



James and John Hayes MP at Prospects College meeting with 17 year old Sam Weinder, who is training to be a carpenter

## James tours Further Education Colleges with Shadow Minister

**IN June, James welcomed John Hayes MP, Shadow Minister for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education to Southend where they visited two local further education colleges, Prospects College and South East Essex College.**

While at Prospects College, James and John Hayes met with Neil Bates, Chief Executive of the Prospects Learning Foundation where they toured the college and discussed the vocational training courses available to young people.

At South East Essex College, one of the largest colleges in the East of England, which caters for 14-19 year olds and adult learners, James and John Hayes met with Jan Hodges, Principal and Chief

Executive. They were shown plans for the merger of South Essex College and Thurrock and Basildon College and discussed some of the courses on offer to young people and adult learners in the area.

James said, "I am very grateful to John Hayes for travelling to Southend to visit some of our excellent further educational institutions with me. I know that John was very impressed with the number and variation of courses on

offer in our area. Our further education colleges offer some fantastic opportunities for young people and adult learners to further their education and skills.

"Further education is really important and makes a real difference to young people to help kick-start their career and also gives adults the opportunity to learn new skills or retrain. Giving adults opportunities to retrain is particularly important in the current economic climate where many people are finding themselves out of work. By learning new skills, they have a much better chance of getting back into the workplace and finding a new career."

## James wants your views on crime

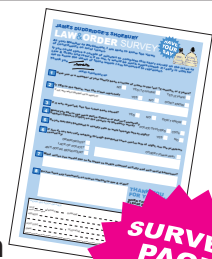
**JAMES is very concerned about law and order and is often contacted by local people with their anxieties about crime - an issue which resonates in all parts of the constituency.**

Earlier this year, James and local volunteers delivered a Law and Order survey to a number of residents in Shoebury.

Following the sample survey in Shoebury, James wants to get a bigger picture of people's concerns about crime across the constituency and is asking local people to let him know their views by filling in a short survey, which can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

James said, "People have genuine fears about crime and in times of recession instances of crime often rise.

"I want to thank all the people from Shoebury who took the time to fill in the local law and order survey and it would be really helpful if I could get the views of more people from across the constituency. I often meet with representatives from the local police and surveys like this are a really useful way for me to keep updated on local opinions."



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James signs the book of remembrance for Holocaust Memorial Day

## Local MPs want accurate Census for Southend

**JAMES Duddridge and David Amess, MP for Southend West, have raised the importance of an accurate census in 2011 in a debate in the House of Commons in order to raise their concerns with the Government.**

The population figures from the census are used to determine the amount of local government funding allocated and due to errors in the 2001 Census, Southend has been getting insufficient funding which has a detrimental effect on local services.

Southend Council believe that there was an undercount of approximately 17,000 people and the Office of National Statistics calculate that every 1,000 people undercounted equates to a loss of £500,000 per annum in grants. The Council therefore estimate that because of the undercount of population, Southend has lost out on £8.5 million each year since 2001.

Since James was elected in May 2005, he has been working closely with David Amess MP, Southend Council and the Office of National Statistics to ensure that the 2011 census is successful.

The next national census is less than two years away on Sunday 27th March 2011.

James said, "An accurate census in 2011 is vital for Southend and it is vital that next time accurate information is recorded. As a result of the 2001 census, Southend has been ripped off and I will continue to press for an accurate census to ensure fair funding for Southend.

"It is also vital that awareness about the census is increased and that people know about the importance of the census, as it has such a significant impact on Southend's future."



### Sign up to James' e-newsletter

James sends out a regular electronic newsletter which provides information about what he's been up to, and information about events and campaigns in Rochford and Southend East. If you would like to sign up, then please do contact [james@jamesduddridge.com](mailto:james@jamesduddridge.com) to go on the list.



