

# STEWART JACKSON MP Reporting Back



**A Strong and Independent Voice for Peterborough**

## CONSERVATIVES DELIVERING GOOD NEWS FOR OUR AREA

### STEWART LAUNCHES PETERBOROUGH JOBS FAIR AT CITY HOTEL

**Stewart is keen to get constituents between work or new to the jobs market into employment – so he teamed up with local company Connaught Media to help launch the Jobs Show Peterborough at the Great Northern Hotel in February.**

More than 750 job hopefuls attended and there were a variety of top local employers and educational establishments on hand to discuss jobs and training opportunities. In 2009, he also set up the Peterborough Job Club to help older workers back into better jobs.

**There will be another jobs fair locally to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May and Stewart will be publicising the details via his website and social media.**



Stewart with exhibitors at the Jobs Fair

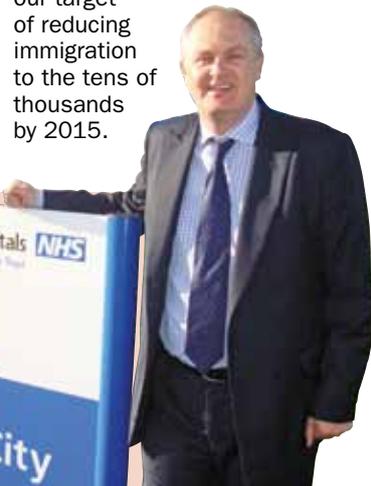
■ New research has revealed that **Conservatives in Government are cutting taxes for 42,654 working people in Peterborough** in April this year after changes in their tax allowances. The Government will lift 1,868 local taxpayers out of tax altogether.

The Government is reforming Labour's 'something for nothing' welfare culture, by capping the amount one household can receive in benefits and capping any increase in benefits from April. Labour oppose these reforms.

■ UK employment hit a high in the last quarter of 2012 with 29.7 million people in work – a figure that has risen by nearly 900,000 since 2010. **The Conservative-led Government has created more private sector jobs in TWO years than Labour did in 13 YEARS!** The number on benefits is dropping while the number of women in work and those in full time work is increasing too. Labour doubled youth unemployment – even in the good times – but there are now 3.7 million 16 to 24 year olds in work – and rising. Conservatives want to make it worthwhile to work.

■ Net immigration to the UK fell by a third to June 2012 from 235,000 per annum in Labour's last year in office to 163,000 in June 2012 – and it's heading down

We've implemented tough reforms to close loopholes and end abuse but those with skills and highly qualified student applications are up. We're on the way to hitting our target of reducing immigration to the tens of thousands by 2015.



### LABOUR: CAN THEY BE TRUSTED WITH OUR LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES?

**The next time Labour politicians complain about the NHS, just remind them of the disastrous Private Finance Initiative scheme they signed off for Peterborough City Hospital in 2007 – resulting in a deficit of up to £54 million this year, costing taxpayers almost £1 million a week and the need for cutbacks today!**

Stewart has worked with the Hospital Trust and regulators Monitor and is lobbying Ministers hard to find a long term and financially viable solution – both to safeguard NHS jobs, as well as clinical services for residents in Peterborough. The Conservative-led Government is protecting NHS spending.

**Stewart campaigning locally for YOU in YOUR neighbourhood on YOUR issues**

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To book an appointment to see Stewart in Peterborough at a surgery appointment, call **020 7219 5046** or email him at **stewart.jackson.mp@parliament.uk**

The surgeries are held regularly and move throughout the constituency.

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## ACTION FOR A FAIR DEAL ON ENERGY PRICES

**Energy regulator Ofgem is cracking down on energy companies following the Prime Minister's commitment to reduce energy bills for consumers.**

It will now be easier for consumers to compare tariffs. There will only be 4 simple core tariffs and more personalised and simpler information on the cheapest tariff. It's a step to putting people before profits and getting a fair deal for all.

Meanwhile, over 1800 local householders have so far signed up to Peterborough City Council's Ready to Switch scheme which uses collective switching, which is the combined buying power of residents across our community, to negotiate cheaper prices with energy companies.

