

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



Meeting Mr. Alcock and his shire horses on their charity journey to London.



With the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens who work hard to maintain our beautiful countryside!



Visit to Siddington Park Retirement Village.

It has been another busy year and I wanted to take this chance to first say **Merry Christmas** and to provide a short update on some of the work I have done this year on your behalf. As a nation we came together in September to mourn the passing of Her Late Majesty The Queen. I paid tribute in Parliament to her on behalf of the Cotswolds for her incredible life of service.

Cotswold District Council was saved from potential bankruptcy following pressure from the Government and work I have done this year. I led the campaign to ensure the practice of borrowing by councils for commercial gain was limited. CDC planned on borrowing a staggering £75 million against their normal income of around £13 million. Thanks to my campaign they rescinded these plans which would have mortgaged council-tax payers for a generation.

The A417 DCO was approved by the Secretary of State for Transport. Having campaigned for the A417 Air Balloon Missing Link for 15 years this was a momentous step towards the construction which should start next year.

I secured a debate on the Environmental Land Management Scheme. I raised the need for Government to prioritise homegrown food production as we take out of production more land for environmental schemes. ELMs should also have a part to play in protecting small and tenant farms alongside the significant environmental aims for such a policy. But I have been campaigning hard on the need for us to be more self-reliant when it comes to food, especially as we face a hike in prices.

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My biggest commitment in Parliament is the Public Accounts Committee, of which I am the Deputy Chair. We hold twice-weekly meetings covering a range of topics as we investigate the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of public spending. We have 43 current inquiries including Broadband, Managing NHS Backlogs & Waiting Times, and Regulation of Energy Suppliers. PAC is a great opportunity for me to raise issues that have been brought to my attention by constituents directly with the highest authorities in Government, including Permanent Secretaries.

News from Parliament



I have spoken in a number of debates this year on some key issues, videos and transcripts of all my speeches can be found on my website:

- I contributed to the debate on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill specifically on how planning policy can support the needs of the Cotswolds.
- I called an Urgent Question on the sale of Newport Wafer Fab semiconductor plant.
- I spoke in a number of debates on sewage pollution in our rivers.
- I have spoken on the support we are providing the Ukraine, pictured me signing a book of solidarity in Westminster.

News from the Cotswolds

This year in the constituency I have:

- I have held monthly surgeries and meetings across the Cotswolds.
- Held my two half yearly Public Flood Resilience and River Pollution Meetings.
- I have met on a number of occasions local Ukrainian Host Families, raising their concerns with Government.
- I have also attended public forums, meetings on planning applications, schools, and retirement villages.
- Picture to the right is on a visit to the RAF Trainee Fire Fighter Graduation.



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year