

CHARLIE ELPHICKE MP

Better healthcare, more jobs and money



NEW HOSPITAL IN NEW YEAR?



A proper hospital for Dover?

Charlie's long fight to get a proper hospital for Dover has received a boost from local health chiefs. Hospital bosses say they now plan to start building in the New Year. For years our local health services were decimated under Labour – now we have a Conservative MP real progress has been made. Still Charlie warns against complacency. Charlie says, "This is great news. When they start laying bricks we can celebrate. Until then we need to keep pressing our case."

STRONGER BORDER SECURITY

Human trafficking, illegal entrants, drugs and contraband smuggling are tackled by UKBA officers working at Dover and Calais. Charlie opposed Labour's open door immigration policy. Charlie wants to see UKBA protected from cost cutting and get the computer equipment and support they need. Under Labour's "Human Rights" legislation, too often foreign criminals are not deported and terrorists are set free to walk our streets. Charlie is fighting to have Labour's Human Rights Act scrapped so we can deport terrorists and foreign criminals without delay.



Charlie inspecting border controls at Dover



Keep our port forever England

FIGHTING LABOUR'S PORT SELL OFF

The next few months should see a decision made on whether our port will be privatised. The Labour Government started a privatisation process to sell off our port to the French or whoever. The sale was about to be signed off at the time of the 2010 General Election. Once started the process is very hard to stop. However Charlie has succeeded in stopping Labour's sell off so far. He wants to see Dover become a People's Port, owned by our community, safeguarded for England forever.

If Ministers throw out Labour's sell off plan, then our port's future will be secure; there will be a new partnership with the port, community and ferry companies; and there will be more regeneration, jobs and money for our community. Whatever the outcome, one thing is for sure - thanks to Charlie's efforts, our community will get more money from the port in the future.

JOBS AND MONEY

The Pfizer shutdown was a real blow to local jobs. Meanwhile the Labour appointed harbour board management have sacked hundreds of workers at the Port of Dover. Charlie successfully campaigned to get the fast train service for Deal, helped win a £40m regional growth fund for East Kent, has supported Dover and Deal's Portas high street bids, hopes to see our towns and villages benefit from superfast broadband and is fighting to boost our local economy with the Hadlow Project at Betteshanger that would create up to 1,000 new local jobs.



Fast train - good for jobs

Championing Dover & Deal...



Speaking up for us

Charlie has been our MP for just two years, yet has already made as much impact nationally as he has locally. Charlie regularly speaks in the House of Commons on subjects ranging from saving our port, fixing our economy, building a fairer union with English votes for English laws and scrapping Labour's human rights laws that too often give villains and terrorists the upper hand.

Children's rights

Charlie is securing changes in family law. As a thoughtful, independent minded MP, he has made the case for children to have the right to know both their parents after family breakdown. Now, thanks to Charlie's campaign for children's rights, the Government programme announced in the Queen's Speech will make sure both parents can know and have a relationship with their kids after divorce or separation.



Charlie's Queen Speech victory



In it for the poorest, not for himself

Caring for the least well off

Charlie has also campaigned in Parliament for the least well off. He wants to see the poorest taken out of tax altogether and ensure that big international businesses like Google, Apple and Amazon pay their fair share of tax. Charlie has also been active in publishing policy papers on how we can make the economy grow faster.

Last but not least, Charlie has delivered on his pledge not to abuse expenses and does not claim for homes, food or furniture.

Justice for children with special needs

Charlie is deeply concerned by the challenges faced by parents of children with special educational needs here in Dover and Deal. The statementing process is bureaucratic and can take years. Even then finding a suitable school is a real struggle for many. So Charlie organised a special needs summit with parents and the leaders of Kent County Council. Parents spoke movingly of their experiences. As a result the council is reviewing its special needs provision and looking to make improvements. Charlie says, "I wanted to hold this summit to help support these dedicated parents. I hope positive changes will be made to make things easier for them and their families."



At the special needs summit

Working tirelessly all year round...

WHAT THEY SAY...

In the average week Charlie receives nearly 1,000 emails and hundreds of letters. Charlie works hard to ensure residents' concerns are acted on as quickly as possible. Charlie also holds regular constituency surgeries. Here are some of the things people are saying:

“ Thank you for your great kindness in sorting out my pension problem for me. ”
Mrs B, Capel-Le-Ferne

“ You are doing a grand job. Dover needs so much done to bring it back to how it was 40 years ago when I moved here. ”
Mrs W, Dover

“ I am always pleased to hear from you – more than I ever did from your predecessor, which was never! ”
Mr B, Deal

“ We now believe we have an MP who will work for Dover and Deal. You don't just send constituents 'acknowledgement' cards then forget about them. ”
Mrs R, Dover

“ I am writing to thank you . . . for your efforts on the Roundhill Tunnel. ”

“ May I say how impressed I am with the way you have conducted yourself in the House of Commons since your election. ”
Mr C, Kingsdown

Northbourne
Enjoying some cricket while opening new play equipment

Sholden
Campaigning strongly against unwanted housebuilding

Jobs for Deal
Backing the Hadlow College bid to create up to 1,000 local jobs

Deal train station
Opening Platform 1 Cafe and celebrating the new high speed service

St Margarets
Campaigning to keep fire station open

RNLI
Supporting the excellent work our lifeboatmen do

Astor College
Schools group to break free from council's control
Successfully pushed through to academy status

Proper hospital for Dover
On track for building to start next year

Go Whites!
Enjoying a Dover Athletic game with daughter Charlotte

Dover
Meeting Christian Aid to hear about the work they do

East Kent Light Railway
Pressing for extension from Eythorne to Hamill Brickworks

Aylesham
Supported the opening of the Skills Factory and pressing for the development of Snowdown

Eastry
Fighting for broadband in Eastry and all our villages

...get in touch!

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