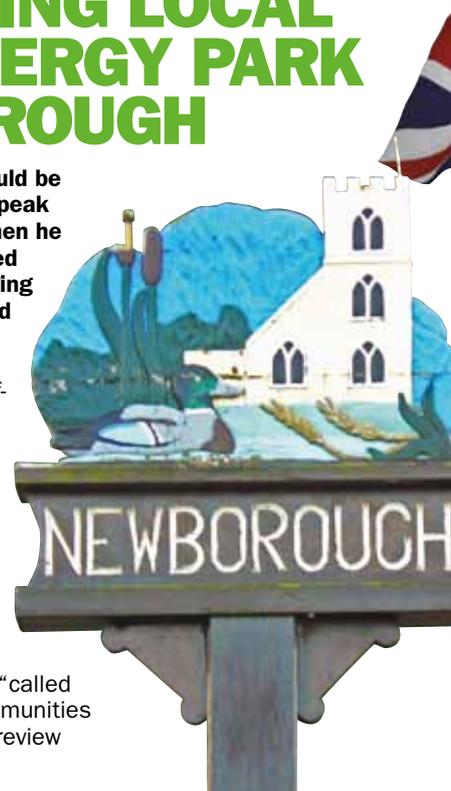
For more info see [www.readytoswitch.co.uk](http://www.readytoswitch.co.uk)

# STEWART IS BACKING LOCAL RESIDENTS ON ENERGY PARK PLANS IN NEWBOROUGH

**Stewart believes that his constituents' concerns should be his top priority and that's why sometimes he has to speak out even against his own Conservative colleagues when he thinks that they may be wrong. That's why he's backed local farmers and villagers in Newborough in challenging Peterborough City Council's plans for a huge new wind farm and solar energy park on prime agricultural land – the largest in the UK – north of the village.**

Of course we would all like the city to be energy self-sufficient and there are some positive benefits from renewable energy sources but the proposals must accord with the City Council's own planning policies, be financially viable (not potentially bankrupting the local authority) and we have to be mindful of the impact on the local environment and the future quality of life of local residents.

It is clear that there is massive opposition to the current plans and Stewart will stand shoulder to shoulder with local people through the planning process and if the applications by the City Council are "called in" for determination by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and they go forward for judicial review (as may happen).



## LOCAL PEOPLE MUST TAKE PRIORITY IN SCARCE HOUSING SAYS LOCAL MP

**Stewart welcomed the new policy unveiled by Peterborough City Council in February for local people to be given priority in local housing in the city.**

People with a record of community activity, foster parents, former armed forces personnel and those with a strong local link will now have priority – as a result of the Government's Localism Act 2011, which gives local authorities much greater discretion on housing allocations.

Rumours of a tie up by the City Council with a London Borough to house their own tenants have been downplayed by the Town Hall, especially as Peterborough already has 9,600 people on their housing waiting list.

Stewart strongly opposed these plans, saying: **"Our top priority is to provide decent quality affordable homes for local working people with modest means and in modestly paid employment. People who have given a lot to the city and who have a strong family link with Peterborough must be at the front of the queue. It is not only fair but right and sensible."**

**MP calls for greater controls over immigration**

Peterborough Telegraph  
1st November 2012

## CITY MP 'AHEAD OF THE GAME' IN PROTECTING JOBS AND PUBLIC SERVICES FROM EU MIGRATION

**Stewart is pleased that the Government are beginning to take seriously the likely impact of the migration of Bulgarian and Romanian citizens to the UK from January 2014 under the European Union's Free Movement Directive - which was signed up to by Tony Blair, without controls, in 2004. Ministers are exploring ways to safeguard UK taxpayers' interests.**

The Government is drawing up a package of measures designed to bring Britain into line with policies already in use by other European member states and deemed legal by the European Court of Justice.

Stewart was 'ahead of the game' and led a debate in Parliament in October 2012, asking the Government to tighten up the rules for future EU migration to ensure that the UK maintains control of who comes to our country, that we use the existing rules to protect our labour market and restrict access by those who have not contributed, to vital public services like housing and the NHS, as well as a range of welfare payments.

He recently met both Immigration Minister Mark Harper MP and the Home Secretary Rt Hon Theresa May MP to share with them the pressure put on public services in Peterborough as a result of Labour's policy of uncontrolled immigration and stressed the need for a tough and fair approach to both EU and non-EU immigration.



# MY CONTRACT WITH YOU

Stewart was elected as your Member of Parliament in May 2005 and re-elected in May 2010. He has committed to keeping these 6 promises to the voters of Peterborough.

- ✓ I will always put your interests before self-interest.
- ✓ I will always be honest about my views on issues even if they differ from Party policy. Where necessary, I will take an independent line if I think it's in my constituents' interests.
- ✓ I will always be available so you can see me or speak to me at a time and place convenient to you.
- ✓ I will keep you informed through delivering regular newsletters across the constituency.
- ✓ I will keep in touch with your priorities through regular surveys, and I will personally read and reply to every one.
- ✓ I will work hard on your behalf all of the time, not just at election time.

Pressed the PM at Prime Minister's questions to speed up fortification of foodstuffs with folic acid to help prevent the tragedy of Spina Bifida and other conditions.

