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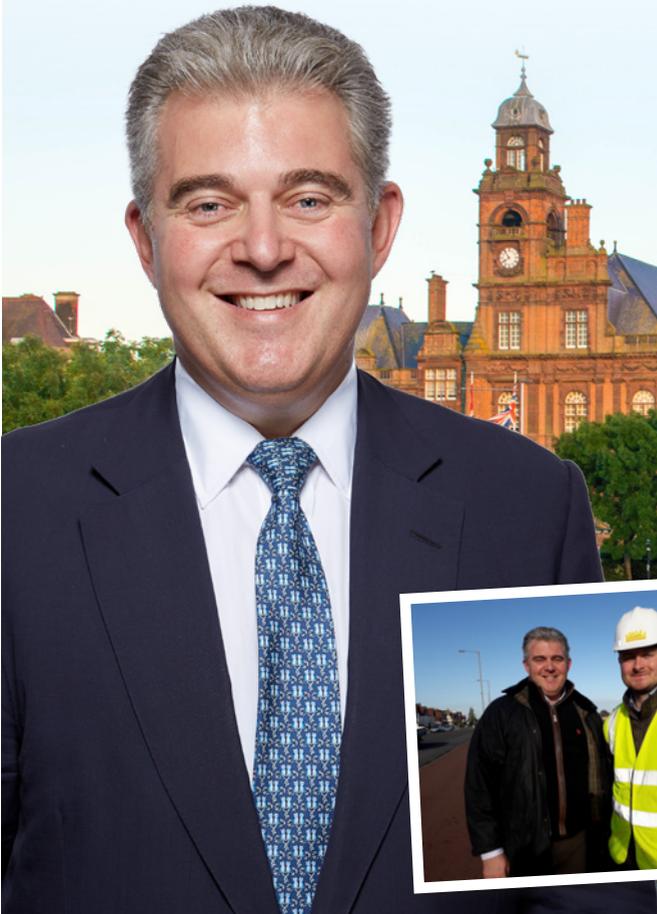
# NORFOLK VIEW

WINTER 2019 GREAT YARMOUTH EDITION

## *Reporting Back*

Brandon  
Lewis MP

Helping make Great  
Yarmouth a better  
place to live,  
work and play



**CHAMPIONING** LOCAL CAUSES & **CAMPAIGNING** ON LOCAL ISSUES

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# A personal message

**It has been another incredibly busy year, both here in the constituency and also in the House of Commons. Although political life can be hectic, it's always rewarding to pause for a while and reflect upon the achievements, as well as the opportunities ahead.**

This latest edition of Reporting Back provides just a snapshot of what I've been up to, working with the excellent Great Yarmouth Conservative team of councillors and community campaigners. Do remember that no other political party in this area keeps residents up-to-date in this way on a regular basis.

Looking back at 2018 and it's no

surprise that politics was dominated by the ongoing Brexit debate. I remain determined that the verdict delivered in the historic referendum becomes a reality and that we leave the European Union this year. If Parliament fails to proceed with Brexit, it would be an affront to our democracy and a betrayal of the British people.

The last year wasn't all about Europe. There were important government announcements both locally and nationally. A £98 million commitment from the Transport Secretary will ensure that a Third River Crossing for the town will be built. This is a massive vote of confidence in our area's economic potential. Planning issues have been at the forefront of



many people's questions. There was concern that Fritton Woods was at risk from new quarrying plans and anger that developers in Hemsby wanted to ignore local opinion by going ahead with unpopular plans for the old Pontins site.

As we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the National Health Service, over a million health workers received a significant pay increase to reflect the incredible work they do in our hospitals and communities. A new funding package gave the NHS an extra £600 million a week. With this extra money comes a government focus on increasing cancer survival rates and improving mental health. The Chancellor of

the Exchequer continued to support hard-working families in his Budget with another freeze on fuel tax that will help when they fill up their car. Bringing forward planned changes to income tax allowances means everyone will get to keep more of their money before having to pay tax.

My hope is that in 2019 we can concentrate on building a better Britain outside the European Union – seizing all the amazing opportunities that will be open to us as an independent country. ●

*Brandon*

**Brandon Lewis  
MP for Great Yarmouth**

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## ON TRACK AT TOWN STATION

**A**fter nearly a decade campaigning to 'Fix our station' Brandon has welcomed long-awaited improvements to the station area.

It follows the latest phase of regeneration works, backed with £2.2 million of local enterprise funding. "We are seeing a real change at long last," says Brandon, "for too long the station was dirty, dingy and depressing. The whole area is looking smarter and more welcoming for passengers." Brandon pledged to continue to put pressure on the rail companies to make sure we have a bright, modern station. ●



Brandon welcomes investment in station

## PROTECTING OUR COASTAL COMMUNITIES

**W**e all know that erosion is a very real threat along much of the coastline in our borough, especially for the northern villages.

Brandon is working alongside residents and local councillors, to find a longer-term solution not just for Hemsby, but for Scratby and Winterton as well. Brandon says, "There is no easy fix! With recent reports detailing possible solutions we are much further forward in finding cost-effective solutions everyone can support." ●

## SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES OPPOSE UNSUITABLE DEVELOPMENTS

The owners of the empty Pontins site must listen to local opinion



## HELPING PEOPLE GET AN AFFORDABLE HOME

**A**s Housing Minister Brandon championed government measures to help build more affordable houses for those on lower incomes to live in.

That's why planning reforms and £9 billion of government funding to encourage more affordable homes to be built is good news for Great Yarmouth. "Since the banking crisis and economic downturn, it has been tougher to get on the housing ladder," says Brandon, "more affordable homes are vital to address this problem." ●



Along with local Conservative councillors Brandon is supporting our coastal communities

**W**e all want to see improvements to the borough but that does not mean we should let developers and companies just do what they want.

That's why Brandon supports the work of local communities to oppose any quarrying in Fritton Woods. And he's backed Hemsby residents in their campaign to stop developers forcing through unwanted housing on the former Pontins site, trying to retain it for tourism use instead. ●

# RESTORING OUR HERITAGE

Conservative-run Great Yarmouth Borough Council is proactively looking for ways to both promote and protect our great heritage. They are bringing the historic Venetian Waterways back in to use and are looking to rejuvenate other cultural assets, such as the Winter Gardens and Market Place. “There are some real gems in Great Yarmouth. Every effort to celebrate and restore our



Brandon inspecting initial work to restore the Venetian Waterways on the seafront

local heritage is important,” says Brandon, “what Graham Plant and his team are doing should be applauded.” ●

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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 Money Advice Service:.... 0800 138 7777  
 National Male Helpline:... 0808 800 5005  
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 mental health helpline.. 0800 279 7257  
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