STEVE YEMM MP

From Mansfield, For Mansfield.



Newsletter

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Major progress on miners' pensions, but the job isn't done yet.



The Budget delivered a big change for Mansfield's ex-miners. There's still more to win, and I'm not letting it drop.

The Budget brought real progress for former mineworkers. Surplus sharing is ending, so the government will no longer take a cut of the scheme's surplus. The standstill is also being abolished, which protects bonus pensions. Our coalfield communities have fought for these changes for decades, and they're a big step forward.

There's still the £1.2 billion guarantor fund, and that money belongs to members. Along with fellow coalfield MPs, I've been pressing the Government hard on it, and that pressure is paying off. In his Budget speech, the Chancellor committed to getting it into members' pockets.

I met the Chancellor straight after the Budget to make clear that ex-miners can't be kept waiting any longer. I'm also writing to him with Labour colleagues, calling for it to be paid without delay. I'll keep making the case until scheme members in Mansfield and across the coalfields have that money.

Listening to mining families

After the Budget, I went along to a meeting of former mineworkers and their families to speak to them about it and hear their concerns first hand.

The biggest worry was simple: when will they actually get their money? Many are getting older, and they're worried they'll be left waiting too long to see it.

What they told me will shape how I keep pushing the Government on the guarantor fund.



Meden Vale: have your say

Many Meden Vale residents have been in touch with me about the new drainage system (SuDS) installed on Pencil Park. People are especially worried about what it means for the park's green space and the play and sports areas.

I want to hear from you directly. How do you use the park? How have the changes affected you? And do you feel your views were listened to when the decision was made?

SCAN TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY

AUTUMN BUDGET OVERVIEW

WHAT IT MEANS FOR MANSFIELD

£100

Energy payment this winter for homes in council tax bands A–D

£45

Average yearly saving as gas standing charges are scrapped

£50

Off the energy price cap as the VAT cut on electricity runs to July

35%

Business rates relief for pubs, social clubs and music venues from April 2027

"This Budget gives families in Mansfield some breathing space. It brings down energy bills, backs our local pubs and small businesses, and protects working people from tax rises.

- Steve Yemm MP

Meeting with the new Chief Inspector



Town centre safety is one of the things people raise with me most, so I met Ed Cook, our new Chief Inspector for Mansfield and Ashfield, to pass on what residents are telling me.

I pressed for more visible policing, action on shoplifting and repeat offenders, illegal e-bikes and e-scooters, anti-social behaviour, drug dealing, and fair coverage beyond the town centre.

Work is already under way. Operation Amberstag in the town centre led to seven arrests for burglary, shop theft, drug and bail offences.

If you have concerns about crime where you live, get in touch with my office. Please report crime on 101 or online.

Join me for a tour of the Houses of Parliament and some Christmas shopping in London on Friday 11 December.

The day: The coach leaves from outside ASDA on Stockwell Gate at around 7am. We'll stop near Oxford Street for Christmas shopping (we're hoping for two hours, traffic permitting), then head to Parliament by Tube in small groups with my staff. There you'll get a tour and a Q&A before the coach brings us home, back in Mansfield around 10pm.

Cost: £26 per person, plus a small Eventbrite booking fee. You'll also need a bank card to tap on and off the Tube (about £3, not included).

Interested? Email me at steve.yemm.mp@parliament.uk with how many tickets you'd like and I'll send you the booking details. Full timings will be confirmed nearer the time.



Supporting local businesses in Mansfield...

"There are many great local businesses across Mansfield and it's a privilege to champion them."

I got my flu jab at Newgate Pharmacy in Mansfield. It only took a few minutes. Flu isn't just a bad cold. It can make people really poorly, especially older people, pregnant women, young children and anyone with a long-term health condition. If you're eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine, I encourage you to book yours before winter sets in. You can book through your GP, a local pharmacy or the NHS App.





I dropped into The Underworld Shop on Bridge Street after they got in touch about safety concerns at the shop. I'll be following up on the issues they raised. If you run a local business and have concerns, please get in touch. And with Christmas coming, please support our independent shops in town.

I visited Expressions Performing Arts Academy, who train young people in dance, singing and acting through BTEC and higher education courses. Many of their students have gone on to professional careers in the West End and around the world. Brilliant to see that talent coming out of Mansfield.



Representing Mansfield in Westminster

I often make multiple parliamentary contributions every week- ***this one was an important one.***



Ahead of the Budget, **I led a debate in Parliament on miners' pensions.** Around 5,000 people in Mansfield are members of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme or the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme.

This Labour Government has already handed back nearly £4 billion in reserves across both schemes. In the debate, I called for a fair deal on surpluses and for bonus pensions to be protected, alongside Labour MPs from coalfield communities across the country.

The Budget delivered on both. Surplus sharing is ending, so the government will no longer take a cut of the surplus, and the standstill is being abolished, which protects bonus pensions.

The £1.2 billion guarantor fund is the last piece. The Chancellor has committed to getting it into members' pockets, and I'll keep pushing until it's paid.

Thank you to everyone in Mansfield who got in touch ahead of the debate, and to the campaigners who have never let this go.

COMPLIMENT CORNER

One of the most rewarding parts of my role is supporting the residents of Mansfield and Warsop. It is always great to receive messages like these, showing that the support provided by my office is making a real difference to individuals across the constituency.

If you need any support, please don't hesitate to get in touch at **steve.yemm.mp@parliament.uk**.

"I really cant thank you enough for helping me. I just felt like i was invisible, like nobody was listening to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

"I can't thank Mr Steve Yemm enough. I definitely recommend that anyone who is having similar difficulties, please reach out to him."

" I really appreciate all your help and patience with this over the many months it's been ongoing. It's made such a difference having your support, and I'm truly grateful for your time and persistence in getting this resolved for me."

Support Guide

Scan the QR code to access our support guide. My team and I have put together this resource to help residents in Mansfield find advice and support with common issues they may be facing.

The guide includes contact details for local and national organisations offering help with areas such as health and wellbeing, money management and debt, energy bills and the cost of living, as well as housing and homelessness support.







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