

RICHARD HARRINGTON MP Reporting Back



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Delivering a World Class Watford



**CROXLEY RAIL LINK
GOVERNMENT FUNDING
APPROVED**

**£9 MILLION FOR
HEALTH CAMPUS ROAD
APPROVED**

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR
WATFORD?
YOU DECIDE**

After months of talks, Richard Harrington MP has secured Government funding for two big projects that will transform the future of the town - the Croxley Rail Link and the Health Campus Road.

Richard said, "Getting these projects started was one of my top priorities as Watford's MP. I will now work with partner groups and the people of Watford so that the projects benefit all residents. This includes working with Mayor Dorothy Thornhill to look at ways to keep the current Met station open".

Both projects will help to regenerate deprived parts of town, create growth for the future and are vital steps in securing the new Health Campus. These developments, alongside new and existing facilities such as Leavesden Studios and BRE Building Research, prove that Watford is world class.

Coming soon: Watford's Big Idea

Richard is delighted to see these projects become a reality and believes now is the time for another idea to transform Watford

- your idea.

Have you ever had an idea for Watford that you think could improve the town? Over the next few months, all Watford residents will have a chance to enter a competition to make your idea come true and win £1,000!

Richard is running a competition for Watford's Big Idea, any idea that continues to make Watford world class. Be it a new leisure facility, a business idea or community project, the winner will work with Richard to make it happen. For more details please email richard@richardharrington.org.uk.

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN £1,000 - MAKE YOUR IDEA A REALITY
TRANSFORM YOUR COMMUNITY**



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INVESTING IN WATFORD'S FUTURE

Your Watford ...

Jobs & Economy



Visited the UK's first Halloumi factory; another pioneering business starting in Watford.



Led a Parliamentary debate on encouraging self-employment which was attended by Richard Branson.



Visited "Home Instead" Senior Care in Watford and spoke about job opportunities in their homes.

Over 100 new apprenticeships coming to Watford

Community



Celebrated Chinese New Year with DRUM, just one of Watford's amazing charities.



Supported the Watford Fair Trade Event in the Harlequin.



Visited the new Yamaha Music Gym which provides instruments and recording facilities for the community.

Got an idea for a community project? Let Richard know.

Schools & Colleges



Supported Young Enterprise teams as they showcased their work in the Harlequin.



Welcomed St. Michael's School media students to Parliament.



Celebrated Watford Grammar School for Girls' sports leadership academy award.

Want to Visit Parliament? Go to www.richardharrington.org.uk

**Do you know a business or a charity Richard should visit?
Email richard@richardharrington.org.uk**



100 NEW WATFORD APPRENTICESHIPS

Over 100 new apprenticeships for young people are on the way. After a hugely successful launch of the Watford Apprenticeship Programme, organised by Richard Harrington MP, companies across Watford have signed up to help young people into work.

Richard Harrington has started 2012 with the Watford Apprenticeship Programme. This is all about showing businesses how easy and cost effective it is to employ apprentices. As well as being great for businesses, apprenticeships provide much needed skills and training for young people.

In February Richard hosted the first WAP Business Reception where 150 firms attended and met with apprenticeship experts to talk about setting up positions in

their companies. Many have already signed up to develop placements.

Richard would like to thank the National Apprenticeship Scheme, West Herts College, Youth Connexions and sponsors Camelot for their work on the project.

Richard said "Apprenticeships provide fantastic on-the-job training for young people and bring real benefits to employers too. I'm delighted that we have over 100 new apprenticeships on the way and I will continue to work with local businesses to get even more!"

If you or someone you know is interested, you can find out more by calling 0207 219 7180 or by emailing watfordapprentices@gmail.com.

Jobs Fair 2 Coming soon...

Following last year's incredibly popular Jobs Fair, Richard Harrington is working on a second Jobs Fair this summer. This will again be organised to bring employers, local organisations and jobseekers together to get Watford working.

Over 60 companies and 4,500 jobseekers attended last year's event, with hundreds of jobs and apprenticeship places filled.

To receive more details when they become available, please email jobsfair@richardharrington.org.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Watford Live! Community Arts Festival

1st - 30th June 2012

Events are being held throughout June to showcase Watford's diverse range of arts groups and individuals.

<http://www.watfordlive.org/>

Watford 10k Charity Fun Run

When: 7th May 2012

Where: Cassiobury Park

Join the 10k Charity Fun Run and raise money to help to fund the Watford Mencap Children's Centre in St. Albans Road.

<http://www.watford10k.org.uk/>

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

3rd to 5th June 2012

Get involved in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations by throwing a street party.

www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/diamondjubilee/

Q&A with Richard Harrington

What is an average week like for Watford's MP?

"A normal week is three days in Parliament and three in Watford. In Parliament, it's meetings with ministers, attending debates and voting. In Watford, it's visiting schools, charities and businesses and holding surgeries and public meetings."

What is the biggest challenge facing Watford?

"We need to give Watford more of an identity. There is so much going on that people don't know about. It's my job to make sure they do!"

What do you enjoy most about representing Watford?

"Lots of things - meeting new people and visiting places I wouldn't normally see. I really enjoy seeing results, fixing people's problems and seeing things develop from ideas to reality."

What are your priorities for the next year?

"We need to continue to tackle unemployment. I'll be continuing my work to boost apprenticeships and will again be hosting the Watford Jobs Fair. The other big priority has to be continuing to support Watford's big development projects."

Do you have a question for Richard? Email richard@richardharrington.org.uk

WESTMINSTER RUNDOWN

Richard is always busy representing you in Watford and Westminster. Here are some of the stats for the last year.

35 Parliamentary Questions Asked

Times Voted 392

95 Full Days in Watford

1,286 Individual Constituents Helped



KEEP UP TO DATE

Sign up to Richard's email bulletin to find out all the latest news from Watford and Westminster. If you would like to sign up, email richard@richardharrington.org.uk



FIND OUT THE LATEST

Richard holds regular Public Meetings around Watford to give people the chance to question him face-to-face about local or national issues. For details of the next meeting near you, visit www.richardharrington.org.uk



GET IN TOUCH

Richard always wants to hear from people about their ideas and priorities for Watford. If you have an idea you want to share or thoughts about an issue in your area, let Richard know. Get in touch at any time by calling 01923 296790.

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If you would like my help or would like to discuss a matter of concern, please get in touch.