

Dr Phillip Lee MP's Monthly Newsletter



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Bracknell's New Jobcentre



Phillip with members of the Jobcentre Leadership Team

Bracknell Jobcentre Plus moved into brand new, purpose-designed offices at the beginning of June and the following month Dr Lee was pleased to be able to visit the new site and meet members of the team.

Currently, there are just over 1,100 claimants in the Bracknell area, which is low by historic standards. However, that also means that a higher than average proportion of those seeking work are experiencing special circumstances that prevent them from getting back into the jobs market. It is against this background that the team feel Universal Credit was proving beneficial with it allowing them *“to do the right thing, for the right person, at the right time.”*

After the visit, Dr Lee said:

“I visited the old premises around 18 months ago and it is clear that the new office presents a much more pleasant atmosphere, both for the staff and probably more importantly for those who are seeking work.

“It was also very interesting to hear the inside track on the operation of Universal Credit. As with all new systems, I am sure there are areas where it can be improved, but it clearly is having significant benefits when helping to find employment for those people who have been the most difficult to place in the past.”

New Broadmoor Hospital



Neil Montgomery (Design and Construction Manager), Leanne McGee (Director of High Secure and Forensic Services), Anthony Stansfield (Police & Crime Commissioner), Dr Phillip Lee MP, Carolyn Regan (Chief Executive, West London NHS Health Trust) and Cllr Matthew Barber (Deputy PCC)

At the end of April, the West London NHS Trust took possession of the new Broadmoor Hospital from Kier PLC and have now begun the crucial work of commissioning the site and training the staff on all its new features.

In July, Dr Phillip Lee, together with two senior representatives from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office were shown around the site to inspect the progress that is being made.

The facility, which is due to receive its first patients before the end of the year, differs greatly from its old Victorian predecessor, with extensive use of natural light to provide a more open feel. This is complemented by bright decoration of the walls, the colours for which have often been chosen by the patients themselves, whilst all the wards are now all named after London Underground lines. However, whilst the systems are state-of-the-art, the hospital is keeping to tried and trusted technology.

Carolyn Regan, the NHS Trust's Chief Executive said, *"We were really pleased to welcome Phillip Lee, along with the Police and Crime Commissioner and his Deputy, to our new Broadmoor Hospital. Dr Lee has always been a staunch supporter of the hospital and has visited many times in the past. As we ramp up our preparations for staff and patients to move in, it was good to show all of them how the new buildings will provide a much more modern and therapeutic environment for patients."*

Dr Lee was also impressed with the new facilities, stating:

“Having taken a keen interest in Broadmoor and its redevelopment since the project began, I’m very pleased with the result. Although I’ve visited the construction site several times, I still found the completed facility extremely impressive, and I can see how patients, carers and staff will benefit greatly from the environment in the new hospital. I’ve always been immensely proud of having Broadmoor Hospital in my constituency, and feel even more so, after seeing all the improvements at first hand.”

Speaking for the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Deputy PCC Matthew Barber added:

“The new facilities at Broadmoor are a huge step forward. Dealing with the secure hospitals such as Broadmoor as well as the many prisons in Thames Valley presents a challenge for the police. It was a good opportunity to discuss the issues of crime within the hospital and to ensure we strike the right balance to protect staff, patients and the public.”

MP Has Smashing Time At Local Tennis Club



Phillip and junior club members with (from l to r): Andy Speight club chairman, Oliver Ormsby (coach) Trevor Kotchie (head coach) and Tom Mawby, (part time coach)

The clouds were gathering and the heavy rain from earlier in the day was threatening to return. But that wasn't putting off the players at the Bracknell Tennis Club, both young and old, from enjoying their matches when Phillip paid them a visit.

The club, which is based on Lily Hill Road, is thriving with over 200 members able to play across 5 outdoor floodlit tennis courts: 4 hard and 1 artificial clay. It also enters 6 Men's, 4 Ladies' and 5 Mixed Teams in the Berkshire Leagues and offers adult coaching sessions and a comprehensive junior programme.

Speaking afterwards, Dr Lee commented:

"This is a fantastic club, with magnificent facilities both on and off the court. It was encouraging to see so many youngsters playing the game and interesting to see how they were introduced to tennis through shorter racquets and balls that bounce less. Exercise of this type is important for people of all ages and it was clear that Bracknell Tennis Club welcomes people from across the age range and of all standards."

Andy Speight, club chairman, added:

"Bracknell Lawn Tennis Club is a friendly and welcoming club to members of all ages and abilities, from complete beginners to county players. This Autumn we are introducing new adult coaching sessions and we are looking to expand our already comprehensive junior program."

Club secretary, Alison Hynes expanded on details of the junior programme:

"The club has 77 junior members of which 38 are aged 10 and under and 39 aged 11 to 18. There are also about 40 juniors who are not members taking part in summer holiday courses."

Meeting New Police Commanders

Phillip welcomed the opportunity to catch up with the new team leading the police in Bracknell and Wokingham.

Chief Constable John Campbell moved up from the role of Deputy Chief Constable in April and Superintendent Felicity Parker became the new area commander for Bracknell and Wokingham at the same time.

At a meeting in Bracknell, the new team took Dr Lee through the current situation and also outlined their priorities for policing the area in the future. Speaking afterwards, Dr Lee said:

"Generally speaking, Bracknell and Wokingham is a low crime area. However, that doesn't reduce the need for vigilance, nor should we ignore those crimes, such as domestic violence, that can often go unnoticed below the radar. I was very impressed with the ideas and approach of John Campbell and Superintendent Parker and look forward to working with them both over the years to come."

Tour Parliament as a guest of Phillip Lee MP

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Coach trips to the Houses of Parliament

What goes on in Parliament has rarely received more attention than over the last few months—but what is it really like to be there actually in the Palace of Westminster?

Dr Phillip Lee hosts regular coach trips to Westminster, which include a private tour of the Houses of Parliament.

These happen 3 or 4 times each year, leaving from Bracknell Leisure Centre at around 9am and returning in the late afternoon.

The cost of each trip is £15 per person, which is solely to cover the cost of the coach.

If you would like to be notified of future trips, please contact Katie in Phillip's Bracknell office on 01344 304050.

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Includes:

- *Coach trip to/from Bracknell (typically on a Monday)*
- *Free tour of Parliament (House of Commons & Lords)*
- *Q&A session with Dr Phillip Lee*
- *Allocated time for other activities in the afternoon before return trip to Bracknell*

Please note, this opportunity is open to **Bracknell Constituents ONLY**.

***** Places are still available on the next trip, which is on Monday September 9th 2019, however, the coach is filling up fast so act NOW to secure your place *****

For all enquiries and to book your place, please contact Katie Dover

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(Tickets are limited to the capacity of the coach and will not be secured until payment is received.)



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