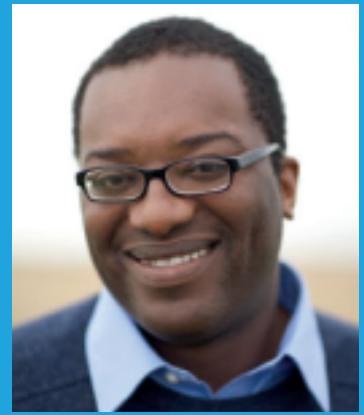


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Business Plan Competition 2016



last year's winners Heroes for Hire

The Spelthorne Business Plan Competition that I set up three years ago is back again. The launch comes at a time when Spelthorne is economically booming. Staines was recently highlighted as the Start-Up Capital of the UK. Turn over for more information.

The Staines Hub



In January, I visited the Staines Hub, a new initiative located on Thames Street, Staines. The Hub offers a range of services and signposting for vulnerable people. The strength of the Hub however is that it is out-facing and engages with the community. The hub will house a café where disabled people will be trained in customer service and catering skills. I would encourage residents of Spelthorne to visit the hub when it opens.

Charity Funding Fair

As an MP, one of the best ways that I can serve the Borough is by connecting people. After a recent meeting about charity funding I became aware of the difficulty in linking funding providers like lottery funds with good causes. I decided to set up a charity funding fair to put funding providers in touch with local projects. Joanne Jones, Spelthorne Council's Community Development Manager, has made this event a reality, it will be held in June at the Council Offices and I look forward to the success that it will bring.



Some recent visits to good causes around the borough

New Sensory Garden

I recently visited the new garden that has been installed at Meadow View in Shepperton pictured above. The new space will provide a great place for residents to socialise and relax. After visiting the garden, I was able to sit and have a chat with residents over tea and cake.



Christmas cake with residents

Egypt



In Parliament, I take an interest in Middle Eastern matters. I recently became Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Middle East Council. In January I joined a delegation to Egypt. Egyptian stability is strategically vital for UK interests. The popular tourist resort, Sharm El Sheikh, is located on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, a region that Daesh is manoeuvring to control. Egypt is currently facing serious economic challenges that put its stability at risk. I recently led a debate in Westminster Hall to discuss how the UK could support Egypt so that the country can remain a strong ally in a turbulent region.