

# Phil Hope MP

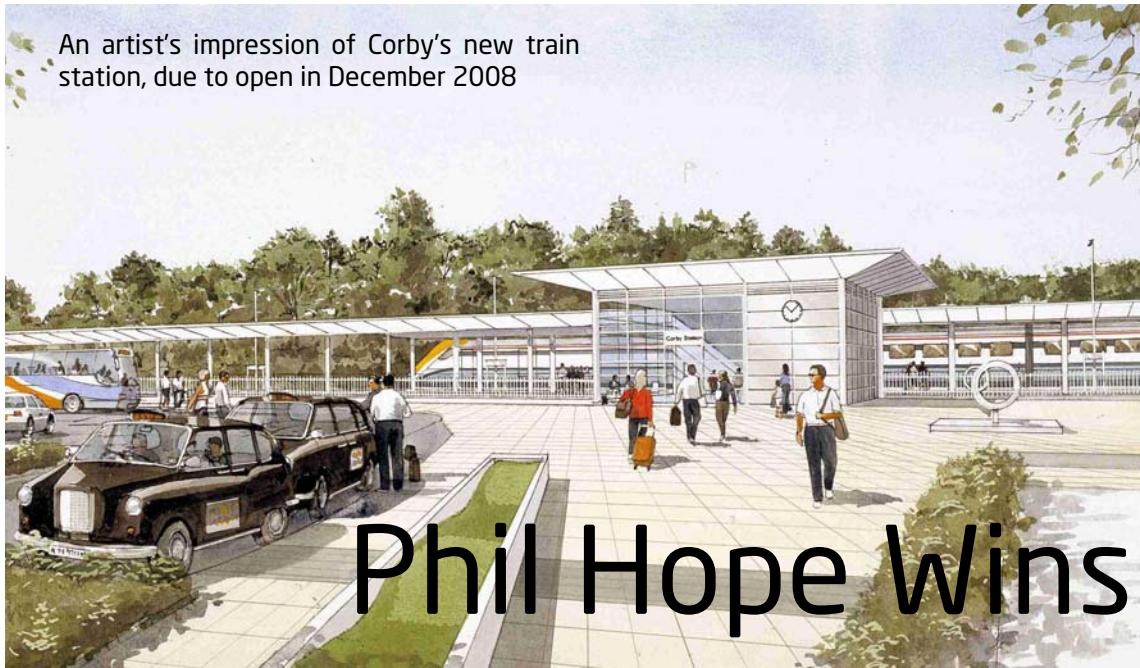


Report to Constituents

Spring/Summer 2008

**W**elcome to the latest edition of my constituency report.

An artist's impression of Corby's new train station, due to open in December 2008



The last year has been fantastic for Corby with a huge programme of regeneration underway. I am delighted to lead the town's transformation.

I am proud to have led the campaign to build a new rail station and create a direct rail service between Corby and London.

This is one of the most exciting developments in our town for decades and will help to put Corby on the map.

I am very grateful for the brilliant response from you backing my campaign, with some 10,000 people signing my petition.

This means that from December 2008, Corby will be just over 1 hour from London and just 3 and a half hours from Paris.

I will work hard to ensure that everybody in Corby benefits from the investment in the town that the station will provide.

## Phil Hope Wins Rail for Corby



Phil has led the campaign for a Corby rail station

## Support a University



Phil joins up with Matthew Reay, UK Youth Parliament member to support a university

I want as many local people as possible to support my campaign for a university, based in Corby, serving North Northamptonshire.

It is vital that we unlock more of the talent found among young people, and those already at work in Corby and north Northamptonshire.

A university campus in Corby would give local businesses a major boost and sustain the exciting growth and

regeneration that is already bringing many economic and social benefits to our town.

Please show your support in bringing a university to our town and region by filling in the online form on my website [www.philhope.org.uk](http://www.philhope.org.uk). Alternatively, text **UNI** followed by your **name, address and postcode** to **60060**. Standard network charges apply.

## Phil Hope MP - A Strong Voice for Corby

# A New Corby

Corby is undergoing some fantastic changes for all to see and enjoy.

I am very pleased that the years of hard work are paying off and our impressive £35 million shopping centre is open.

It is great to see the people of Corby enjoying the first class shopping facilities they deserve.

Work is also well underway on an impressive £20 million international swimming pool. Corby Borough

Council have done a great job bringing this scheme forward alongside the 'Corby Cube' development including a new theatre, library and town square.

Ambitious plans for the £120 million second phase of development have now been published. They include a department store, retail outlets, and the creation of a boulevard.

Exciting, visionary and transforming. The new Corby.



