Constituents continue to report issues with parking at St. Peter's Retail Park...

Broken ticket machines and wrongly issued parking fines have been reported to me by constituents for over a year now.

In the last year I've had dozens of parking fines overturned for constituents related to St. Peter's. We didn't give up fighting for people in Mansfield, and we've finally got an update from the car park management company.

I've been told that permission has now been granted for new machines to replace the old ones, with the work said to be carried out in a matter of weeks.

While I welcome this news, similar promises have been made before, so I'll be keeping the pressure on to ensure they follow through and do what's best for shoppers in Mansfield.





Steve