# JAMES DUDDRIDGE'S LAW & ORDER SURVEY

HAVE YOUR SAY



- 1 **What are your main concerns about Crime?**  
 DOMESTIC BURGLARY   
 DRINK/DRUGS   
 LACK OF POLICE   
 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR   
 THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES   
 VIOLENCE
- 2 **Do you feel safe walking in the town centre at night?** YES  NO
- 3 **Would you like to see more Police Officers or Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) on the streets?**  
 POLICE OFFICERS   
 POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS
- 4 **What action would you like to be taken to tackle criminal activity and anti-social behaviour?**  
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- 5 **If you have been a victim of crime in the last 12 months did you report it?** YES  NO   
 If not, why did you decide not to report it?  
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- 6 **If it was reported has the Crime been solved?** YES  NO  DON'T KNOW

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY TO:  
**James Duddridge MP, (Law & Order Survey),  
 Suite 1, Strand House, 742 Southchurch Rd,  
 Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2PS**

Or email your response or comments to: [james@jamesduddridge.com](mailto:james@jamesduddridge.com)

**Data Protection Act** - The answers to this survey will be recorded for the sole use of James Duddridge MP and his team. The information you have provided will not be made available to any other person/organisation.

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Dear Resident,

I have been really busy since I last wrote to you and I hope that this newsletter gives you a snapshot of some of the things that I have been up to.

The impact of the recession continues to dominate a large proportion of my time. In the constituency I have seen an increase in the amount of correspondence about financial matters and often meet with local people who are anxious about their finances. In the House of Commons too, the economy is always high on the agenda. In December 2008 I was promoted to Opposition Whip with responsibility for Treasury matters, which has kept me really busy overseeing all the business surrounding the budget and other economic matters.

I was really pleased that such a high number of businesses responded to my 4th annual business survey. I have spent some of the Summer Recess visiting several local businesses on the back of this, to further discuss how they are coping in the recession. Although many businesses are suffering, it is also evident that we have some inventive business men and women in our area, who are thinking of ways to attract new business.

Over the Summer I have been out and about all across Rochford and Southend visiting a number of organisations and groups. It has been a real pleasure to take part in a variety of different activities and meet so many people who contribute to the vibrant local community.

I know that law and order is a worry for many people and I am often contacted by victims of crime. I was burgled myself earlier this year so I know first hand how upsetting it can be. I would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to return the short survey - it is always a great help to know your views.

As ever, please do get in touch if you think I can be of assistance.

JAMES DUDDRIDGE MP

## Thank you James...

Over the last four years, James has helped just over 14,000 constituents about a variety of local and national concerns. Although he never asks, he does occasionally receive a note of thanks. Printed below are extracts from some of the letters which James has received over the last few months.

"Thank you for your very kind letter I received, I am very touched by your kindness in all this. Thank you, it is very much appreciated."

Mrs B.V.

"We are very grateful for the job you do representing this much under-appreciated corner of the country."

Mrs J.S.

"I do think that you do a very good job for us and have always felt confident that if I did have any specific problems they could be referred to you and you would do your utmost to resolve them wherever possible. Many thanks for all your very hard work."

Mr B.C.

## What others say...

"My hon. Friend the Member for Rochford and Southend, East (James Duddridge) clearly showed in the number of issues he raised, and in the way he raised them, what a conscientious and diligent Member of Parliament he is. How proud his constituents must be to have him as their Member of Parliament."

Mr Shailesh Vara MP, *Hansard*, 21st July 2009

# The Rochford & Southend East Constituency



## Your local Member of Parliament James Duddridge MP

James Duddridge was elected as the Member of Parliament for Rochford and Southend East in May 2005. Before this he had a successful business career as a Company Director and also helped set up a successful market and opinion research firm in 2000. James' experience in the workplace has given him practical understanding of the challenges facing working people. James enjoys a challenge and is relishing his new role of taking up many diverse issues on behalf of his constituents and fighting for improvements in the locality.

James lives in Southend with his wife, Katy, and their two young sons, Tom and Henry as well as their two cats, Boris and Barney. He enjoys cycling and supports Southend United Football Club.



## Surgeries

If you think that a group or organisation would benefit from a visit from James Duddridge then do get in touch. He would be pleased to hear from you. To make an appointment at one of James's regular advice surgeries, please call 01702 616135.

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