

DEAR NEWCASTLE,
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MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



Meeting brilliant women engineers at Mott MacDonald on International Women in Engineering Day.

TORY MORTGAGE PREMIUM AND BYELECTION DIVIDEND

Across Britain, people are being hit by higher mortgages. This is really worrying time for many in Newcastle – for people mortgaging now and people remortgaging down the track, for people who want to own their own home and for those renting from Landlords with mortgages. I have been contacted by constituents who are quite desperate. But instead of requiring mortgage companies to do more for borrowers, the Conservatives are only 'encouraging' them. And I already know of companies who aren't providing the help needed.

The Government's 'let the market get on with it' approach to the main reason we are stuck with high inflation, low growth, high interest rates and low wages.

Of course as well as being opposed in principle to Government action, the Government are also somewhat distracted right now.

Just when many thought things couldn't get any more farcical in the Tory party, their last Prime Minister but one resigns as a Member of Parliament in order to pre-empt parliamentary sanctions on being found to have lied to Parliament. His resignation is followed by two of his supporters with one, Nadine Dorries promising to resign and then changing her mind when she realises that actually Boris may have lied to her. The Tories are obsessed with their own jobs, is it any wonder they can't succeed in creating good jobs for people in Newcastle? They are out of ideas. Labour is setting out its policies to deliver the highest sustained growth in the G7, and a British Energy company which will drive clean energy and green jobs.

The boundary review confirmed that Newcastle Central will be enlarged to become Newcastle Central and West, now including the wards of Chapel, Denton and Westerhope, Lemington as well as Newbiggin Hall. As the prospective parliamentary candidate for this new constituency, I look forward to getting out and about in it!

BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

I raised the case of my constituent, Danny, who is still in prison 17 years after being convicted of shoplifting with a recommendation to serve 15 months. That is due to "Imprisonment in the Public Protection" order and I asked the Government to work across party and with victim and justice groups, to reform them.

Another issue I raised in Parliament was child poverty in Newcastle - I called for a parliamentary debate "in Government time on an industrial strategy to realise the north-east's economic potential, for the benefit of our young people and working families". I also highlighted the plight of Elswick Swimming Pool in parliament, it achieves so much for local health and wellbeing but is facing spiralling costs. I'm glad to say that the Government has now announced some support. We must hope it will be enough!

I continue to engage with the Prime Minister, Ministers, Government Agencies and others regarding additional bus stops for new bus routes, the swing bridge, Sudan, social housing repairs, housing and homelessness, drugs and vagrancy, litter and bin collections, Horizon Europe, palliative care, keeping in touch with stakeholders in the USA, and social mobility in engineering.

MEDIA

I have appeared in both broadcast and print media over the course of the last month. I was a guest on BBC Politics North where I spoke about the debate surrounding Boris Johnson's honours list given his recent resignation from Parliament in disgrace. I recorded a message for the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the NHS, appeared in an interview for Tech Monitor Review, and also spoke to the BBC about Windrush.

Both ITV and the Chronicle reported on my campaign to ensure that IPP sentences are reformed on a cross party basis following my constituent Danny's troubling case.

In more positive news, I welcomed the £15m that was brought to the city by the recent Sam Fender gig at St James' Park, it is a performance we will remember for a long time!



Meeting council officials to discuss their progress on dealing with litter.



Enjoying a crafts session with the Friends of Leazes Park.

SHADOW MINISTERIAL AND PES ROLE

The overwhelming issue for the brief is the absence of any progress on Horizon association. I raised it repeatedly in written parliamentary questions, on social media and in the chamber.

I met with Achim Post the German SPD MP and Sec Gen of PES and his delegation to discuss closer cooperation and ties with our sister parties across Europe.

I continue to engage with stakeholders on Labour's science, innovation and research policy, visiting science driven startups.

ORGANISATION

Lydia started as our trainee administrative assistant and we unfortunately heard from Keir that he will be leaving us, leaving a vacancy for Parliamentary Assistant. Samira also started as an intern.

Parliamentary Activity

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Speaking at Stemettes Birthday Roundtable on diversity in curriculum



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

University Startup Investment Terms, Tech UK, World Oceans Day, Christian Aid constituency campaigner, Pagefield Life Sciences roundtable, Sacred Heart Sixth Form, TechNExt, Parliamentary Links Day, APPG Africa Green Industrialisation Symposium, Windrush and Refugee Week Rally in Newcastle, Stemettes roundtable, TechNExt fringe North East Biotech Festival, Milken Institute, National Centre for Universities & Business, Moderna event, Northern Leaders Trust Awards Kenton, Alnwick Festival It's a Wonderful World.

MEETINGS AND VISITS

Jewish Leadership Council event, Maritime UK, Vertex Pharma, Aston Martin Lagonda, NFU rural mental health, Which, Bayer, Carers Week, Alzheimer's Research, Achim Post PES, Meningitis Now, Biomedical Science Day, Russell Schofield-Bezer, Grassroots Football, Roche, Confederation of Passenger Transport, Humane, ERA Foundation, Small Charity Week, Octopus, Marine Energy, CityUK research, David Wells, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, DSEI reception, Burlington House, British Academy, Friends of Leazes Park, Gosforth Chess Club, Islamic University of Gaza, Opera North,

UN Day for the elimination of sexual violence in conflict, Learning Disability Week, British Chamber of Commerce, Ernst Young, Armed forces Day, Fair Standards, UK Atomics, Lumo & Hull trains, Asda, VEON & Kyivstar, TUC/CBD Worker Experience of AI revolution, Sage reception boosting British Business, Olivier Theatre, Newcastle City Council on refuse, Armed Forces veteran, BCAST Metallurgy, National Gallery, IPT, Nwobu Geoffrey Ndubisi Hon, Physiological Society, RITES event, Smith & Nephew, Royal Academy of Engineering, Voter ID, Bankers for Net Zero, 38 Degrees, Foundation Science & Technology, Royal Society Chemistry, SSL Behring, Unions 21, Anne Reece, Northumberland Plate Race, Sky Sumer Soiree, Great Parliamentary Get Together, Publishers Association, Healthy Homes campaign, CropLife UK, UKEF, ADS apprenticeships, National Portrait Gallery, North East Economic Forum



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Gosforth Summer Chess Club!

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TOP TWEET IN JUNE:

In April the top three Policy issues raised by constituents were

#Pakistan

#Palestine

#OnshoreWind

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