

## CV

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# Mark Hunter

## PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

I am the Liberal Democrat MP for the Cheadle constituency covering Bramhall, Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Gatley, Heald Green, Stepping Hill, Woodford and parts of Hazel Grove. I was elected in a by-election, succeeding local favourite Patsy Calton in 2005, and held the seat in 2010 with a majority of 3,272 over the Conservatives.

I live in Bramhall and have two grown up children - Robert and Francesca. Living in our community I get to experience the problems residents face first hand and always try to tackle the issues that local people care about most.

## CAMPAIGN RECORD

### Delivering on the A555 Relief Road

I have helped ensure the second phase of the long awaited A555 Relief Road has received the green light from the very top of Government and secured £165 million of investment.

The road will ease traffic congestion and create up to 5,000 jobs, giving a welcome boost to the economy. Work is finally due to start this month.

### Fair Funding for Hospices

This campaign went direct to Number 10 Downing Street. Following my request for the Chief Executive of St Ann's to meet the Prime Minister in Westminster, I followed up by taking the Health Minister to Heald Green to see first-hand the essential work St Ann's does in helping countless local families across Stockport.

### Fighting against Tory Traffic Chaos

I was shocked to learn about Cheshire East Conservatives' plans to build nearly 2,500 homes on the Green Belt right on our doorstep, and have taken up the case against the proposals. This would really blight our roads, which are busy enough already.

### Saying NO to Nuisance Sales Calls

Many residents will remember how I successfully led the local fight against the Greater Manchester Congestion Charge in 2008. Then I took on the Banks in 2010 with a winning campaign to 'Save the Cheque.'

Most recently I have taken up the case against the plague of nuisance sales telephone calls and ensured that government action is taken, much to the relief of the thousands of local residents who signed my petition.



## HOBBIES

"In my limited spare time I like watching football, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

"As a member of the National Trust I have fond memories of visiting local properties with my children and still return when I can."



## Lowering unemployment, championing apprenticeships

Cheadle constituency has one of the lowest rates of unemployment in the whole of the North West region, now standing at just 1.3% - this is something I am really proud of.

I will continue to strive to help create more jobs and apprenticeship opportunities - one person unemployed is one too many. There is never any room for complacency.

## Working hard for everyone

I continue to work with local councillors to help improve our area in the small but important ways that make such a difference - getting repairs to pavements, potholes and streetlights completed, ensuring overgrown trees are trimmed, dealing with traffic problems and getting eyesores cleaned up.

I enjoy meeting and listening to local people and getting results for our local area. My fight is not against other parties, it is for you.



## RHONA HALPIN, Heald Green

"Mark is a fantastic local MP who gets things done for our area.

"Both Conservative and Labour governments have repeatedly failed to get construction under way for the A555 Relief Road, but Mark Hunter MP has secured the funding and made this happen."



## PAUL CARTER, Bramhall

"Mark leads a very strong local team who fight for us both in Westminster and at the Town Hall.

He has worked hard for lots of local families by securing an £800 Tax Cut, putting more money in our pockets."

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### 2010 - Present *In Government*

Representing you in Parliament, I have worked hard to make sure the needs of our community are always put first.

When the Liberal Democrats entered into Coalition Government in 2010, I was appointed Liberal Democrat Deputy Chief Whip ensuring I could take local issues right to the highest level of Government.

### 2005 - 2009 *A Local Champion in Parliament*

Since first entering Parliament in 2005, I have held a number of senior responsibilities including being a shadow spokesperson on Home Affairs, Transport, and Foreign Affairs.

### 1996 - 2005 *Serving at the Town Hall*

First elected to Stockport Council in 1996, I served as Deputy leader before taking over full time leadership in 2002. During this time I campaigned for the A555 Relief Road, local jobs and improving our precious environment.

Under my leadership, Stockport became the leading Metropolitan Council for recycling in the country. I had earlier served as Chair of Education for a while giving me even more opportunity helping local schools, teachers and parents.

### 1992 - 2002 *Business Manager for a national newspaper company*

I worked in the private sector for the Guardian Media Group, which at the time included the Manchester Evening News and Stockport Express. I also worked for Associated Newspapers and I learned a lot about business and people from all different walks of life.

The experience I gained has been invaluable to me as an MP - from balancing budgets to delivering real results for the people I am privileged to represent in Parliament.

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