

NEWSLETTER MAY 2021



SIR GRAHAM BRADY

Member of Parliament for Altrincham and Sale West

Dear all, welcome to May's newsletter. May, as you know, is a time for local elections. This year we also had mayoral elections and as well as campaigning with Laura Evans in Manchester I travelled to Solihull on 29th April, to campaign for Andy Street in the West Midlands Mayoral Election in which he triumphed. I am pictured below outside the campaign office in Solihull.



Campaigning in Solihull, with 'Social Distance' from local MP Julian Knight and PCC candidate Jay Singh-Sohal



Mayor of the West Midlands Andy Street

Our own, formidable, Laura Evans put up a tremendous campaign and increased the vote against Andy Burnham as Greater Manchester Mayor but was unsuccessful on this occasion.

I was also out campaigning with Dr Shengke Zhi, the Conservative candidate for Altrincham and a number of other enthusiastic local candidates.



With Victoria and the team campaigning with Dr Shengke Zhi

After that we were off to the Buck Carpark, our meeting point in Ashton Village to campaign with Kay Dwyer, a local businesswoman and Conservative candidate for Ashton on Mersey. Shengke, Kay and Kaushik were excellent candidates who increased the vote considerably but unfortunately were unsuccessful this time.



Kay Dwyer, candidate for Ashton on Mersey



Cllr Linda Blackburn



Stuart Donnelley



Dr Kaushik Chakraborty

Mike Whetton and Mussadak Mirza were returned in Bowdon; Linda Blackburn gained Village Ward for the Conservatives and Stuart Donnelley gave Lib Dem Jane Brophy a run for her money in Timperley, while Dr Kaushik Chakraborty fought for the Conservatives in Broadheath.



Daniel Chalkin

In Hale Central, Daniel Chalkin was successful, replacing Denise Haddad who served as a councillor from 2016 - 21.



Cllr Patrick Myers Cllr John Holden

Patrick Myers in Hale Barns and John Holden in St Mary's were both returned with good majorities

A full summary of the results can be found here:

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/about-your-council/elections/2021/local-election-results.aspx>

My commiserations to those who did not win and the very best of luck to those who did; I know that you will work hard on behalf of local people.

Continuing my campaign to stop building on Green belt I took part in a discussion with Marj Powner from Friends of Carrington Moss and independent journalist Alex King, double click to view:



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Some feedback on the Twittersphere:



Adam Brooks on Twitter: 'Great interview and some well needed common sense statements from @SirGrahamBrady MP. -@talkRADIO @JuliaHB1
<https://t.co/ayBK1wKUpo>'

<https://twitter.com/essexpr/status/1394221005036474372?s=12>

At the end of April, I tabled the following question, which was answered this month:

Graham Brady Chair, Conservative Party 1922 Committee

To ask the [Secretary of State](#) for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect of removing the requirement to quarantine following international travel for people who have received both doses of a vaccination on the transmission of covid-19.

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Jo Churchill Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health and Social Care

The quarantine system is a risk based one, based on medical evidence. International travel, particularly to 'red list' countries, where there is a high risk of transmission of new variants of [COVID-19](#), presents a danger to the public. This continues to be the case even when vaccinated. The Government is prioritising the prevention of new variants entering the country and the possibility of these being spread in the wider community. Individuals who have been vaccinated might nonetheless contract another variant, particularly while in 'red list' countries and spread it even if

quarantining at home. This means it is vital to continue to follow the public health guidance and rules including the necessity of quarantining in hotels.

19th May I had a TEAMS call with the Home Secretary about the effect of the current restrictions on the travel industry, the situation at the borders and so on. Theresa May was also on the call and made some excellent points.

I will continue to work closely with Manchester Airport and the airlines to find a way to re-open safely now that so many of us have been vaccinated – and the vaccine seems to work against all known variants of COVID.

Media and speaking appearances this month: Times Radio on 7th May with Michael Portillo on aviation; 10th May I was interviewed by Icelandic MP Sigridur Andersen. 10th May I spoke at the Hale Barns AGM. On 13th I spoke for Oxford University via Zoom; 14th was New Forest East Conservative Assn Patrons Club. 17th May I was on LBC being interviewed by Shelagh Fogarty. 17th May I spoke at a business networking dinner – the first indoor dinner for nearly six months! 19th May was ASWCA Executive meeting from the House of Commons between votes and an evening meeting! 20th May I was on Times Radio with Carole Walker. 21st May I was delighted to be back to ‘in person’ advice surgeries at Altrincham Town Hall after months of conducting them over the telephone.

Today the House will rise for the Whitsun recess, returning on 7th June.

I'll be back with more news next month.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Brady', written in a cursive style.

Sir Graham Brady MP