

Welcome to

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West Midlands Conservative MEP Team



Anthea McIntyre MEP with Malcolm Harbour MEP and Philip Bradbourn OBE MEP

ANTHEA JOINS THE TEAM

After many months of waiting and a seemingly endless bureaucratic process, Anthea McIntyre has just taken her seat as the third Conservative MEP for the West Midlands.

Anthea said: "I am really looking forward to joining Philip and Malcolm to work for the people of the West Midlands."

Well known to many in the Region, Anthea has an enviable record as a campaigner at local, regional and national level. Her extensive experience, coupled with widespread business expertise and success, equip her with the skills she'll need as she gets to grips with the many challenges she'll face as she battles with Brussels on your behalf.

FARM TO FORK

Anthea has been a long-time advocate of, and campaigner for, the Region's agricultural industry and food producers.

Commenting Anthea said: "Food security is the big challenge today. We need to produce more food here at affordable prices and become less reliant on imports. The EU is embarking on another round of Common Agricultural Policy reform and I look forward to working in the European Parliament for significant changes that will benefit Britain.

"We should be cutting red-tape and fighting off proposals that will bring an excessive burden of new regulations. Let's celebrate the wonderful variety of local produce and do all we can to support our farmers in getting on with what they are very good at - producing food!"



Gary Johnston of Cottage Delight with Anthea

BUSINESS MATTERS



Anthea with Bill Wiggin MP and Richard Asghar-Sandys (Chairman, FSB Herefordshire)

As a former county Secretary of the Federation of Small Businesses, Anthea knows at first-hand the endless challenges, such as access to finance, red-tape and employment legislation, that face the many thousands who work for themselves or in enterprises with only a few employees.

Having run a small business for over 25 years, she has direct experience of the EU's negative impact on business with regulations such as the Working Time directive.

Anthea said: "On the positive side, the European Commission's Digital Agenda has set ambitious targets for all EU citizens to have superfast broadband by 2020. At the moment Wolverhampton has better internet connections than London while Herefordshire is 195th out of 200 in its coverage.

"The Government's initiative to bring Fast Broadband to some of the most rural and isolated parts of Herefordshire is one I strongly support."

SOME GOOD NEWS...

Did you know that more than 55,000 people in the West Midlands have been helped with training and personal development programmes supported by the European Social Fund?

These projects are often aimed at helping overcome the lack of confidence and low self-esteem which act as common barriers for many individuals seeking employment, progression to further learning, or even promotion from their current role.

Anthea said: "It is good to see some of the EU Budget providing practical and relevant help to people in the West Midlands. Recently, I was delighted to meet some young people on the 16-19 ESF and ESF 4U programmes and see how they are benefiting from these schemes."

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