Met the Association of British Insurers to discuss flooding issues in Peterborough.

wrote to Ministers and tabled questions on healthcare policy regarding meningitis, diabetes and autism in Peterborough, as well as Troubled Families, youth contract and help for new homebuyers.

## SNAPSHOT OF STEWART'S OTHER WORK OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS

Welcomed £835k for local transport funding in Peterborough.

Welcomed £114k funding to the city as part of "Warm Homes Healthy People" campaign to assist those in fuel poverty.

Met Peterborough Citizens Advice Bureau and lobbied Ministers on the issue of aggressive bailiffs and vulnerable people.

## WHAT PETERBOROUGH PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT STEWART JACKSON

I also want to encourage you as I think you do a great job for Peterborough. Thank you for all the letters you have written to me. Also for your articles in the evening Telegraph.

May God bless you in all your efforts for Him.

Mrs E C, Bretton

One thing my friends and I agree on is that you are an excellent M.P. and will always get our votes.

Mrs J A, Werrington

Your ongoing assistance has been of great help, especially as I had the impression that nobody understood or cared about my problem.

Mr K W, Eastfield

## Working for YOU in Westminster

### HOLDING THE GOVERNMENT TO ACCOUNT IN PARLIAMENT

Over the last year, Stewart spoke in 46 debates, well above average amongst MPs and challenged the Government with 94 written questions, also well above average amongst MPs and he's voted in 83.5% of divisions.

### ATTENDING EVENTS & SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

Peterborough is a fabulous city with many diverse events which Stewart is always happy to support. Please do contact him with any suggestions.

### HOSTING VISITORS AT THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Since 2005, Stewart has arranged tours of Parliament and Big Ben for hundreds of constituents and an increasing number of school groups from Peterborough.

### ASSISTING WITH YOUR PROBLEMS

Stewart does his best to respond promptly to every letter and e-mail he receives. He wrote over 3,500 letters and emails last year!

### SCRUTINISING THE GOVERNMENT IN COMMITTEE

Stewart sits on a number of all party groups and committees of Members of Parliament. He also serves on the Public Accounts Committee - It's responsible for overseeing government expenditures to ensure they are effective and honest.

### LIAISING WITH BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

Stewart believes in speaking up for local businesses groups. He likes to keep in touch with issues by visiting local companies and would love to hear from you!

# Out & about with Stewart

Getting a buzz out of biodiversity



With local charity workers at Westgate Methodist Church



Welcoming quality new homes in Netherton



At the launch of the Beehive Community Centre in Millfield



With city schoolchildren at Tesco in Broadway

## STEWART'S CAMPAIGN LEADS TO ACTION TO CLAMP DOWN ON ALCOHOL LICENCES IN MILLFIELD

Stewart made headlines earlier this year by criticising the lax licensing regime in Millfield and New England, warning that the area was in danger of becoming a "drunken slum" if action wasn't taken to tackle the spread of off licenses along Lincoln Road. Local residents had raised concerns that their quality of life was suffering as a result of street drinking and consequential anti social behaviour.

For a number of years, MANERP (the Millfield and New England Regeneration Partnership) have been worried that not enough was being done to address problem drinking – as dozens of licenses had been granted in the area for off license sales, mainly as a result of Labour's permissive Licensing Act 2003 which seriously restricted the discretion of the City Council's Licensing Committee to turn down a number of unsuitable and damaging applications.

*Millfield: 'Area becoming drunken slum, says MP, and council to blame'*

Peterborough Telegraph - 6th December 2012

Now as a result of changes in legislation and Stewart's intervention, the City Council has brought forward a Cumulative Impact Policy which allows Councillors to refuse applications if the overall effect of granting one would be detrimental to the locality. Thanks to Brian Gascoyne and MANERP for their support and the City Council for listening!

## A FAIR DEAL FOR CITY'S RAIL COMMUTERS

Stewart Jackson MP was pleased to welcome Rail Minister Simon Burns MP to open the new reconfigured Peterborough Station at the end of last year.

However, as a regular commuter to London, Stewart is aware that the service has been patchy for the last few months. He has met First Capital Connect to represent local commuters' concerns ("crowd sourced" via Facebook), has written to the Secretary of State regarding rail

fares for Peterborough commuters and has tabled Parliamentary Questions on service quality on the East Coast Mainline and taken up constituents' complaints directly with their Chief Executive Karen Boswell.

Stewart hopes to meet both Network Rail and East Coast Trains again shortly to press for improvements to punctuality, cleanliness and "real time" commuter information. He'll keep you posted on developments in future "Report Back" reports.



Stewart at Peterborough railway station with Rail Minister, Simon Burns MP