

JULY NEWSLETTER

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I have had a rather busy July this year and wanted to update you all on what I have been up to.

I was fortunate enough at the beginning of this month to visit the home security experts ERA at the i54 business park. I was given a thorough tour of the offices, manufacturing and warehouse facilities and was even given a demonstration of 'LockDown', their new barricade device. It was a pleasure to visit such an innovative and ambitious company.



I also had the wonderful opportunity to join constituents at the annual Great Wryley Carnival. There were over 5000 visitors this year and there were a number of events including a dog show, a fun fair and a carnival procession. Local schools were able to take part in a World Cup themed floats competition, which students from St Thomas More won with their Brazil themed float. A huge thank you to all those who spent so much time and effort organising the event, which ran smoothly from start to finish.



I am really pleased to announce that Landywood Primary School has been awarded a grant of £9510 by The Premier League and The FA Facilities. This investment will be used to fund a changing room refurbishment and to purchase grounds maintenance equipment. Since 2000, the Foundation and its Funding Partners have supported projects worth £1.4 billion. The Foundation aims to enhance the capacity and quality of the United Kingdom's local sports infrastructure. It is a really exciting investment for our constituency and I wish to congratulate the school for this award. The investment will highly benefit both the students and the wider community.

I also recently attended Trysull Village Fair. This was held at the beautiful Ketley House Gardens and there were a large variety of stalls and activities, as well as flowers displays inside the church. I was even given the chance to try some bell ringing but I am not sure I impressed many people with my efforts!



I was delighted to attend the RAF100 flypast and Presentation of the Queen's Colours event at Buckingham Palace. Over a thousand servicemen and women took part in a parade on The Mall and 100 aircraft, representing the RAF's history, flew over Buckingham Palace. We can all be so proud of what the RAF has achieved over the last 100 years and it was wonderful to see thousands of people gather on the streets of London to celebrate and watch the spectacular flypast. I was able to spend time with Christopher Pyne, the Australian Minister for Defence Industry. I was very proud to represent South Staffordshire on such a wonderful day.



It was a huge honour this month to award the first set of Operation Shader medals to our incredible service personnel and to announce that the Queen has granted permission to extend it to all those who made such an important contribution to this campaign. Operation Shader medals are given to those who have made exceptional contributions to the fight against Daesh and fought to end their tyranny in Syria and Iraq.



I had the pleasure of visiting Tarmac at the end of July. Tarmac are a building materials and construction solutions business and are based at the Hilton Industrial Estate. I was given a very thorough presentation about the company and also enjoyed a tour of the manufacturing and storage facilities. They are a really fantastic company and it was great to see all the hard work that goes on there. I was particularly impressed by their commitment to the community and the environment.



I enjoyed a visit to 'South Staffs', a golf club based in South Staffordshire. The golf club itself is beautiful and is set in 160 acres of land. I enjoyed a lunch with a number of my constituents. I was lucky enough to visit when the sun was shining and it made my visit all the more enjoyable!



July has been a very busy and interesting month. I always enjoy the numerous summer fetes and carnivals that are taking place in South Staffordshire. The effort that goes in to planning all the events always amazes me and I feel very proud to be the MP for such a passionate and creative group of people.

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss or an event that you would like me to support in the local community, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can reach my office at 01902 846616 or you can email me at gavin@gavinwilliamson.org. I look forward to hearing from you.