

THE CLACTON CONVERSATION
NEWS ROUND-UP FROM GILES WATLING MP
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OLDER PEOPLE'S INFORMATION FAIR

I am pleased to say that my first Older People's Information Fair was a success. I enjoyed speaking to everyone in the hall and we had 43 exhibitors and over 120 attendees. I hope that you were able to join us! I plan to host another fair next year.



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Along with other Essex MPs, I met with Nick Gibb MP, Minister for School Standards, to discuss school funding. Further meetings will follow. [Read more here.](#)

On 17th June, I met with Ed Garrett, Accountable Officer of North East Essex CCG, and Ian Davidson, Chief Executive of Tendring District Council, to discuss the ongoing problems with ACE surgeries. We had a very constructive discussion and I can report that there will be positive updates soon.

I also took part in another delegation with our armed forces. This time, we were visiting our front line in Estonia and meeting members of X1(F) Squadron Typhoons and their support services. We should be grateful that these wonderful people are will to sacrifice so much in our defence.



Visiting the armed forces in Estonia.

In the same week, I visited Estonia and Latvia on a Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee delegation. We were there to explore issues surrounding data protection, data ethics, and integration of immersive technologies into their software.

I recently questioned Ministers on how we can help young people get on the housing ladder. We need to improve supply of private dwellings to do so, and I am pleased that the completion of private homes is now at record levels. [Read more here.](#)

I also asked the Prime Minister about funding for NHS bodies. Recently, it has been reported that NHS England and NHS Improvement East of England have called on local sustainability and transformation partnerships (STPs) to contribute around £5m each to bail out Cambridge and Peterborough STP, as it is facing a predicted deficit of £192m for 2019-20. It is simply not acceptable that our services will suffer to cover their deficit, and I have also written to healthcare leaders to lodge my concerns. [Read more here.](#)

On 20th June, I joined Humane Society International to hand in a petition to the Chinese Embassy to ask that the Yulin Dog Festival be stopped. [Read more here.](#)



1.5 million people signed the petition to end the Yulin Festival, and I was pleased to help hand in the petition.