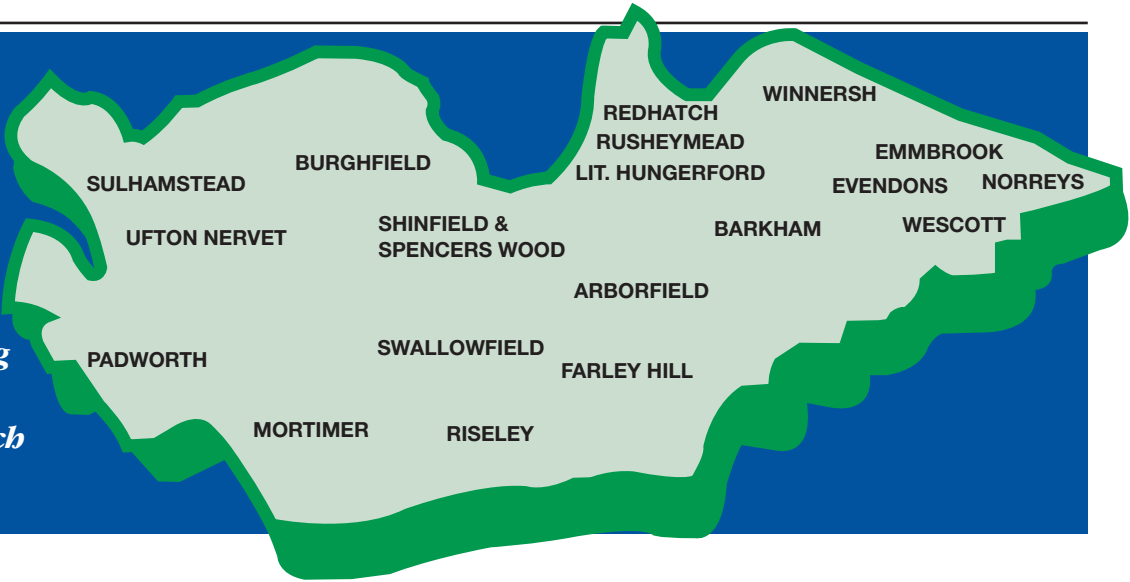


Around and about with
John Redwood

Local MP John Redwood divides his time between representing local people at Westminster and fighting battles on their behalf in the constituency. Below we highlight just a few of the issues and campaigns which our MP has recently given his time to.



Map showing Wokingham Constituency Branches

HEALTH

All too many constituents have written to me telling me of long delays in getting an out patients appointment at the Royal Berks, or long delays in treatment once they have got themselves onto the waiting list.

It is good news that the Royal Berks is being modernised, but I am worried that it will still be too small. The planners were unsympathetic to my view that we needed more beds on the site, and more capacity generally.

The position is so bad locally and nationally that we do need to consider offering people operations and treatment at BUPA and other private hospitals at the expense of the NHS, and at private clinics abroad for those willing to go. This cannot be a long term solution, but we owe it to those in pain to do something to clear the very long backlogs. I have pressed for this in the House and outside. The government has now announced pilot schemes to do this, but unfortunately they only apply to London so far.



Mencap

John at the official opening in Rose Street office with Jane Cowley at the computer.

Playing lefthanded

John shares the animals at the Earley nursery during a recent visit to discuss nursery places.



Giving Tree

John backed the charities and Tesco with the annual giving tree at Christmas –

he had to buy a new car, but this one will not pollute the planet!

