

A portrait of Andrew Bridgen MP, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a white collared shirt and a brown tweed jacket. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a Union Jack flag visible in the upper left. The text 'Andrew Bridgen MP' is overlaid in the top right in large white font. Below it, the text 'Reporting back to North West Leicestershire' is in a smaller blue font. A stylized, waving Union Jack flag graphic is at the bottom of the image.

Andrew Bridgen MP

Reporting back
to North West
Leicestershire



HS2 and the Ivanhoe Line

This year I welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement of the cancellation of HS2's northern leg.

The scrapping of this entire project is something that I have long campaigned for and it is long overdue. Successive governments have blindly ploughed in money - approximately £150 billion - whilst ignoring the real need for infrastructure upgrades around the country.



An example is the Ivanhoe line, which would link the great town of Burton upon Trent with Leicester and would pass through North West Leicestershire and South Derbyshire, benefiting residents across the region.

I welcome the Government's commitment to reopening this line but we must have further assurances that the line will continue all the way to Leicester and not terminate at Coalville. I can reassure you that I will keep fighting to ensure the line will be fully reopened, and I have raised this matter on several occasions in the House of Commons and with Ministers in private.

We must never forget a decade of delay to the regeneration of Measham, which is statistically our area's most deprived locality. Members of the government who waded through HS2 only to u-turn and cancel it have a lot to answer for. Nearly a decade of lost economic development,

for our own friends and neighbours, is unforgivable.

I have long held concerns about the cost of HS2, the damage to the countryside and whether it would rebalance the regional economy as planned. Having seen the impact it would have on North West Leicestershire, where we would suffer all of the pain and none of the gain, I was only too delighted when Rishi Sunak cancelled this large part of the biggest white elephant of the last 15 years.

I voted against HS2 at every opportunity in the House of Commons. In 2013 I predicted that it would cost in excess of £100 billion. The then Secretary of State laughed at me, but it is now clear that the project will be far in excess of £100 billion just for the London to Birmingham leg! What we need is money to be reinvested in our local railways and infrastructure - such as the Ivanhoe line.





Child Protection Bill



Back in June, I introduced a Bill to the House of Commons called the 'Schools (Gender and Parental Rights) Bill' which aimed to prohibit the promotion of social transition practices in schools; to require schools to inform parents if their child has indicated an intention to pursue, or has commenced, social transition; to provide for a right for parents to access information about lessons in schools and to make provision about the teaching of the concept of gender identity in schools.

I am saddened to report that the vast majority of my colleagues in the House

voted against this Bill or just didn't vote at all. I think protecting the innocence of our children should be at the forefront of our national agenda. We should let kids be kids!

My Bill would have entitled parents to the right to consultation, the right to withdraw their children from sex education and the right to have access to the materials used as part of that sexual education. Schools would have only been allowed to use published, citable resources that are readily available for public and regulatory scrutiny.



Immigration, small boats and migrant hotels

The disappointing ruling of the Supreme Court on Rwanda in November knocks out the main plank of the Government's strategy to dissuade economic migrants or asylum seekers from crossing the channel.

The ruthless people traffickers will be laughing all the way to the bank and the hard-pressed UK taxpayers will be picking up the tab, once again.

The UK Government appears completely impotent when it comes to securing our nation's borders. I will continue pressuring the government to find workable solutions and to withdraw from the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) so we can take meaningful action to stop the boats for good!

I am saddened and angered by the fact we have seven parliamentary constituencies in the great county of Leicestershire, yet the Government have placed more than half of our county's illegal immigrants and asylum seekers in hotels in North West Leicestershire. This deprives local people and genuine visitors from other areas of being able to stay in our beautiful part of the world. How is that fair? I have been vocal in pressuring the government to make statements and answer the questions as to why we have received so many illegal economic migrants.





Economic growth

In 2010, when I was first given the honour of being elected as your Member of Parliament, North West Leicestershire had some of the lowest economic growth in the country. We now have some of the highest levels in the whole of the UK. There are 1.2 jobs here for every person of working age and the area has been ranked as one of the happiest places to live in the country, according to the national happiness index.

I am proud that North West Leicestershire is a place people can do business, invest in and set up home. People are attracted by North West Leicestershire because of our incredible location. In the centre of the country, we are a prime location for the distribution industry and we are becoming a manufacturing hub for our great nation. Products made in North West Leicestershire are now sold around the world.

