

A strong voice for Corby

Better Health Services

I had personal reasons this year to be thankful for our excellent NHS. The speed with which I was diagnosed and then received successful treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma was amazing. And the quality of care that I and other patients receive from the doctors, nurses and support staff at the Centenary Wing at Kettering Hospital is first class.

I was delighted to open the new Corby dental practice at Oakley Vale in November 2006. The new service is providing 10,000 local people with an NHS dentist and is in addition to the emergency NHS dentist service at the Willowbrook Health Centre that opened in 2003.

My campaign for better NHS funding will mean a 14% cash increase locally this year and secures the very successful minor injuries unit at Willowbrook. This has been a popular and valuable new service for local people. I am



Phil opens new NHS dentist in Corby

pressing the Primary Care Trust to get on with building our new £30 million community hospital that will include the minor injuries unit, 60 hospital beds, and a comprehensive state-of-the-art diagnostic service to keep down waiting times for patients.

“the quality of care that patients receive at our local hospital is first class”



Phil at Lodge Park School

Better Secondary Schools

A total of £63 million is to be spent on providing high quality secondary schools for young people in and around Corby.

It was great to be on site with children from Corby Community College at the start of the construction of our new £30 million Corby Academy.

The former City Technology College has now become the Brook Weston

Academy and is getting a £4 million extension this year.

After a lot of lobbying of the government and the county council I was pleased to see that £25 million funding has been agreed and detailed plans are also being drawn up for the construction of a new Kingswood secondary school this year.

And work will soon begin on the £2.7 million extension to Lodge Park.

Better Town Centre

The years of planning and negotiation are over and our new shopping centre is being built in Corby.

It's good to see the girders in place. It's big. The £35 million project will include two new major stores and 20 additional quality shops. I am pressing the owners to now publish their plans for the second phase of redeveloping the old bus station.

On the other side of George street work has begun on our new swimming pool. Corby Council have done a great job in bringing this scheme forward as part of the wider 'civic centre' development including the new theatre, new library, new restaurant and new town square.



Phil welcoming new town centre

Better Sports and Leisure Facilities



Phil supporting local youth sport

One of the early projects I got involved in as MP for Corby was raising money for local youth football teams.

So it is good to see the new £1 million pavilion and pitch improvements nearly complete at West Glebe. The extra £1.5 million to be spent on the athletics track and facilities at Rockingham triangle will also be much welcomed by local sports fanatics and their supporters.

Better Housing

Plans to re-model the housing in the central areas of Kingswood, Lodge Park and Danesholme have progressed a long way.

A lot of demolition has been done and I hope to see new homes for local people being built this year. Significant council and government investment has been put into Corby's housing stock to ensure that every home is a decent home for people to live in.



Phil opening new homes in Corby

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Crime is falling in Corby and across North Northamptonshire is down 3% overall with a 20% drop in robbery and an 8% drop in burglaries.

I was pleased to go out on patrol with the new Safer Community Team covering Kingswood and see first hand the excellent work they are doing to prevent anti-social behaviour.

With the help of extra government funding a total of four new Safer Community Teams will cover the whole of Corby by April 2007.



Phil on estate walkabout with Kingswood Safer Community Team

New Rail Service, New Roads and New Buses



Phil collecting co-op rail petition

My thanks go to the 10,000 people who signed my petition to create a high-speed Corby-London rail passenger rail service. Four train companies are now bidding to run Midland Mainline and later this year we will know which company is successful and will be running the service to London.

I successfully lobbied the government to provide £18 million to build two new major new roads to serve Corby – a new southern link road into Corby and a new road to the north of the town. A further £17.6 million from the government will be spent this year on road maintenance and public transport improvements. I have pressed the county council to include more cycle and pedestrian paths on local roads. Five brand new buses will ensure our award winning Corby Star bus service continues to be a great success.

More Jobs and Better Skills

After the dark days of the 1980s, full employment is back in Corby with work available to anyone who wants a job. I was also pleased to open the new Tresham Skills Centre at St. James that will help equip local employers, young people and adults with the vocational skills and qualifications they need to succeed.

We have many major international companies based in Corby including Aquascutum clothing and Fairline luxury boat makers. And of course our international racing circuit, Rockingham Motor Speedway continues to put Corby on the map and this year is hosting the prestigious British Touring Car Championship.



Phil promoting local skills at Fairline Boats

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What next for Corby?

Corby is changing for the better. Better schools, better health services, full employment, less crime, a new town centre, better transport, better housing and better leisure facilities.

Much has been done over the last ten years but there is always more to do. I want to know what your priorities for action are now to improve the quality of life in Corby.

Please tick up to five of the boxes on the right and return this form by fax or post to the address below. You can also reply online through my website: philhope.org.uk

My top five priorities for action in Corby are:

- Reverse the Youth Service cuts
- Reverse the cuts in disability care services
- Improve the roads and pavements
- Raise skills levels in the workforce
- More apprenticeships
- Stop abuse of agency workers
- More support for children and families
- More support for older people
- More support for people with disabilities
- Continue to tackle crime
- A new Corby community hospital
- Redevelop the bus station area of town
- A new Corby rail service to London
- New buildings for our schools
- Make every home a decent home to live in
- Cleaner streets
- Other (please specify)

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