

# Jeremy Lefroy reports BACK

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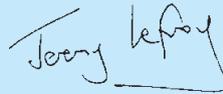
## Dear Residents

We have recently had encouraging news for the future of Stafford and the constituency despite the economic challenges at home and abroad. In July, the Ministry of Defence confirmed that a further two Signals regiments will be based here, starting in 2015. Alstom won its bid to the Regional Growth Fund for its world class research and development centre. In August, Perkins officially opened a new production line and has taken on more staff.

Staffordshire's police, fire and rescue, ambulance and NHS services - backed up by volunteers such as St John's Ambulance - were all involved in dealing with the August riots. There were no major disturbances in the county and our services all played an important role in helping other parts of the country, for which I have thanked them. The criminal looting and arson were shameful; but the work which many did to clean up and help neighbours showed that community spirit is alive and well. Keeping public order is a top priority for any government and we must learn from what went wrong.

Progress continues to be made at the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Stafford Hospital. In its latest report, the Care Quality Commission (full report available on [www.jeremylefroym.co.uk](http://www.jeremylefroym.co.uk)) stated that the hospital is now compliant in eight out of twelve areas where there were previously concerns. The Trust is determined to ensure that the four remaining areas are fully dealt with by the end of this year, as well as continuing its work to constantly improve patient safety and quality of care.

I look forward to continuing to work with you for the future of the whole of Stafford constituency.



## MoD STAFFORD TO EXPAND

The Government confirmed in July that Stafford will become home to two additional Signals regiments, with the move beginning in 2015. I am grateful to the Army, Ministry of Defence, Borough and County councils, my predecessor David Kidney and other local groups and individuals for the work they have done over many years to bring this about.

The challenge now is to make sure that the local infrastructure - especially homes and school places - is ready in time to welcome the regiments to Stafford. I will be campaigning for as much of the work as possible to be done by local businesses and people.

## UPDATE ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY

The fight against unemployment locally is a top priority. The new jobs created at Alstom and Perkins are very good news. The proposed new developments at Riverside in the town centre and the expansion of MoD Stafford will also bring jobs to the area.



Expanding local business - Jeremy visiting the new premises of Stafford Tiles and Flooring Solutions Ltd. in Newport Road, Stafford.

To take full advantage, we need as many of them to be taken by local people as possible. That means increasing the number of apprenticeships in Stafford, which is what I am encouraging local employers to do at every opportunity. The recent Jobs Fair, organised by Stafford Works and supported by local councils and Jobcentre Plus, saw more than 1,000 visitors and hundreds of vacancies advertised. There are now several job clubs being run around Stafford. For details, please contact my office, see my website or log onto [www.staffordworks.co.uk](http://www.staffordworks.co.uk).



Presenting apprenticeship awards at R.A. Edwards & Partners, a local firm supporting training of the local workforce.

Keep up to date with Jeremy's regular news at [www.jeremylefroym.co.uk](http://www.jeremylefroym.co.uk)

# ADVICE SURGERIES

October 2011 - March 2012

For appointments, call 01785 252 477

## CONSERVATIVE ROOMS, CASTLE STREET, STAFFORD, ST16 2ED

Appointments: 10.00am - 11.30am  
 Open surgery for urgent issues: 11.30am - 12.00noon  
 Oct 1st, Nov 12th, Dec 16th, Jan 14th, Feb 4th, Mar 3rd

## HALING DENE CENTRE, CANNOCK ROAD, PENKRIDGE, ST19 5DT

Appointments: 5.30pm - 7.00pm  
 Oct 7th, Nov 11th, Dec 2nd, Jan 13th, Feb 10th, Mar 9th

## SIGNPOST CENTRE, AUDEN WAY, STAFFORD, ST17 9TX

Appointments: 11.00am - 1.00pm  
 Oct 14th, Dec 2nd, Jan 20th, Feb 17th, Mar 16th

## COLWICH PARISH CENTRE, ST.MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, ST18 0NJ

Drop In Surgery (No appointment needed): 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
 Nov 25th, Mar 23rd

## WHEATON ASTON VILLAGE HALL, ST19 9NP

Drop In Surgery (No appointment needed): 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
 Jan 27th

## GREAT BRIDGEFORD VILLAGE HALL, ST18 9PR

Drop In Surgery (No appointment needed): 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
 Feb 24th

## STAFFORD CONSTITUENCY OFFICE 15 PEARL HOUSE, ANSON COURT, ST18 0GB

Appointments: 5.30pm - 6.30pm  
 Open surgery for urgent issues: 6.30pm - 7.00pm  
 Oct 28th, Mar 30th

## BROCTON VILLAGE HALL, ST17 0TW

Drop In Surgery (No appointment needed): 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
 Oct 21st

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### AROUND THE CONSTITUENCY AND PARLIAMENT



At Stafford and Rural Homes Community Resource Centre. There is a shortage of social and affordable housing in Stafford and across the UK which is why I led a debate on housing in Parliament in June. (I am looking carefully at the effect of the changes of the single room rate).



Volunteering at Stafford Furniture Exchange. SFE is a great local charity which recycles quality furniture to people on low incomes; it also provides many opportunities for volunteers seeking work, several of whom have subsequently found employment. (Telephone 01785 606674)



With Stafford Lancers, the excellent local show band organisation for young people. As Dave Milton (pictured) says, the Lancers "help to instil the values of discipline, dedication, commitment and respect." ([www.lancers.co.uk](http://www.lancers.co.uk))



Chinese lanterns can be a fire hazard, especially to places like Cannock Chase, and dangerous for animals. This lantern landed on a farm just outside Stafford. Please exercise great caution in using them.



Speaking at a debate on poverty and development before an audience of German MPs and the public in Berlin. As a member of the International Development Committee, I help to scrutinise the UK's development programme.

The cost of printing this newsletter has been paid by me, not by the taxpayer. The communications allowance for MPs has been abolished as part of the necessary cuts in Parliament's expenditure.