

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency

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Fiona Bruce MP attends Fair Trade Event in Holmes Chapel

Fiona Bruce MP recently joined Holmes Chapel Fair Trade supporters at their Coffee Morning event at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church as part of Fair Trade Fortnight.

At the event, everyone was invited to create a piece of bunting by drawing on a triangle of cotton, as part of the National Fair Trade Foundations endeavour to break the world record for the longest piece of bunting.

Fiona spoke at the event and said:

‘Fairtrade is not about charity, it’s about justice. It’s about people getting fair pay for produce no matter where they live in the world’.

I agree; Fair-trade is about justice not charity; it’s not about giving a hand out or a donation to a charity, although these are in themselves very good and a great deal of this happens here. Fair-trade is about more than that; in one sense it’s even more dignified.

Fair-trade is about mutual self respect; it’s about treating a fellow human being, wherever they live in the world, with fairness; it’s about ‘leaving some goodwill in the deal’. It’s about paying a fair price for a product, recognising that the contribution every individual makes has worth’.

NOTE TO EDITOR

Photo shows Fiona Bruce MP, holding her bunting contribution ‘Fair Trade Justice’, with event organisers Pat Percival and Steve Best.

Fair Trade’s attempt to create the longest piece of bunting is part of their campaign to highlight ‘the need for trade justice for cotton farmers’. For more information on the *Great Cotton Stitch Up* visit www.fairtrade.org.uk.

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