

**£1
BILLION
FOR
LEVELLING UP
IN CALDER
VALLEY**

Craig Whittaker MP

Serving the People of Calder Valley

ANNUAL REPORT

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Conservatives

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**MY TEAM'S
RECORD
SINCE 2010**

Dear Resident,

As I write to you, it is now 16 years since I was first selected as the Conservative candidate to fight the General Election in the Calder Valley (March 2007) and I can tell you it has been a great honour to serve you as residents, and our country too.

1.7M
EMAILS
DEALT
WITH

A lot of people talk about Levelling Up, and it is fantastic what an example the the constituency has become. Around £1.1 billion has been spent in Calder Valley, including infrastructure and support during the pandemic. The many projects I'm proud to have lobbied for and knocked on many doors in Whitehall to achieve include much-needed flood infrastructure spend which continues; the massive ongoing hospital reconfiguration; money for our towns; and the active evaluation of a massive programme of school rebuilding. This level of investment into the Calder Valley is unprecedented.

312
SURGERIES
HELD

As I reflect on my 25 years in politics, including my time as a Parish and Borough Councillor, I recall that when I was first elected as your MP only envisaging serving for 2 terms. I only ever wanted to be a good local MP, not a career politician. When I look at what we have achieved in that time, I feel incredibly proud.

84
WORK
EXPERIENCE
HOSTED

It is a huge privilege to represent Calder Valley in Parliament but Elaine and I have decided that we want to spend more quality time together with our family. On that basis, and with huge pride in what we have achieved, tinged with sadness, I have decided that I will not be seeking re-election as your MP.

1.4M
LETTERS
SENT

Rest assured, however, I have every intention of working vigorously for you right up until the General Election. I would like to thank you all for the huge levels of support and trust you have given me in my time as your MP. It truly has been an honour.

52,320
TELEPHONE
CALLS
TAKEN



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig', written over a white background.

89
FACEBOOK
LIVE
Q&As





£196.5M DELIVERED FOR HEALTHCARE

- ✓ Plans submitted for a new Accident and Emergency department, more inpatient wards, and a new car park for Calderdale Royal Hospital.
- ✓ Work is well underway at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary to build the new A&E Department, as well as improving the wards and theatres.
- ✓ Increased capacity to deliver better healthcare for you and your families, which will in turn help clear the backlog caused by the pandemic.



OVER £50M MORE FOR CALDERDALE SCHOOLS

- ✓ Calderdale schools are receiving £14m extra thanks to the Government's £4 billion schools funding increase.
- ✓ 11 Calder Valley schools will also be rebuilt or substantially refurbished in the next 3-5 years thanks to the Government School Rebuilding Programme. The schools benefiting are:
 - Central Street Infant School
 - Cross Lane Primary School
 - Riverside Junior School
 - Shade Primary School
 - Stubbings Infant School
 - The Brooksbank School
 - The Calder Learning Trust
 - Todmorden C of E School
 - Todmorden High School
 - Walsden St Peter's Primary School
 - Woodhouse Primary School

Levelling Up in Cal



OVER £300M FOR OUR ROADS & TRAIN STATIONS

- ✓ £75.5M to improve safety on the A641, which stretches from Bailiff Bridge through to Rastrick.
- ✓ Over £20m for a new Eland Train Station
- ✓ £1.8m to repair Park Road, Eland.
- ✓ Improvements to our train service, including:
 - New trains, platform extensions & signalling upgrades.
 - A new car park at Mytholmroyd Train Station.
 - Hebden Bridge car park improvements & step-free access.
 - Step-free access at Todmorden Train Station (work to start March 2023).

OPEN DAY SHOWING NEW PLANS FOR BRIGHOUSE



£42.9M FOR ELLAND, TODMORDEN & BRIGHOUSE

- ✓ £19.1m in Brighouse to improve road links, create jobs, transform the high street, and regenerate the market.
- ✓ 17.5m in Todmorden which will renovate buildings for businesses, revamp cultural attractions, invest in green infrastructure, and create thousands of new job opportunities.
- ✓ £6.3m into Eland to enhance Southgate & the Market Square, improve local amenities and refurbish the Cartwheel Club.

DID YOU KNOW?



744 more police officers have been recruited in West Yorkshire since 2019



The number of healthcare professionals has increased by 56% in Calder Valley since 2019.



Calder Valley unemployment is the lowest since 1974 at 2.5%.



Adult social care will receive an extra £4.7 billion this year.

The NHS will receive an extra £6.6 billion over the next 2 years.



£14m extra thanks to the funding increase.

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Calder Learning Trust
Morden C of E School
Morden High School
Morden St Peter's Primary
School
Brighouse Primary School



£128M IN FLOOD SUPPORT SECURED

- ✓ Over £108m to reduce flood risk to homes and businesses, including flood alleviation schemes for:
 - Mytholmroyd - over £39m
 - Hebden Bridge - over £52m
 - Brighouse - over £16m
- ✓ £20m for further schemes across Calder Valley including natural flood management, flood relief funding for affected households, and planting thousands more trees.
- ✓ Millions more pounds invested to help residents obtain flood insurance through schemes such as Flood Re.

Calder Valley

BRIGHOUSE



ELLAND, BRIGHOUSE

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THE VEG SHOP - BEST SHOP WINNER 2022

£400M TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- ✓ £278m in furlough payments to Calderdale's employed and self-employed to protect local jobs throughout the pandemic.
- ✓ £120m in business support payments to help local employers and community organisations through the pandemic.
- ✓ 71 local pubs and restaurants nominated to win my Calder Valley Pubs & Restaurant Competition. The winner was The Honest John in Todmorden.
- ✓ 66 high street shops nominated to win my Calder Valley Shop & Market Competition. The winner was The Veg Shop in Brighouse. Elland Market won 'Best Market'.



BRICK SHACK, BRIGHOUSE

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Visiting local businesses and supporting them to thrive in our local economy.



CRAIG WITH THE MINISTER AT RASTRICK HIGH

ENGAGING WITH SCHOOLS

Working with schools to promote quality education & improve facilities for children in Calder Valley.



SUPERMARKET SURGERY IN ELLAND

SURGERIES & COFFEE MORNINGS

Holding regular surgeries, coffee mornings and Q&As across Calder Valley so I can take up issues on behalf of local residents.



SUPPORTING BRIGHOUSE TOWN F.C.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Supporting local community groups who dedicate so much free time to make our area a better place to live, work and visit.



SPEAKING TO CALDER VALLEY RESIDENTS

DELIVERING ON LOCAL ISSUES

Knocking on doors and listening to your views to make sure I focus on what matters to you.



TODMORDEN OLDER PERSONS' FAIR

ORGANISING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holding Older Persons' Information & Advice Fairs in Brighouse and Todmorden every year. Each event has over 50 stalls and 1000+ visitors.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT. I AM...



THE ONLY MP SERVING CALDER VALEY TO GET OVER 50% SHARE OF THE VOTE (51.9).

THE ONLY MP SERVING THE CALDER VALLEY TO BE ELECTED FOUR TIMES.



THE ONLY MP TO INCREASE THEIR MAJORITY IN THE HISTORY OF THE SEAT.

THE ONLY MP TO DELIVER OVER £1.1 BILLION OF LEVELLING UP FUNDING IN CALDER VALLEY.



DELIVERING ON YOUR PRIORITIES



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