Phil at the opening ceremony for Willow Place Shopping Centre, with Corby Mayor Jean Addison

"I was in Corby recently and it has a fantastic, positive and optimistic future, which is largely thanks to Phil Hope MP."

*Iain Wright MP*

*March 2008*

*Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government*



Local children celebrate with Phil the construction of an extension for Exeter Primary School

# Supporting Local Schools

One of the best parts of my job is getting the chance to visit and talk to young people in local schools.

A good education is essential if all of our children are to enjoy a prosperous future. I am delighted that so much investment is going in to improving Corby schools.

It was very pleasing to open Lodge Park's new £2.7 million Sixth Form centre.

I was also thrilled to undertake the 'topping out' ceremony at the rapidly developing £30 million Corby Academy. It will provide a first class

education for 1,250 local students.

The exciting new £26 million Kingswood Arts Centre will open its doors in 2009.

Work has also begun on an extension to Exeter Primary School and a £4 million extension to Brooke Weston Academy. Plans are also at an advanced stage for a carbon-neutral primary school in Oakley Vale.

It is a great pleasure to meet and talk to local students. I regularly take part in assemblies and make visits to schools to engage young people in issues affecting their lives.

# Tackling Crime

Crime is falling in Corby, and across Northamptonshire was down more than 3% overall in the last 9 months of 2007.

The figures show that burglary in the Northamptonshire North area has fallen by over 18% compared with the same period in 2006.

Increased investment in the police means there are more officers tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in Corby.

It is important for people to feel safe in their communities. Wherever you live in Corby you are now

served by a Safer Community Team, dedicated to providing community based policing in your area.

Reports of anti-social behaviour were down 16% in Northamptonshire just 3 months after the county-wide roll out of Safer Community Teams.

The Corby South SCT has slashed motorcycle nuisance on footpaths by 75%.

I regularly meet with local police area commanders and will continue to press for more officers on the beat in Corby.

# NEWSFLASH

## Fairness For Agency Workers

It is essential that all temporary workers in Corby are treated with fairness and respect.

I am calling on all recruitment agencies in Corby to sign a 10-point pledge promoting good practice, and on employers to only work with employment agencies who meet these minimum standards.

Many local agencies and several key employers have already signed up to this pledge.

## Help for Families

Help is at hand for families thanks to more government investment in Corby.

Kingswood Children's Centre recently opened its doors and more are coming in the near future at both Woodnewton and Exeter Primary.

The centres will provide a range of information and facilities for children and parents. The Pen Green Centre was recently evaluated as 'outstanding' in an inspection.

Phil with officers from 'Operation Tiger' in Kingswood



# Better Housing

Residential areas in Kingswood, Lodge Park and Danesholme are being completely regenerated.

Run down housing has been demolished and ambitious plans are afoot to create quality affordable homes, many of which will be available

through social rented and shared ownership schemes.

I am also pleased that affordable housing for Corby people is a significant part of the development schemes in Oakley Vale and Priors Hall.



Artist's impression of proposed housing on Lincoln Way

## Better Health Services

The people of Corby have had a health boost with more investment in local health services.

The past year has seen the opening of the new Great Oakley Medical centre with new consulting rooms and a range of facilities. Lakeside Surgery has also benefited, with a £1 million 'Same Day Clinic.' People can also now make use of extended opening hours at the Minor Injuries Unit.

I will keep pressing the Primary Care Trust to act swiftly to build our new £30 million Community Hospital.

Since our health is so important I have been actively involved with a number of charities, supporting the services they provide and research they do to promote better health.



Phil taking part in the 'Light up a Life' service at Willow Place in support of the Lakelands Day Hospice

Phil at the dispatch box in the House of Commons



## London Calling

I, like other MPs, spend a lot of time in Westminster, debating and voting on all issues of law that come before Parliament.

Some MPs are chosen by the Prime Minister to serve as Ministers in the Government and I was recently appointed the Minister for the Third Sector and Minister for the East Midlands.

These are really exciting roles - getting to work with charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises; and being a champion for our region.

There are some great community-based organisations here in Corby. I am doing all that I can to ensure they can operate as effectively as possible.

## How to contact Phil Hope MP

If you have a problem or an issue that is concerning you, then I may be able to help by representing your views and pursuing complaints. I have helped thousands of people in Corby and East Northamptonshire. I want to hear from you, please get in touch.

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**MEET** Phil at an MP surgery where you can discuss your concern one-to-one. Phil holds regular surgeries in **Corby, Irthlingborough, Oundle, Raunds and Thrapston**. Contact the constituency office for details of the next surgery in your area.

