

After Lorely's campaign, cheque is still in the post!

Solihull MP Lorely Burt has welcomed the news that her long running campaign to Save the Cheque has been successful.

The UK Payments Council has announced it is to reverse its decision to scrap cheques by 2018 and continue their use for as long as customers need them.

Commenting, Lorely said: "I'm absolutely delighted that the Payments Council has finally seen sense. This announcement has relieved the worries of charities and small businesses that their livelihoods will not be threatened and of millions of ordinary people who rely on the cheque to make payments every day.

A lesson for the banks

"It's a victory for common sense and for customers and a lesson that the banks cannot simply ride roughshod over their customer service responsibilities."

Lorely recently presented a petition to Downing Street alongside her Solihull constituents.

She said: "For small businesses and sole traders cheques are a crucial form of payment and many were concerned that their removal would drive up their costs. For customers, especially the elderly, cheques are reliable, safe and not too technological.

"Last year alone there were over one billion cheque transactions which shows just how widely used this form of payment still is.

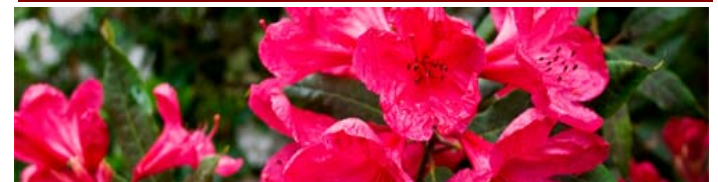
"This announcement means that those who rely on cheque payments can now be sure of their future."



Lorely: 'A victory for commonsense'

DIARY DATE

**Regional conference
and AGM: November 5**



The region will shortly be launching this appeal, of which Regional Chair Jonathan Webber said: "It's my intention to make every pound we raise count for ten times its value in results we deliver."

Taking a break



The next newsletter will be on September 15