

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021



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Captain Sir Tom Moore

3rd February Many of us stood to remember Sir Tom Moore who became a national hero for his fundraising efforts for the NHS. Captain Tom lifted all our spirits. It was a long life well lived; wonderful that in his final year he was Knighted by Her Majesty, made an honorary Colonel and fitted in a family holiday in Barbados.

I spoke in a debate about the need for an evidence – based approach to international air travel. Quarantine in hotels makes sense if there are countries with very high levels of COVID but not for travel from others. Rapid testing is a far more sensible solution.



Graham Brady Chair, Conservative Party 1922 Committee

I agree with the Chairman of the [Transport Committee](#), my hon. Friend [Huw Merriman](#): with a million British jobs and much of British commerce dependent on aviation, the Government must be right to be taking an evidence-based approach, not a blanket approach. We all hope we will discover that the new variants are combated just as effectively by the vaccines as the existing variants in this country, but if new countries need to be added to the red list, will the [Home Secretary](#) speak urgently to our right hon. Friend the [Chancellor](#) about the support that our aviation sector will need to prevent a massive haemorrhaging of jobs and prospects throughout much of the country? Click to open link to debate:

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More of my contributions from the Commons, either oral or written; click on the blue text for link to further details:

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I agree with the Chairman of the Transport Committee, my hon.

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To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the efficacy of ivermectin as a (a)

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I will try to be even more succinct than I have to be. I have only three points to make.

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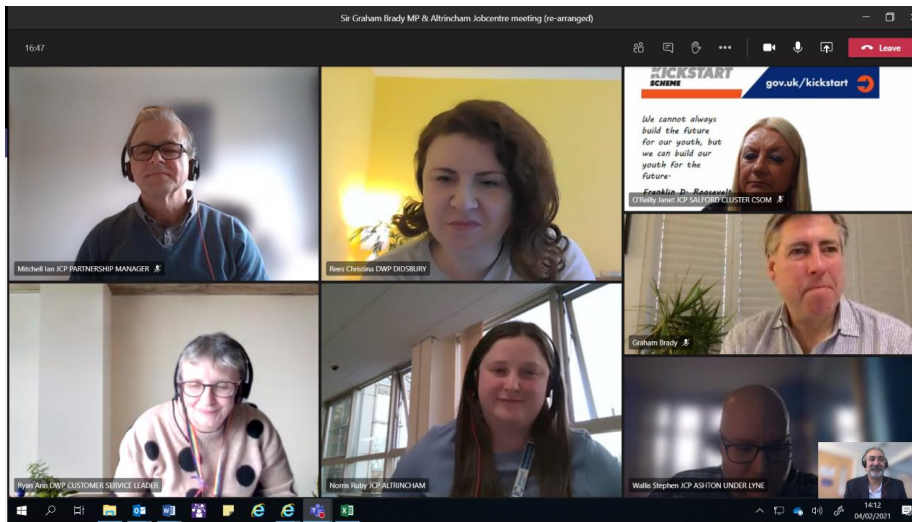
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Job Centre

8th February I had a useful meeting with Altrincham Job Centre staff, pictured below. In the current circumstances, their 'Kickstart' scheme will be more vital than ever.

My office was sent the following message: 'Please see attached photos from Sir Graham's meeting with Altrincham Jobcentre staff, and please will you pass on our thanks to him for his time, interest and support for the Altrincham Jobcentre work activities. It was interesting to see that in spite of a doubling of unemployment among young people; jobs are still being created too.'



37 – From Altrincham Today:

Altrincham jumps 440 places in list of Britain's 1,000 best shopping locations

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- By David Prior
- February 9, 2021
- at 1:01pm

Altrincham has been named as one of Britain's leading shopping locations according to major new research.

The town ranked as the nation's 37th best performing locations in a list of 1,000 retail centres compiled by strategic retail property consultancy, Harper Dennis Hobbs.

Altrincham climbed an incredible 440 places compared to last year's rankings – the biggest jump of any place in the country.

The HDH Vitality Ranking determines the health of high streets and shopping centres, including the change in residents' movement, vacancy rates and suitability to local consumers' demands. The research pointed to £60million in investment as the reason behind Altrincham's resurgence, which had included the refurbishment of the market, transport interchange and other public realm improvements.

The news comes with most of Altrincham's shops currently closed due to Covid-19 restrictions – but is a reminder of how far the town had come before the enforced closure. The only North West towns ahead of Altrincham on the ranking were Chester (20th) and Knutsford (30th). The market was cited as one of the factors behind Altrincham's jump in the rankings.



Altrincham Town Centre Altrincham Market Hall

Let us hope that most businesses are able to reopen when they are allowed to by the easing of restrictions.

House of Commons

I spoke in the House of Commons about the need for schools to reopen and called on the Prime Minister to prioritise the interests of children and young people: Covid-19: Road Map (22 Feb 2021)

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2021-02-22a.625.0&s=speaker%3A10062#g639.0>

Graham Brady: I welcome very strongly the reopening of schools. After what we have put them through over the past year, it is time we prioritised the interests of our children and young people. The Prime Minister sets out a programme based on data, not dates, and that must be right, but will he please publish the precise criteria for each of those stages to be met? Finally, when the renewal of emergency powers is due, will he undertake to bring that vote to the House before the Easter recess and not after?

This month I chaired meetings of the 1922 Committee with speakers including the Prime Minister, Home Secretary and the Health Secretary. We also welcomed Nadim Zahawi who's been doing a great job presiding over the roll-out of the vaccines.

I have had several articles in the press making the case for a return to liberty and the respect for fundamental human rights including:

The Sun on Sunday; <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/14111926/boris-johnson-four-step-plan-lockdown-ditches-tiers/>

Sunday Express;

<https://www.express.co.uk/comment/expresscomment/1400493/covid19-lockdown-restrictions-graham-brady-1922-committee-coronavirus>

Daily Telegraph: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/authors/graham-brady/>

I've also made media appearances: Talk Radio; The Today Programme; Times Radio; Northwest tonight; Manchester Channel 7 News.

I've had speaking engagements for Winchester College(4/2); Manchester University YCs (9/2); the Enterprise Forum(10/2); Queen's University Belfast Literific Society (16/2) ; ASWCA 'Meet the MP' 18/2; Bristol University Conservative Association (25/2); Bracknell Conservative Association 26/2)

That's all from me for now, I'll be back with more news next month.

With best wishes,



Sir Graham Brady MP