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Damian Hinds Supports Carers in East Hampshire

Damian Hinds met with TV presenter Angela Rippon to support this year's Carers Week and recognise the contribution made by those East Hampshire and throughout the UK who provide unpaid care for someone who is ill, frail or disabled.

The theme for Carers Week 2011 is '**The True Face of Carers**'. It calls for greater recognition for the diverse range of people who have caring responsibilities.



The work they carry out is vital for their families and friends, and for their communities.

The meeting took place at the House of Commons and both paid tribute to carers and urged that they receive more support in their caring roles.

Damian Hinds said

"We have many unsung heroes in East Hampshire who sacrifice not only their time, but also their money and their health in order to care for a loved one. Across the UK they save this country an astonishing £119 billion. They deserve to be recognised for their contribution to both our local community and to wider society."

"So many of us know from our own family experience how vital this is. All of society has a role in not just valuing but supporting carers, and of course that is a key responsibility for us in Parliament."

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Picture to follow separately by email

Carers Week is organised by a partnership of 9 national charities: Age UK, Carers UK, Counsel & Care, Crossroads Care, Dementia UK, Macmillan Cancer Support, MS Society, Parkinson's UK, and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

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