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Camborne, Redruth and Hayle



## Re-opening of Carn Brea Leisure Centre

The management team at Carn Brea secured funding from Sport England to refurbish the pools and deliver other maintenance and improvements. It has now re-opened.

George said: "The refurbished swimming pool at Carn Brea Leisure Centre is amazing. Like new and completely transformed. The best pool in the county. I

attended the official opening but hundreds of local children have already had the chance to use it and it's getting a big thumbs up. Congratulations to Alex Clifton and all the dedicated staff at Carn Brea who worked hard to get it ready. Also, to all the local schools, businesses and community groups who pulled together to help raise money for this central community asset." ■

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Working hard for people in  
Camborne, Redruth and Hayle

## KEEPING RADIOTHERAPY SERVICES IN CORNWALL

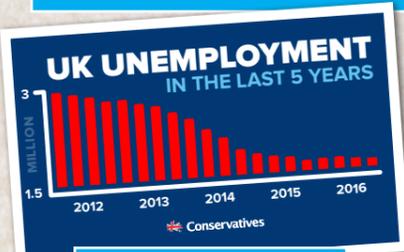
George has been contacted by many constituents about NHS England's consultation on a new model for radiotherapy services in England. He was concerned about reports of people potentially having to travel outside of Cornwall for treatment. He wrote to NHS England to express those concerns.

George received an encouraging response, saying that this is not about cuts to the NHS. £130 million of new money is coming in to invest in improved radiotherapy. The other thing to be clear about is that there are no plans to close the Sunrise Centre.

George said: "The Sunrise Centre is a gold standard and it may be that it is the right place, in a new radiotherapy network, to do some of the more specialist work. We shouldn't always be looking at heading east on these things. It's quite possible to have centres of excellence in the west. If you look at St Michael's Hospital in Hayle, that is a national and regional centre of excellence in treating breast cancer, for example."



George meets pupils from Portreath School in Parliament, to address a parliamentary committee on the work they have done to tackle plastic waste.



More people in work.



Meeting Furniss Biscuits at our Taste of Cornwall Day.



George during Defra questions in the House of Commons.



George fought to ensure that Redruth was chosen as the site for the Kresen Kernow Archive Centre.



George is clear that the Cornish pasty and clotted cream will retain protected status when we leave the EU.



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### Dear Resident

It has been another busy few months, both in Parliament and here in Cornwall. Nationally, as the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, I have been doing a great deal of work to prepare new legislation so that we are ready to take back control of these policy areas once we leave the EU. But it has been busy locally too.

Concerns about over-development in Cornwall have surrounded several development proposals in recent months. I have always had a consistent view that, while we need more homes, we must build on brownfield sites before greenfield. MPs don't normally get involved in individual planning applications but I have felt compelled to recently in order to try to get the right result. I requested that a planning appeal for 226 new dwellings in Budock was "recovered" by the Secretary of State so that it could be properly scrutinised. I have opposed plans to build a sprawling, so-called student village on land at Penvose outside Penryn. I have also supported our local councillor in Troon in opposing a large housing development there.

David Attenborough's Blue Planet II documentary has catapulted concerns about plastics pollution up the agenda. This is an important issue for Cornwall because many of our beautiful beaches and the marine wildlife around our coast are affected. Local Schools have played their part. I had a group of pupils from Portreath Community School visit parliament to explain to a committee what they were doing to reduce plastics use in their school by getting suppliers to reduce their use of plastic packaging. I also received many letters from a number of students at Mount Hawke Academy, all of whom are campaigning for Parliament to do more to tackle the problem.

Finally, the Kresen Kernow Cornwall Archive project on the site of the old Redruth Brewery is now really starting to take shape. The wet winters we have had have made some of the work difficult and put certain elements behind schedule but I visited the site a few weeks ago and it looks stunning. This is going to be a great asset for Redruth and could become a catalyst for further renewal in the town.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and please do get in touch if you have any problems or concerns that you would like me to try to assist with.

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## Launching Pool Academy's Citizenship Award

George visited Pool Academy, where he spoke to staff and students about the school's new citizenship award. The aim of the award is to help students develop and do something for the community, centred around Pool Academy's values of aspiration, belonging and respect.

George said: "This is an excellent concept, and schemes like this can be so beneficial for young people." ■



Discussing damage done to Portreath Harbour Wall. George is working with the Environment Agency to find a solution.

## Recent storm damage



Maenporth and the Helford Passage were both affected by the damage done by Storm Emma earlier this year. At Maenporth, damage was done to local businesses and the road was impassable as

a result of sand and debris. At Helford, the road by the Ferryboat Inn was lost to the sea. George has written to the Environment Agency about flood defences at Maenporth.

Funding has been confirmed for the repair of the road at Helford, and George has been in touch with Cornwall Council to ensure that the repairs are carried out as quickly as possible. ■

## South Crofty Mine



When George was elected, he said that his number one priority was economic regeneration. One of his main hopes is that South Crofty might re-open. Things have taken a step forward as Strongbow Exploration, the current owners of the mine, confirmed that they have raised the funds required to de-water the mine.

South Crofty's headgear is iconic and known across the world. George has been working with the Environment Agency and Strongbow to find the right kind of filtration and water

purification processes to ensure that the Red River does not run red again, and permits were issued late last year.

George said "Demand for tin has increased dramatically. It is the main element used in solder, which is used in smart phones and tablets. We have also learnt that Cornwall has considerable lithium reserves, including in South Crofty. The presence of metals in South Crofty that are in the vanguard of modern technology creates a good chance that mining will resume." ■

## Celebrating local produce



Some of Cornwall's most famous food and drink producers visited the Houses of Parliament to celebrate St Piran's Day. The Taste of Cornwall event was held by

Cornwall's six Conservative MPs, and sponsored by Great Western Railway (GWR) and Steve Andrew's Tyres.

George Eustice said: "It was fantastic to celebrate St Piran's Day by inviting some of our local producers to show off their products here in the Palace of Westminster. It was good to catch up with Rodda's, Furniss and Lynher Dairies from my own constituency.

It was a chance to celebrate the Cornish food and drink sector which continues to grow and thrive." ■

## Keeping our greenfield sites green

George has always been clear that we must build on brownfield sites before greenfield. He wrote to the Housing Minister to request that a planning appeal for 226 new dwellings in Budock was recovered.

The proposed development on land at Menehay Fields, Budock, would have resulted in a loss of green interface between Budock and Falmouth, and was a decision of strategic importance given the

threat to Budock's status as a village. The Minister confirmed that he would recover the appeal.

George said: "This was a decision of strategic importance, and I wanted it to be recovered to ensure that it got the scrutiny that the circumstances warranted. I am really pleased that we have stopped this development. I will continue to fight to protect our greenfield land." ■

## Plans to tackle our plastic problem

The 25 Year Environment Plan sets out ambitious plans to tackle the scourge of plastic waste in our oceans and a new way of supporting our countryside and environment so that we help habitats recover and see more farmland birds and other wildlife in the future.

The government has pledged to crack down on plastics by eliminating all avoidable plastic waste through extending the 5p plastic bag charge to small retailers, removing consumer single use plastics from the government estate, supporting the water industry to significantly increase water fountains and working with retailers on introducing plastic-free supermarket aisles.

George said "For several years, I have taken part in the Marine Conservation



Society's Great British Beach Clean at Porthtowan, joining volunteers to clean up litter and record what we found. Surfers Against Sewage, based in St Agnes, have also done some fantastic work in raising awareness of the damage caused to the marine environment by plastic." ■