



*Dear Colleague,*

This summer has been another hectic one for me. I've been busy promoting Olympics sports across the region, as well as fighting for common sense in the European Parliament.

I've met and spoken to a number of you whilst campaigning for the local elections earlier this year, and I hope to meet more of you later this year.

Although I'm always kept busy, it is a constant privilege to serve as your MEP, and I never forget that my primary duty is to represent you and the voters of the East Midlands in the European Parliament.

*Emma McClarkin*

## EMMA CHAMPIONS SME COMPETITIVENESS

**I was very pleased recently to be appointed Rapporteur (report author) for the Internal Market Committee's Opinion on the programme on competitiveness of SMEs.**

Competitiveness and growth for EU enterprises is a subject close to my heart and is an objective that I strongly support. Being Rapporteur means that I have a key role in shaping the opinion of the Internal Market Committee Opinion, and therefore a great opportunity to be able to influence possible future policy.

It is clear that self-employment and business development are important sources of growth and job creation at EU level. However, I don't think that anyone would disagree that we need to make conditions better for

entrepreneurs, especially SMEs, and citizens who want to set up businesses. I have focused on how we can reduce the administrative and regulatory burdens on SMEs. I have emphasised the role of smart regulation and on how to simplify and to increase transparency for SMEs' access to finance, especially in the start-up and growth phases.

I also believe that it is important to make sure that the EU is not duplicating measures that are already being taken by Member States, and have stressed this in the final published Opinion.

You can view the final 'Opinion of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection' on my website, [www.emmamclarkin.com](http://www.emmamclarkin.com)

## FIGHTING OUTRAGEOUS EU MONEY-WASTING

**It seems that barely a week goes by without a new example of the European Parliament wasting money.**

At every opportunity I get, I fight to save taxpayers' money. Last year I voted in favour of reducing the amount of sessions that are held in Strasbourg, which saved €15m, and if the French didn't insist on uprooting the whole parliament almost every month, we could save a further €200m a year.

Only recently, a story arose about a meeting of 76 European officials, simply to name a corridor.

Whilst I am not surprised at this, it's even more absurd that they couldn't even reach a decision. In yet another waste of money, they referred it to a committee.

Another example is translation services. The cost of translating documents into every European language is over €100m. If this was cut to just 5 or 6 languages, the EU would save about €40m.

This is exactly the sort of waste I am trying my best to fight in the EU. It's a hard task because there is so much of it and so many entrenched attitudes, but I will never let them forget that it is UK taxpayers' money the EU is spending.

## EU COMMISSION LETS DOWN BRITISH EGG FARMERS

**I've recently criticised the EU Commission's soft measures intended to put pressure on 10 countries, all of which are defying new regulations banning battery-hen cages.**

British farmers have invested millions of pounds upgrading their operations to meet the new welfare rules. Yet they now face financial disaster through being undercut by continental cheats.

The new regulations ban all hen cages unless they are of an "enriched" type which allows more space as well as a nest-box, litter and perches. However, 10

countries are still allowing the use of un-enriched cages for laying hens.

These key animal welfare rules came into force in January, but we have all known they were coming for 12 years. We have been warning long and loud that thousands of continental farmers would fail to meet the new rules.

Yet six months on farmers in these 10 countries have done nothing - and their national governments have stood by.

It is now time for tough and rigorous enforcement from the EU Commission.

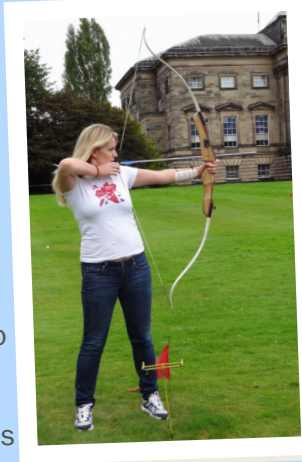




# EMMA ON TARGET AT KEDLESTON HALL

**This summer I tried my hand at the sport of Archery, when I visited Derbyshire Archery Club at the National Trust's Kedleston Hall during the Olympic Games.**

I visited the club as part of my drive to promote sports in the East Midlands in the year the Olympic Games are in the UK. So far this year, as well as Archery I've also tried Trampolining, Canoeing, Handball and Track Cycling.



Derbyshire Archery Club was founded in 1949, with Archery events being held at Kedleston Hall for over 300 years. The club currently has over 70 members, and has an additional practice ground at nearby Milford.

I had a fantastic time. Everyone was very welcoming and I really enjoyed my chance to try Archery. Kedleston Hall is a great setting, and I would encourage everyone to give it a go.

