

Bob Russell MP wrote 'Afghanistan: Europe has let down the UK' in February 2008.

The full text of his article can be accessed at:

<http://www.ukdf.org.uk/viewpoints/RussellB-Feb2008.pdf>

Colchester MP Bob Russell spent a week in Southern Afghanistan with members of Britain's armed forces, as part of his participation in the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. Next month around 3,500 of his constituents, from 16 Air Assault Brigade based at the Colchester Garrison, will be deployed to Helmand Province. In his article, Bob Russell praises the achievements of UK forces in Afghanistan and discusses the conditions that British troops have to face in the country. He argues that other European nations need to contribute a great deal more to support the work of coalition forces in Afghanistan.