

# LUTON ARCHES CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Last year Jonathan started his clean up Luton Arches Campaign. £125,000 has since been received from the Government. Work has been completed on new pigeon netting, road surfacing and painted railings. There will also be improved lighting. Jonathan is pressing Network Rail to bring forward the date to repaint the arch itself.



Jonathan at Luton arches.

# SNODLAND - TREATMENT WORKS TO BE COVERED!

Last summer Jonathan stepped up his campaign to have the Ham Hill Treatment Works covered. Following meetings at the site, letters to the Southern Water and OFWAT, Southern Water finally agreed to carry out the necessary work. The project will cost around £3 million. Jonathan said, "It was nice to receive so many letters of thanks I am looking forward to seeing the work completed so that residents no longer have to suffer the smell!"



Showing the way 'Ham Hill Treatment Works'.

# BACKING PARENTS IN ECCLES

Parents wanting to send their children to Eccles village school have been told by Kent County Council that they will have to wait until May and then appeal. Even then there are no guarantees! This is despite the school wanting to offer a place to all children. KCC have been digging their heels in, telling parents the school cannot make an offer before May. Jonathan has written to KCC advising them there is no need for such behaviour and to apply a little common sense.

# LET ME KNOW:

If you want to get in touch please feel free to do so. My e-mail address is jonathanshawlabour@yahoo.com or you can call me on 01634 811573 or write to me at 411 High Street, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4NU

To keep up to date with what's happening in your area and what I have been doing on behalf of local residents please log on to my web site at [www.jonathanshaw.labour.co.uk](http://www.jonathanshaw.labour.co.uk)



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Jonathan has breakfast with his family before setting off to work.

Dear Local Resident,

There are around 70,000 people in the Chatham & Aylesford area, more than 80% of whom own their own home. I have been talking to people locally about mortgages as I have been working on this issue in Parliament.

Having lived in the area all my life, I know how local people suffered when mortgage rates went sky high in the late 1980's and early 1990's; trapping thousands in negative equity and causing misery when people had their homes repossessed.

People have understandably told me they want to keep their mortgages low and don't want to return to the days when they reached the painful 15%! This is particularly true of young families and my research has shown there is a very large number of young families living within this area.

Today mortgages are at their lowest level for 40 years, saving an average mortgage payer in our area almost £220 a month.

I am continuing to work on this issue and would welcome your comments.

Finally, this newsletter is one of the ways I try and keep you informed about some of my work on your behalf and news in general. Please feel free to get in touch - my contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

Jonathan Shaw

## "KEEPING LOW MORTGAGES!"

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# GREENACRE SCHOOL – SPORTING & EXAM SUCCESS



Jonathan celebrates sporting and academic success at Greenacre School.



Work begins soon on the rebuilding of Holmesdale and Aylesford Secondary Schools.

Another local school has won its bid for Specialist School Status. £500,000 extra funding from the Labour Government will assist Greenacre Boys School in Walderslade to develop its excellence in sports. Jonathan is a regular visitor to Greenacre and has backed the school all way. The new sports status follows very high achievement in GCSE's. All schools are set to become specialist in the near future.

# WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN BACKS ID CARDS



Aylesford Resident and WWII Veteran Harry Pickett.

**"If you've done nothing wrong, you've got nothing to hide."**  
Harry Pickett

My local survey on ID Cards showed that 86% of people in Chatham & Aylesford were in favour of ID Cards - higher than the national figure of 80% support. Harry Pickett from Aylesford served in the Army during the Second World War. Now 89, Harry saw action at Dunkirk and took part in the liberation of British soldiers at the Japanese P.O.W. camps. "I think ID cards are good idea. They will help stop people trafficking, benefit fraud and teenagers buying alcohol under age - "If you've done nothing wrong, you've got nothing to hide." said Harry.

# £10 MILLION NHS INVESTMENT FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE CENTRES IN LARKFIELD, SNODLAND & LORDSWOOD



Dr. Chesover thanks Jonathan for his help.

GP's see at least 70% of their patients every year. New Health Centres are being built in our area. The new Thornhill Surgery in Larkfield recently opened after transferring from London Road. Funding for the £2 million centre comes from the NHS. Jonathan was shown the facilities recently by Dr. David Chesover who said "I'd like to thank Jonathan for the part he played in helping to bring about these fantastic new facilities."

Work is nearing completion on the new Snodland Clinic and in Lordswood work is due to begin very soon. The total investment is over £10 million meaning better services for local people from our NHS.

# BOBBIES ON THE BEAT



Luton and Wayfield Beat officer's PC Rob Jackson and PCSO Sandra Price on Patrol with Jonathan.

Jonathan has welcomed Kent Chief Constable Mike Fuller's commitment to put more Bobbies on the beat. Kent now has more Police than ever before. Joining them are Community Support Officers and Council Wardens. There has been good progress and the numbers will continue to increase.

# SURE START IN CHATHAM



Jonathan with parents and children at the Chatham Sure Start Centre.

A new centre for children and families opened in Chatham recently. Jonathan met with local parents to discuss how the centre was benefiting the local community. There are 500 such centres in England. This will be increased to over 2,500 over the next few years.