However, even in North West Leicestershire, I am seeing the prosperity for which we have worked so hard being undermined by an evident lack of leadership and accountability on the Government's part. We need honest, immediate change. The Government's

responsibility is to protect and serve its citizens, not to pander to the World Economic Forum, the World Health Organisation or other supranational bodies. We ended up here because of fiscal profligacy with zero accountability and because of a decade of reckless money printing by the Bank of England.

HS2 has meant tens of billions lost, while useless personal protective equipment and 'Track and Trace' have cost us £100 billion and £40 billion respectively. Asylum seekers in hotels are costing the government at least £10 million per day, and that's not to mention the £200 million wasted on a Covid Inquiry which doesn't even ask the right questions!







Vaccine Harms and Trends in Excess Deaths

This year, I have facilitated the first debate in any democratically elected Parliament on trends in excess deaths - an Adjournment Debate in the House of Commons chamber which received an incredible amount of interest from the general public but, sadly, a corresponding lack of interest from colleagues in the House. What could be more important for elected representatives?

We have experienced more excess deaths since July 2021 than in the whole of 2020. Unlike during the pandemic, however, those deaths are not disproportionately of the old.

In other words, the excess deaths are striking down people in the prime of life. It is quite normal for death numbers to fluctuate up and down by chance alone but what we are seeing here is a pattern repeated across countries - and the rise in excess deaths has not let up.

I wrote to the Prime Minister on 7th August 2023 with all the evidence of this and again on 31st January 2024. I raised the issue at Prime Minister's Questions recently and he simply gave a pat answer; that these experimental vaccines are "safe". Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to differ - and the data supports my position.

It is high time that these experimental vaccines were suspended and a full investigation into the harms that they have caused was initiated. History will be a harsh judge if we do not start using

evidence-based medicine. We need to return to basic science and ethics immediately - which means listening to all voices and investigating all concerns. There is simply too much that we do not know and it is not good enough. We need answers now. We deserve answers now.

On 4th December 2023 I hosted an historic event in Parliament attended by over 20 MPs, where we heard from esteemed scientists, medical professionals and doctors about the experimental mRNA vaccines. This allowed me to facilitate a Westminster Hall debate in January 2024 on 'Trends in Excess Deaths' which was supported by a similar number of MPs and issues of vaccine harms and excess deaths were raised.

However, we went further and applied for a three hour debate in the House of Commons. This application was supported by over 25 MPs but sadly, as yet, we haven't received a date for this incredibly important debate.



More power to the WHO?

I was delighted to introduce a 10 minute rule Bill in the House of Commons this year called the 'Parliamentary Sovereignty (Referendums) Bill'.

This would have, if supported, prohibited Ministers of the Crown from making or implementing any legal instrument which is not consistent with the sovereignty of the United Kingdom Parliament, unless it has been approved by a referendum and for connected purposes.



Amongst other provisions, it would have prevented a future Government from overturning the democratic will of the British people by taking us back into the European Union without consulting the public in a referendum. Indeed, it would stop the Government from taking us into any union without public consent, and it would move power closer to the people.

Perhaps more importantly it would also have prevented something that threatens the people of our great nation right now. It would stop the Government from blindly accepting the World Health

Organisation's amendments to the international health regulations and the so-called 'post-pandemic agreement'. They appear set on implementing this without even consulting this House, never mind the public. The Government signed up to the WHO pandemic preparedness treaty negotiations without a single word being uttered in Government time. This is totally appalling and should worry all of us.

Sadly my Bill did not pass due to the prorogation for the King's Speech but I will continue standing up for this cause.



Moving forward...


The repeated attempts to silence me have only made me more determined to speak my mind, and as an Independent I now have complete freedom to do so.

The mainstream media has finally caught up with my work on exposing the textile industry in Leicester and the £100m fine imposed on Boohoo four years ago.

Everyone will be aware by now of the Post Office Horizon scandal thanks to the ITV drama about it.

I was instrumental in fighting to expose this injustice in Parliament after two of my constituents, Michael and Susan Rudkin of Ibstock, came to see me about it in 2010. The Public Inquiry I demanded is ongoing and the final details of Mr and Mrs Rudkin's compensation package are being worked out.





The question before you in the coming election will be a simple one: Do you want an **MP who represents a political party** in North West Leicestershire OR an **MP who represents North West Leicestershire** in Parliament?

It is fast becoming apparent that it is not possible to do both.

- ✓ **Right on the Post Office scandal**
- ✓ **Right on the Modern Slavery in Leicester**
- ✓ **Right on HS2**
- ✓ **Right on the Covid 19 vaccine harms**
- ✓ **Right for North West Leicestershire**

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