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South Cotswolds Stands with Ukraine

Last Monday marked Ukrainian Independence Day: a moment to celebrate not only Ukraine's independence, but the extraordinary courage with which its people have fought to defend it. For more than four years, Ukrainians have stood against Vladimir Putin's brutal and illegal invasion. Their courage has been astonishing. But **courage alone cannot stop missiles and drones**.

In recent weeks, Russia has intensified its attacks on Ukrainian towns and cities, killing and injuring innocent civilians, including children. Ukraine urgently needs the means to protect its people: more interceptor missiles, and the technology and support to manufacture them at scale in Ukraine itself.

Ukraine is also demonstrating what it can achieve when given the tools it needs. Drone strikes are reaching deep inside Russia and disrupting Putin's war machine. The message is clear: give Ukrainians the means to defend themselves, and they will use them with extraordinary ingenuity and determination. Here in the South Cotswolds, that solidarity is not just something we talk about.

I am immensely proud of **Malmesbury Stands with Ukraine, whose volunteers raised more than £20,000** to buy, refurbish and equip a former NHS ambulance and a 4x4 medical support vehicle. Five volunteers then drove them more than 1,900 miles to Cherkasy, Malmesbury's Ukrainian Friendship town.



I love this story because it makes something enormous and distant very real. People in one community saw people in another who needed help, rolled up their sleeves and did something about it. Those vehicles will now be saving lives. That is solidarity made tangible.

But Ukraine is also defending freedoms that matter to all of us. Last week, Yabloko, Russia's anti-war Liberal party, was barred from forthcoming elections, another reminder of how Putin is extinguishing political opposition while threatening Britain and its European neighbours.

We cannot afford complacency. Britain must strengthen its own defences, continue supporting Ukraine and do much more to choke off the money sustaining Putin's war, including tougher action against Russia's sanction-busting "shadow fleet" and Putin-supporting oligarchs' assets held in Britain and Europe. Ukraine is not asking us to fight its war. It is asking for the means to defend its people, its country and its freedom.

Ukrainians have chosen freedom at an almost unimaginable cost. We should match their determination with our own: **standing beside them for as long as it takes to secure a Ukraine, and a Europe, where people can live in peace, security and freedom.**

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Does Liberalism Have a Future?

I wrote an article for the Lib Dem Voice last week about the future of liberalism. With three books in a short space of time being written about what modern Liberalism looks like and where it is going, now is the time to really pin down what we want liberalism to be for us all.



As liberals, we have always been good at being evidence-led, practical and reasonable, but competence is not a destination. **Liberalism should feel radical.** Click the picture to read the full article.

Seeing it for Myself: Reaching Out

My office and I have been dealing with a lot of casework over the past few weeks, helping as many of you as we can.

If you're facing any issues you feel I could help with, please feel free to reach out to me at: **roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk**

Readers Weekly Poll

The **weekly poll** is **back**. This week is a bit of a different one. I am working on a new look website and want to hear from you.

What would you like to see from a new website that isn't currently on my page?

HAVE YOUR SAY

WEEKLY POLL

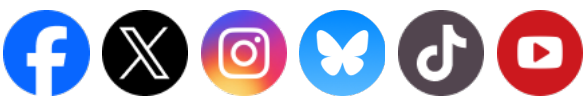
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Quote of the Week

"We will be defending our country, because our weapon is truth, and our truth is that this is our land, our country, our children."

— Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Have a great week!!



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