

Yellow constituent lobbies MPs

The city's MPs have been lobbied by a furry, yellow constituent.

Pudsey Bear attended a surgery held by Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart today (Friday), during which he described the plight of thousands of children in the UK and abroad.

The injured-eyed Children in Need representative explained that the charity helps under-18s, from those with disabilities to those affected by deprivation and poverty.

He also congratulated them on raising three-figure sums with the Ora Cafe, near their Linford Wood office, before they all went to visit the staff at the popular eatery.

Mr Lancaster said: "I enjoy Children in Need every year – it is one day when the nation comes together, and reaches for its wallet to help those who are worse off than themselves. The little yellow bear – who is not actually so little in the flesh (or rather, fur) – represents many years of hard work, and I'm glad he came to see us."

Mr Stewart said: "Pudsey was really preaching to the converted today – we are already great supporters of Children in Need. I think it is fantastic his charity is so dedicated to helping youngsters who are disadvantaged in all sorts of ways. A big thank you goes to the Ora Cafe and the people who put their pounds in Pudsey's bucket."

Surgeries are a way of constituents meeting their MP to discuss any issues they are facing. Both MPs hold regular surgeries, and more details can be obtained by calling 01908 686830.

When not raising money, Pudsey lives at Wardrobe Wizard in Newport Pagnell.