# EMMA VISITS GLOSSOP OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUP

**I recently visited Bradbury community house in Glossop, where I had been invited to be the guest speaker at a recent meeting of Glossop Action for Local Older People (GALOP).**

GALOP Chairman John Searle invited me to take part in a question & answer session about the European Parliament, and other topics concerning Europe.

A variety of issues were raised, the discussion was lively and it was an enjoyable debate about some of the most pressing issues of our time locally, nationally and globally.

Everyone was very engaged and it was great to listen to the views of the members and tell them about the reality of parliamentary life in the EU.

**Following the meeting, GALOP Chairman John Searle said:**

*"Emma came over to me and the members as a very honest person, genuinely supporting UK interests 100%. She is very experienced with the workings of the EU, and appeared totally committed to challenging the bureaucracy that controls it."*



**If you would like me to come and talk to you, please get in touch with my office on 01858 419709**

# Out & About in Derbyshire

With EMMA McCLARKIN MEP



On a visit to BASF in Alfreton



Campaigning earlier this year in Darley ward in Derby



Planting a tree in Chellaston, With Cllr Phil Bailey and Cllr Matt Holmes



On a visit to TMAT in Chesterfield



At Kedleston Hall with members of Derbyshire Archery Club



## EMMA HELPS GET APPROVAL FOR NEW LEUKAEMIA DRUG

I was delighted with the recent news that Leicestershire's Nova Laboratories has recently launched a liquid version of a drug used to treat childhood leukaemia.

I am particularly pleased about this, as I was able to help the company in getting through the final stages of approval by the EU Commission.

People sometimes wonder what MEPs actually do, and this is one example of an area where I feel that as an MEP I've been able to make a real difference.

Whilst the drug has been available in tablet form for many years, the liquid version will hopefully make the lives of many children and their parents easier, as it is easier for young children to swallow, and therefore easier to administer the correct dose.

It's great for the UK and the East Midlands in particular that this licence has been awarded. It sends out a good message, and I believe we should do all we can to champion innovative East Midlands companies like Nova.



## EMMA BACKS FOXTON LOCKS RESTORATION

On a recent visit to Foxton Locks, I was pleased to get the chance to give my backing to the restoration project when I met with the trust.

I was joined on the visit by Harborough MP, Edward Garnier, and Andrew Robathan, MP for South Leicestershire, to learn more about the progress.

About a quarter of the work has now been completed, partly with the aid of Lottery funding.

The Trust is preparing a bid to help complete the project, and needs more volunteers to support its work.



restoration would increase the tourist potential for the site.

If you'd like to know more about EU Funding, you can download my free EU Funding Opportunities Booklet from my website, [www.emmamclarkin.com](http://www.emmamclarkin.com)

The Trust's Foxton Canal Museum currently draws over 300,000 visitors annually, and

## Out & About in Leics & Rutland

With EMMA McCLARKIN MEP



With Sir Clive Loader and Alan Duncan MP at a summer garden party in Rutland & Melton



Questiontime with pupils of Oakham School



At the NFU EU Conference I hosted at Uppingham



Visiting Rutland Telecom in Oakham



In Loughborough with Michael Gove MP and Nicky Morgan MP



# EMMA PROMOTES LINCOLNSHIRE SPORT

I tried my hand at the sport of Handball recently, when I visited the University of Lincoln Handball Club in advance of the Olympic Games.

I visited the club as part of my drive to promote sports in the East Midlands in the year the Olympic Games are in the UK. So far this year, I've also tried Trampolining, Canoeing, Archery and Track Cycling.

Taking part in a training session with the team from the Club, which is a breeding ground for England Squad players, I found out

about the development of Handball with the club's coaching staff Rickie Bailey and Robin Wright, Head of Sport at the University. I then had a go at the sport myself and trained with the squad, including drills on how to pass and shoot.



I really enjoyed the chance to train with the club, they have great facilities and are recruiting record numbers of men and women to the game.

We have great sporting facilities across the region, its time to get out, have fun and get active!

# EMMA FIGHTS FOR THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE

The Lincolnshire Sausage Association recently applied to protect the name 'Lincolnshire Sausage' using the European Protected Geographical Indication. This means that food which has become synonymous with a town, region, or area, can only be made there.

As everyone who has eaten one will know, the Lincolnshire Sausage has a distinctive taste, and I've been very supportive of the application to protect the name, as I believe that consumers should know that when they buy Lincolnshire Sausages they have been made in Lincolnshire.

However producers of so-called 'Lincolnshire Sausages' in other areas of the country often change the traditional recipe, with

one manufacturer even including garlic in theirs.

