

Mel Stride MP

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North Tawton -
out on the beat.



Moretonhampstead -
supporting local businesses.



Shobrooke (Credton) -
supporting aid to Ukraine.



Bow - discussing
parliament in school.

Dear Constituent,

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It has been another very busy year and this update touches on just a fraction of my activity. More at www.melstridemp.com or follow me on X (Twitter) @MelJStride.

Highlights include:

- ✓ Helping secure £13.5 million for a second rail station in **Okehampton**, which will build on the huge success of the Dartmoor Line by boosting local trade and helping young people to access education and training.
- ✓ Supporting and opening the **Ashburton** Hub, bringing post office, library and banking services together under one roof in a UK first.
- ✓ Helping **Bovey** Paradiso secure £200,000 towards a cinema and theatre.
- ✓ Working with **Silverton** resident Tanya Larsen, one of the founding directors of Devon for Ukraine, on support for refugees, particularly access to jobs.
- ✓ Opening The Promise School - a new purpose-built facility in **Okehampton** catering for pupils who struggle to access mainstream education.

As Secretary of State for Work and Pensions I pursued British economic and climate change objectives at the G7 in Japan and G20 in India. I also delivered the largest ever increase in the State Pension this April (10.1%), taking the new state pension above £10,000 a year for the first time.

With best wishes,

Mel

Rt Hon Mel Stride MP
Member of Parliament for Central Devon

P.S. As ever, if you think I may be able to assist you with any local problem please email me at mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk.



Representing the UK
at the G20 in India.



Okehampton - helping
secure funding for a
second rail station.



Ashburton - helping deliver
the Ashburton Hub.



Bovey Tracey - helping
secure £200,000 for a
cinema and theatre.



Okehampton - opening
The Promise School.

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Okehampton Police Station - pressing successfully to reopen the front desk.



Crediton - standing up for Devon's cider producers.

2023 Photo Diary



Central Devon: One of the largest constituencies in the country!



Buckfastleigh - supporting the launch of the largest electric vehicle charging station in the South West.



Drewsteignton - supporting the community campaign to acquire the Drewe Arms.



Ashburton - discussing local education at South Dartmoor College.



Tackling fraud - on a police raid to seize evidence against organised crime gangs.



Hatherleigh - supporting Action for Children.



Chudleigh - promoting adult and social care recruitment.



Chudleigh Knighton - speaking to local pupils. Mel also visited **Ilington, Bow, Morchard Bishop** and **Hatherleigh** schools this year.



Belstone - backing plans for a new cricket pavilion.



Okehampton - tackling mental health.



Thorverton - meeting with district councillors to discuss local issues



Buckfastleigh - supporting the Bungalow Youth Project.



Pressing for action on climate change at the G7 in Japan.