

North Devon Conservatives

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Philip Hammond MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury Visits North Devon

ON TUESDAY, Philip Hammond, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, visited North Devon at the invitation of Prospective Member of Parliament, Philip Milton. Mr Hammond is the latest senior Conservative politician to visit North Devon recently.

Local Campaigner, Philip was keen to take Philip to meet Mr David Shuttleworth, External Relations Manager of North Devon College to hear about the plight of the College in terms of the hopes to relocate to Seven Brethren.

We had a brief guided tour around the College to see the over-stretched resources at present and were interested to learn of the quantity of students served by the College. Philip Hammond expressed his frustration about the £6,000,000 spend on progressing the project to this phase, only to have it thrown back unfulfilled following an over-enthusiastic Learning and Skills Council Budget.

Philip took our visitor to show him the rest of Seven Brethren Bank, the Leisure Centre facilities, the proposed site and indeed noted the 149 jobs scheduled to be lost at Leaderflush Shapland - and the whole Anchor Bank development.

Following this visit, Philip Hammond was taken to Braunton for a brief meeting with Councillor Caroline Chugg who is standing for the County Council - Braunton Rural and an opportunity to chat to one or two residents there.

Philip Milton reported the visit as an excellent opportunity of discussing Conservative Policy on helping Pensioners, generating appropriate investment returns on savings and the awesome problems facing an incoming government in terms of the excesses of the present administration. Says Philip "It was a great opportunity to have time with Philip Hammond to obtain clarification of Conservative Policies and Plans for the future from a man firmly with his finger on the pulse of Revenue and Spending across the whole of Government".



Photo 1 shows l to r David Shuttleworth (ND College), Philip Hammond MP and Philip Milton.



Photo 2 shows Philip Hammond MP and Cllr Caroline Chugg from Braunton