Had the application to protect the name been successful, it would have meant that any sausages sold as 'Lincolnshire Sausages' would have had to have been made in Lincolnshire. Unfortunately however, the application was rejected.

However, the Lincolnshire Sausage Association is putting in an appeal. I am supporting them and would urge others to offer what help they can.

I very much hope that their appeal is successful; a properly recognised Lincolnshire Sausage would be good news for the economy and jobs in the county, as well as being good news for consumers throughout the UK.

## Out & About in Lincolnshire

With EMMA McCLARKIN MEP



Discussing policing in Lincolnshire with County Cllr Richard Davies (left) and Dudley Bryant (centre).



Talking to students at Lincoln University Handball Club



At Market Deeping community centre with voluntary groups.



At Mountain's Butchers in Boston



Campaigning in Lincoln with Vasos Melides earlier this year.



# ENTREPRENEURS ON THE UP IN NORTHANTS

I recently paid a visit to the Portfolio Centre at Northamptonshire university, where I met with a group of young entrepreneurs.

The Portfolio Centre offers a supportive and stimulating environment to young companies in order to nurture talent and innovation, as well as providing its resident creative entrepreneurs with the advice, tools and resources they need to meet their business potential.

I think it's fantastic that

centres like Portfolio and the Icon Centre in Daventry exist, and I'm glad they've been able to get funding from the EU to help carry out the work it's doing in helping startup businesses such as the ones I met there.

It really has been inspiring meeting

some of our local entrepreneurs, hearing of their plans for future developments, and knowing that these partnerships have opened up real opportunities for businesses in the county.



# NORTHANTS SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

I was very excited recently to visit the School of Science and Technology in Northampton, where I saw for myself the £11 million redevelopment of their Newton building.

The redevelopment has been funded in part by the EU, and has turned the building into a state-of-the-art technology and research centre.

The building now houses Nvision, which is a facility that provides specialist services to help companies develop and promote their products using immersive 3D modelling and visualisation

capabilities.

As well as Nvision, the building is also home to the British Institute of Non Destructive Testing, as well as the East Midlands Non-Destructive Testing Centre.

It's clear to me that Northamptonshire is really putting itself on the map, both in terms of investing for the future and helping companies to develop.

Nvision is at the cutting edge of what is possible, and I hope that this investment of EU taxpayers' money is seen as a great boost to the potential growth of the region.



Watching 3D Modelling at Nvision in Northampton

## Out & About in Northamptonshire

With EMMA McCLARKIN MEP



At Wellingborough Conservatives' Policy & Pizza' night



Visiting the iCon Centre in Daventry



Campaigning earlier this year in Daventry



At Northampton Uni's Portfolio Centre to meet Entrepreneurs



# EMMA VISITS NEWARK CRICKET CLUB

**I recently visited Newark Cricket Club to hear about their plans for the club.**

As Conservative Spokesperson for Sport in the European Parliament, it was great for me to meet with members of the Cricket Club, which is currently applying for 'Club Mark Status' on the England and Wales Cricket Board.



field, and invited me to discuss their plans, along with asking me about the best way to access possible grants from the EU Parliament.

I was very pleased to visit the club. It was fascinating to hear about their long history, and to learn that Cricket was played here as long ago as the 18th century.

I wish them every success with their plans to realise their vision for the future of the club, and would urge anyone willing to help them to get in touch with them.

Newark Cricket Club is one of the oldest clubs in the country. In order to grow they want to develop land alongside the main cricket

# EMMA ROLLS UP HER SLEEVES FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

**I got stuck into work as a volunteer recently, when I helped out at the Cancer Research UK shop in Nottingham.**

I was there to encourage local people across the county to volunteer their time for the charity.

The work of cancer research is close to my heart as my Mother died from breast cancer at the age of 48.

So I was really pleased to support them, as well as finding out about the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. It's inspirational to meet volunteers who give

up their valuable time to contribute to the smooth running of the shop.

Cancer Research UK's shops rely on donations from the public to help fund their life-saving work. So I would encourage people to go through their wardrobes and cupboards

and clear out unwanted clothes, CDs, DVDs, books and quality household goods and drop them off.

Each bag of donated goods could be worth up to £30 to the charity or even £37.50 through Gift Aid. For more information visit [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)



## Out & About in Nottinghamshire With EMMA McCLARKIN MEP



In the 'Wonder Room' at Nottingham University Sawmorth Academy with Prof McFall



At the National Watersports Centre in Nottingham



At the Rebecca Adlington Swimming Centre in Mansfield



At Mighty Creative's EU Culture Exchange in Nottingham



With members of Gedling Conservative Association