

LOCAL MP, JUSTIN MADDERS (ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON), VISITS ELLESMERE PHARMACY



Justin Madders MP recently visited Ellesmere Pharmacy in Rivington Road.

The superintendent pharmacist Becky Corkill was joined by owner David Porter and Adam Irvine the CEO from the local pharmaceutical committee, Community Pharmacy Cheshire and Wirral.

Justin heard about the investment in innovation with robotic assemblies at the pharmacy, developments in pharmacy services that have occurred in recent times and the challenging environment of pharmacy at the moment, especially the lack of funding from government despite the heroic efforts community pharmacy made to ensure patients had access to professional healthcare advice and services throughout the pandemic with the huge pressures of the current economy, workforce shortages and supply chain difficulties experienced.

Justin thanked the whole team and pledged to keep asking relevant questions to highlight and spotlight community pharmacy; “I was hugely impressed by the dedication of the staff I met on the visit and the number of positive comments I read about the pharmacy on social media afterwards as well showed just how well thought of they are and just how willing they are to go the extra mile”.

David said “Justin was hugely supportive and thankful of our efforts. We hope he’s heard the clear case that proper funding is needed in community pharmacy and what potential there is for local health improvements, delivered via community pharmacy if adequate funding was available”.

Adam added “It was great to see the pharmacy showcase their innovative approach, however the case was made very clear that investment and funding must be made available to ensure that these vital support services for our patients continue to be viable. A strong, well-resourced community pharmacy can have such a positive effect on alleviating pressures on other parts of the health system such as General Practice, Urgent Care and our hospitals”.