

# Westminster Report



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# WE WANT OUR HOSPITAL!



Brooks Newmark collecting signatures for his petition to be presented to Parliament

We all rely on the hard work and dedication of our doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals. But, more than ever before, they are being held back because the Government has failed to match new investment in the NHS with necessary reforms. I am hugely disappointed with what has gone on. I was led to believe that it was not a question of if, it was a question of when the community hospital would go ahead.

It is outrageous that the penalties to be paid by the health trust could pay for several community hospitals. I have been overwhelmed by the strength of support that my petition has received from local people. But we have our work cut out to stop the Government's NHS cuts so please join our campaign and sign my petition (go to [www.brooksnewmark.com](http://www.brooksnewmark.com) or see overleaf) and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

*Brooks*

Last month I launched a new campaign to collect signatures for a petition to Parliament calling on the Government to make good on its promise to build a new community hospital for the people of Braintree. The Government has recently spent millions on the reorganisation of Primary Care Trusts – yet more and more money is wasted on administration instead of front line services.

## HONOUR THE VOLUNTEER

Brooks actively supports a number of local voluntary groups and has been proud to recognise the achievements of those who have made a special contribution to our community.

Brooks says, "it is wonderful to see that the voluntary sector in Braintree and Witham is going from strength to strength. It has been a privilege to meet so many people over the last year who work hard for our community."

Brooks is always delighted to meet local volunteers and to hear about your work – please keep in touch, particularly if there is anything he can do to help.



Brooks presents Phyllis Webb of the Braintree Pensioners Action Group win an award



Brooks visits the Bells in Kelvedon



Brooks visits the building of Farleigh Hospice

**A Strong Voice for Braintree, for Witham, for ALL our Communities**

## one A LINE FOR OUR TIMES

August and September saw serious disruption on our train services.

Brooks says, "rail services are a lifeline for our towns and villages but people deserve better. We need more investment in infrastructure and services, but also better contingency planning for when things go wrong."

Brooks is continuing to press 'One' for more regular services where they are needed and will make sure that Braintree, Witham and villages transport services, are not left behind by extra investment in the run-up to the 2012 Olympic Games.



## POLICE VICTORY

Brooks joined the determined opposition from Essex MPs, working together with the police authority and senior officers, which has led to the Government shelving its plans for police force merger. But the plans cost a staggering £6.5 million– with £170,000 wasted in Essex alone.



Brooks said, "We have won the battle to preserve the Essex Police force and we must now win another battle against the antisocial behaviour which blights so many people's lives." After spending an evening on patrol with Police Officers in Braintree Brooks said, "I will ensure that Chief Constable Roger Baker lives up to his promise that each parish and ward in our community will have its own dedicated police constable or Community Support Officer who is responsible for what is happening on their patch."



Brooks always welcomes local schools to the House

## TOP OF THE CLASS!

"I would like to congratulate all your students for an excellent set of exam results this year", Brooks says. "I would also like to thank you, the teachers, parents and governors for your continued dedication and hard work and to wish this year's graduating students all the best for the future." Brooks has continued to visit local schools and has welcomed many groups of students to Westminster. "It is vital that young people grow up with an understanding of the way that Government works for them and I enjoy having the opportunity to meet local students and to answer their questions."

**Brooks Newmark MP**

holds regular constituency surgeries.

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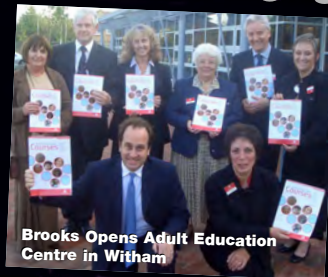
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Brooks visits ambulance staff



Brooks Opens Adult Education Centre in Witham



With Roger Baker Essex Chief Constable

## PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

The petition of the people of Braintree declares that a new community hospital on the site of the former St. Michael's hospital in Braintree is a vital part of a renewed community hospital network which is needed to deliver improved local care. The petitioners declare that the continuing delays in approving a new community hospital for the people of Braintree, together with an ongoing programme of cuts and closures to viable and valued community hospitals, is at odds with the commitment made in the Health White Paper "Our Health, Our Care, Our Say". The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons shall urge the Department of Health to remove any remaining barriers to the construction of a community hospital for the people of Braintree. And the petitioners remain, etc."

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