

BRANDON LEWIS MP

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Use our exclusive "No thanks" poster to politely tell Halloween callers they are not welcome at your door.



BRANDON LEWIS MP

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Dear Neighbour,

I would like to thank everyone who sent me their best wishes, following my promotion in the recent government reshuffle. At the Prime Minister's request I have taken over responsibility for both housing and planning. These are vital areas, which are going to have big impact on the future of our economy and our country. The supply of good quality housing is one of the greatest challenges facing Great Yarmouth and the UK as a whole. I am looking forward to working toward a solution that provides affordable housing while protecting our many miles of beautiful countryside in Norfolk and the UK.

It's a big job with many challenges ahead. However, residents in the Great Yarmouth constituency still remain my most important priority, as I continue to represent the area as Member of Parliament. I will continue to campaign for the issues that are important for the area. Along with my hardworking team in the constituency and Parliament, constituents will still receive a first-class service when we deal with their problems or queries. Nothing has changed when it comes to representing such a great constituency.

Yours sincerely,

BRANDON LEWIS MP



P.S. If you would like to receive regular email updates about my work on behalf of Great Yarmouth, sign up by sending an email to office@brandonlewis.co.

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- JAMES PAGET HOSPITAL - 01493 452452
- GREAT YARMOUTH COUNCIL - 01493 856100
- ENVIRONMENTAL RANGERS - 01493 846478
- RUBBISH COLLECTION - 01493 742206
- ABANDONED VEHICLES - 101
- DOG FOULING - 01493 846478
- APPLY FOR A POSTAL VOTE - 01493 846327

SCHOOLS GET CASH BOOST

The Government has announced that schools in some of the least fairly funded areas in the country will benefit from a £390 MILLION cash boost in the biggest step towards fairer schools funding in a decade. The schools budget in Norfolk will increase by £18 million, making a real difference to children in Great Yarmouth.

Schools in Great Yarmouth will see their per pupil funding increase by a massive £180.

Children in Norfolk deserve the very best schools so they can gain the skills they need to get on in life. Labour failed to address the unfairness in our funding system which meant that our local schools haven't received the funding they deserved.

That's why Brandon Lewis welcomes this cash boost, "It means our schools will get the resources they are entitled to and will help improve the quality of education for all children in Great Yarmouth.

This new money is part of our long-term economic plan to help all young people to have the best schools and skills so that they can succeed in life."



BRANDON'S REGULAR VISITS TO OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS HAS SHOWN HIM HOW AN EXTRA £180 PER PUPIL WILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

MORE BUSINESSES NOMINATED AS YARMOUTH GREATS!

The Yarmouth Greats campaign, which invited local residents to vote for their favourite high street shop, tourist attraction or hospitality venue, has been a huge success. Over 80 businesses were awarded certificates in the public poll.

Brandon Lewis was delighted with the support shown to local businesses, "Every time I visit a business that has been nominated I am reminded of how many great companies and owners we have in Great Yarmouth. Whether it is a store, a venue or a place to eat and drink I am excited by just how many are offering such superb service and great products to customers."

The popularity of this competition is a testament to the special place our local businesses have in the hearts of residents. Find out who was crowned the ultimate "Yarmouth Great!" in the next issue of Reporting Back.



WORKING FOR YOU IN GREAT Y



The new Environment Minister, Liz Truss, visited the area to meet members of the Save Hemsby Action Group and local business leaders to view the damage inflicted by the winter tidal surge. She then heard from local farmers about some of the challenges the industry faces in the area. Commenting during the visit Liz Truss said, "We are doing everything we can to help people recover from the devastating floods that affected people last winter. That is why we have given over £100,000 worth of funding."

Brandon has organised numerous community events to help our area or local charities. Whether it's picking up litter on the beach, hosting a quiz night for the local hospice or lifeboat, or packing Christmas boxes to post to our service personnel overseas, Brandon is always willing to roll up his sleeves and help out.

Local residents contacted Brandon about speeding traffic on roads around Alderman Swindell School.

Large quantities of traffic are using the roads, particularly during the school run, at speeds where it is unsafe for our children to be crossing the roads.

