



Working in my Westminster office



At the Killin Hall Village Olympics, I opened the event and presented the winners with their medals



Helping to plant a tree at the Diamond Jubilee Copse at Rossett Nature Reserve



Taking cases to ministers on behalf of local people, questions and speeches in the House of Commons, promoting our area and championing causes – it has been a hectic but rewarding year.

For part of this year I was PPS to the Business Minister before moving to the same role for cabinet member Justine Greening. In this role I worked to promote infrastructure and investment locally and nationally to help drive economic growth.

### At Westminster

For me politics is about partnerships, communities and solutions. This means holding regular surgeries both in my office and around the constituency and visiting events, organisations, companies and championing their work.

I have continued with my Volunteering Weeks, to encourage work of the organisations I visit. A real privilege is meeting people who are tackling the challenges in their lives with bravery and determination.

### In the community

## A hard working record

**Office costs**  
For April 2011 to April 2012 my expenses have been:

The cost of running my constituency office was £9,489.87. This covers the cost of rent, office equipment and running costs such as gas and electricity. The costs of communication (phone, stationery, postage and online costs) was £10,061.37. The cost for my office staff who are all based locally in the constituency was £97,584.30

**Personal expenses**  
The cost of travelling to and from Westminster, and other constituency travel, was £8,032.18 plus £455.57 for when parliament has been recalled for emergency debates. The cost of accommodation in London was £2,171.36.

For more information on my expenses, go to [www.parliamentary-standards.org.uk](http://www.parliamentary-standards.org.uk)

# Andrew Jones – Campaign action

## Better connections

The Government announcements that broadband and mobile network coverage is to be increased in our area was great news for everyone and will turn many of Yorkshire's broadband and mobile 'notspots' into 'hotspots'. I campaigned alongside fellow North Yorkshire MPs for our county to be included in this project. Good digital connections are vital for future economic growth. The County Council has made good progress too with its participation in the government's broadband investment scheme, and is the first county in the UK to award their implementation contract.



At last year's Broadband North Yorkshire conference

## Jobs Fair report

I held my first Jobs Fair earlier this year at Harrogate High School. Over 30 companies and more than 500 job seekers attended the event. I had good feedback on the day and was very pleased to hear that people are now in work as a result of the Jobs Fair. I will be holding another Jobs Fair in the future. Companies kindly made donations towards refreshments at the event and surplus donations plus other contributions, amounting to £550, went to Claro Enterprises, a social enterprise.



Presenting the cheque to Chris Brown of Claro Enterprises

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## Reporting back to you

2012

### Andrew Jones MP



- corresponded with almost 8,000 local residents
- had one of the highest voting records of all MPs at 93%
- asked written parliamentary questions well above the average level for MPs
- held surgeries in my constituency office and across the constituency in supermarkets and village halls
- attended events in all parts of the constituency
- continued with my Volunteering Week, taking one week to leave to volunteer with local charities and groups

### During the year I have:

Dear fellow local resident,

It is now just over two years since I became your MP, and I am pleased to publish my second annual report.

Representing our constituency is a privilege, and I am always struck by the honour and trust I work to repay it, and have done so by speaking up in parliament and taking up the case for our area and everyone in it.

My constituency office is on East Parade in central Harrogate, and I have a team based there who help with casework, research, organisation and campaigns.

My priority is to get things done for our area and in this report I detail what I have been doing. Also detailed are my expenses and the cost of my office. We remain in difficult financial times, and it is important that all efforts are made to keep costs down.

I have always said I want to be a very open and accessible MP, live in the heart of the constituency to live in the constituency! Harrogate and Knaresborough to live in the constituency!

If you would like to contact me on any issue, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

Andrew



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# Working hard in Harrogate and Knaresborough



Helping out with the Love Starbeck team

## Examples of just some of my work

- Held the first MP's Jobs Fair, attended by 500 jobseekers and 30 local companies, bringing together companies with vacancies and jobseekers. Some jobseekers are now in work as a result of contacts made at the Fair.
- Supported local campaigns, such as the battle to stop an incinerator being built at Allerton Park or improvements for our local rail network
- Worked with the Bilton Library campaign team fighting to keep the library open
- Supported Jubilee celebrations, including lighting the Jubilee Beacon at Knaresborough Castle with the Mayors of Knaresborough and the District.
- Kept charities and community groups informed of grants or funding sources.
- Gave a speech at the opening of the new Fairtrade Shop in St Peters Harrogate, continuing my work promoting Fairtrade in our area.
- Supporting the new cancer unit at Harrogate Hospital, joining guests at the turf cutting ceremony for the second stage of the project.
- Helping out at Love Starbeck, joining volunteers painting a wall and clearing up rubbish in the Camwal Road play area
- Collecting mobile phones to donate to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, to help them raise funds. Thank you to everyone who helped by donating their old phones.



Holding a supermarket surgery



Handing over mobile phones collected to raise funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance



Celebrating the official opening of the Bilton & Woodfield Community Library

# Working hard in Westminster



On the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme

## Some of my Westminster work

- Worked as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Transport, helping to deliver the Government's infrastructure investment programme including the biggest rail investments since the Victorian era
- Vice Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Rail in the North Group, which campaigns for investment in northern rail services
- Voting regularly in parliament, participating in more than 93 per cent of votes, one of the best records of any MP
- Raising local issues with ministers through questions asked in the House of Commons chamber and written questions
- Welcoming visitors to the Commons, especially local school groups
- Backing national campaigns such as supporting people with cancer, diabetes or other conditions
- Member of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, which gives MPs experience of the Armed Forces
- Nominating music acts from Harrogate & Knaresborough for the parliamentary Rock the House competition
- Hosting major events, such as the launch of the British Chambers of Commerce "Business is Good for Britain" campaign
- Spoken out in parliament in opposition to the proposed closure of the Children's Heart Unit at Leeds General Infirmary.



Campaigning for the Leeds Children's Heart Unit



Hosting the parliamentary launch of the Business is Good for Britain campaign, run by the British Chambers of Commerce



With the then Secretary of State for Transport Justine Greening MP at the launch for the new factory in Newton Aycliffe which will build trains for lines including the East Coast mainline

Andrew Jones MP – a strong voice for Harrogate and Knaresborough