

# NEWSLETTER JULY 2019



SIR GRAHAM BRADY

Member of Parliament for Altrincham and Sale West

Dear all, welcome to July's newsletter,

Parliament is now in recess and many people will head for sunnier climes. Although parliament's timetable will remain uncertain depending on what progress there is on Brexit, if the EU will make a sensible concession on the backstop, September and October may be taken up with legislation round the clock.

As I'm sure you've noticed, there is a new leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party and Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. A prominent Brexiteer, his mission is to: 'Deliver Brexit by the end of October, to unite the country and to defeat Jeremy Corbyn'. He will have my full support in those three objectives.



**Rt Hon Boris Johnson**

I was at the announcement in the QE2 Centre on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July and managed to take a couple of photos of Dame Cheryl Gillam declaring the result and Boris's response.



The new leader then came to speak to the 1922 Committee, there was lots of optimism and positivity and with quite a lot of humour thrown in....



3<sup>rd</sup> July I went to a drop-in event at the Commons hosted by the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Marie Curie. Greg Broadhurst from the MND Association Greater Manchester tells me: 'We are pleased to have some progress with some recent changes made to guidance for health professionals, but we are still seeking the ultimate goal, to make benefits work better for those given the worst prognosis.'

I was keen to get along to the event to wish them well with their excellent campaign. It does seem ridiculous that someone with a terminal illness needs a doctor to certify that they have only six months to live when no-one can ever really know.



**With Greg Broadhurst from the MND Association**

6<sup>th</sup> July I helped to judge the Altrincham Festival Parade; it's always good to see the creative interpretations by schools and voluntary organisations.



**Judging Altrincham Festival Parade**

As part of my campaign to protect the greenbelt and stop development on Carrington Moss and the Timperley Wedge I asked a written Parliamentary Question about peat:

**Graham Brady** Chair, Conservative Party 1922 Committee

To ask the [Secretary of State](#) for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of the protection and restoration of peat moss in achieving net carbon neutrality for the [UK](#).

- Hansard source (Citation: HC Deb, 1 July 2019, cW)



**Therese Coffey** The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Recently published Government research identified that the emissions from [UK](#) peatlands range from 18.5 to 23 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents per year. Peatland restoration is therefore a key way to mitigate emissions and will play an important role in achieving net carbon neutrality in the UK. We will publish an England Peat Strategy later this year which will set out our approach to protecting and restoring peat.

It is crazy that our Labour council is calling a 'climate emergency' while also allowing massive building plans to proceed on scarce green belt and especially the peat moss.

Victoria and I went to Ashton on Mersey to see the spectacular efforts made by local business people and residents for 'Ashton in Bloom.' Cllr John Lamb (pictured right) was our knowledgeable guide for the proceedings.



### **Ashton in Bloom**

That's all from me for now. I hope you have an enjoyable summer. I'll be back with more news after the break.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Graham Brady'.

Sir Graham Brady MP