Brandon has contacted the County Council to call on them to implement a 20mph zone, on the roads surrounding the school, as a matter of urgency.



YARMOUTH AND WESTMINSTER



Throughout the summer Brandon and a team of volunteers, have been delivering community newsletters and updates on local issues. They have also knocked on thousands of doors undertaking a massive community survey. All the issues raised have been followed up with the council or other authorities. No other local politician keeps in touch as much as Brandon does!



Brandon continues to campaign for better station facilities and services for passengers. Over the summer he has met with train operators to discuss regeneration options for the station, which would enormously improve its image. Let's hope they give the green light soon.



Residents continue to contact Brandon with examples of neighbourhood neglect, as the Labour-run councils continues to ignore basic problems. Brandon's intervention at Gorleston Cliffs, saw swift action from the council to tidy up the area.



The Government's record investment in our Post Office services, has seen several local branches transformed, with more products on offer and longer opening hours. The latest Post Office set to be modernised is the Yarmouth Road branch in Caister-on-Sea.



LABOUR'S £21 BILLION SUMMER SPENDING SPREE

GREAT YARMOUTH RESIDENTS FEAR PICKING UP BILL

Brandon Lewis has condemned Labour's pledges over the summer for £21 billion more unfunded, inefficient and ineffective spending.

New analysis has revealed this would cost working households £1,235 each – a whopping £2 billion for working households across East Anglia. This would all have to be paid for by higher taxes or more borrowing, making hardworking taxpayers, and future generations, worse off.

While Labour continue to struggle for credibility on the economy new figures from the Office for National Statistics have revealed that the recovery in the economy under this Government has been stronger than previously thought. This faster growth means there are more businesses creating more jobs, so that more families can have the security of a regular pay packet, with a brighter future ahead of them.

Brandon said: "Just as new growth figures – which show the economy has been growing faster under this Government than previously thought – confirms this Government's long-term economic plan is working, helping more families achieve the security of work, it's shocking to see Labour still haven't learned its lesson.

"In a string of speeches over the summer Labour pledged £21 billion worth of unfunded, inefficient and ineffective spending. This means Labour would have to hit people in Great Yarmouth with more borrowing and higher taxes, making hardworking taxpayers worse off and putting the recovery at risk. We need to stick to the Conservatives' long-term economic plan, which is delivering growth, getting the deficit down and cutting taxes - securing a brighter and more secure future for Britain."



GREAT YARMOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN 35%

Brandon Lewis has welcomed the news that the number of people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance has fallen 35% since August last year.

The number of people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance last month was 1894, down from 2924 in August 2013.

"This is just another month of good employment figures for Great Yarmouth," says Brandon.

"Businesses are feeling the confidence they need to expand and take on more people. These are not just numbers on a page: every person who is finding work and coming off benefits is another person taking home money for their family and paying into the local economy.

"There is, of course, more work to do. That is why I held another successful Jobs Fair at Great Yarmouth Racecourse at the beginning of September. Local residents were able to find out more about the local job market, brush up on their job hunting skills and had the opportunity to meet some of the fantastic businesses we have in and around Great Yarmouth."

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VISIT WESTMINSTER

Throughout this year, I am organising coach trips to the Houses of Parliament for constituents, to give them an insight into the everyday workings of this historic building. If you would like to come on a future trip please contact Hannah on **01493 652928**

BRANDON LEWIS MP – WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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WORKING FOR A SAFER GREAT YARMOUTH

Halloween is on the 31 October but calls are made from 'trick or treaters' in the weeks leading up to it. If you want to avoid any unwanted callers, please display this card in your window.

For serious anti-social behaviour problems, call Norfolk Police on 101.

REMEMBER

always dial or text 999 in an emergency

The background is a dark green field with a large, light green circular shape in the center. Various Halloween icons are scattered around: a witch flying on a broom in the top left, two black bats in flight, a black spider on a white web in the bottom left, a black haunted house with yellow windows in the bottom right, and a white ghost in the top right.

NO TRICK OR TREAT HERE

Thank you