

DEAR NEWCASTLE, **CHI** ONWURAH

MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



At Mrs T's in Blakelaw for a Right Royal Tea Party for the Coronation of King Charles III.

LABOUR IS THE LARGEST PARTY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Conservatives tried to manage expectations for these local elections – they said they could lose up to 1000 seats, expecting to then be able to spin anything less than 1000 seats as a great victory. Well, they lost more than 1000 seats and they can't hide the fact that the results are a disaster for Conservatives all over the country, including the North East. They lost Darlington Council, they lost Hartlepool Council. It is clear that the North East has given its verdict on the Tories and their so-called 'levelling up' agenda – and the verdict is: Vote Labour!

Labour won control of councils all around the country, and I believe that is because we have been focusing on the number one issue that is reaching people everywhere, the cost of living crisis. It is an issue that the Tories don't want to speak about, because they crashed the economy, and they don't know how to fix it. Labour does, Labour has a plan to drive up growth and jobs across our country.

In Westminster, the Tories have been shuffling the deck chairs again as disgraced Deputy PM Raab resigned after a report found that he had bullied staff. I guess that's the "integrity, professionalism and accountability" the Prime Minister promised when he took on the job.

The country did come together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. It was so lovely to see so many people across Newcastle getting out the bunting with many events taking place to mark the day. I attended a Right Royal Tea Party at Mrs T's in Blakelaw which was brilliant!



BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

Surgeries have been very busy with a wide range of concerns. Many constituents face rising bills, and we have seen a rise in the number of cases of housing and homelessness being reported to our office casework team.

Our office also has been dealing with many cases of people who have family in Sudan whose lives have been put at risk by the violent conflict there. I have been in contact with the Home Office on a regular basis and also questioned the Foreign Secretary in Parliament.

I continue to engage with the Prime Minister, Ministers, Government Agencies and others regarding local bus services, the swing bridge, Sudan, housing and homelessness, drugs and vagrancy, Horizon Europe, and local health services.

MEDIA

II have spoken to local media about a range of issues in the last month. I commented on the wonderful news that St James' Park is to be a host stadium in the FA's Euro 2028 bid.

In other local news, I was quoted in the Chronicle discussing my concerns about asylum questionnaires given to those seeking asylum with a very short turnaround period for completion.

I also noted with alarm the rise in foodbank usage in the city.

ORGANISATION

Lucy, our trainee admin assistant, left us at the end of her contract. The advert for a new trainee admin assistant is currently live at <http://www.w4mpjobs.org/JobDetails.aspx?jobid=88742> and the deadline is Friday 19 May.



Celebrating National Local Bike Shop Day at Start Fitness Newcastle



With Asthma+ Lung UK to hear about the benefits more research could bring to the NHS and patients

SHADOW MINISTERIAL AND PES ROLE

We had the second instalment of DSIT Questions in the House of Commons since the department was established by the Prime Minister. In this question period I focused again on Horizon Europe which the Tories promised to retain association with.

They failed on this promise and recently announced their 'Plan B' scheme, which does not match Horizon Europe for funding, prestige, influence, or range.

I continue to engage with stakeholders as we develop Labour policy to drive science, research and innovation across the country to provide jobs that you can raise a family on.

Parliamentary Activity

FROM THE FRONT BENCH: 2

Science, Innovation and Technology – Topical Questions 3 May; Science, Innovation and Technology – Topical Questions 3 May

WRITTEN QUESTIONS: 43

Life Sciences: Finance 03 May 2023; Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Staff 03 May 2023; Research: Higher Education 03 May 2023; Science and Technology: Finance 03 May 2023; Research: North East 02 May 2023; Research: Darlington 02 May 2023; Ministry of Defence: Research 02 May 2023; Innovation: Urban Areas 27 Apr 2023; Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Staff 27 Apr 2023; Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Staff 27 Apr 2023; Science and Technology 27 Apr 2023; National Employment Savings Trust Corporation: Atos 27 Apr 2023; Special Educational Needs: Teachers 27 Apr 2023; Apprentices: Degrees 27 Apr 2023; Apprentices: Degrees 27 Apr 2023; Artificial Intelligence: Equality 26 Apr 2023; Asylum: Questionnaires 26 Apr 2023; Asylum: Uganda 26 Apr 2023; Science: Finance 25 Apr 2023; UK Research and Innovation: Expenditure 25 Apr 2023; Cosmetics: Sodium Hydroxide 25 Apr 2023; Cosmetics: Ethnic Groups 25 Apr 2023; Parkinson's Disease: North East 25 Apr 2023; Parkinson's Disease: Newcastle upon Tyne Central 25 Apr 2023; Asylum: Questionnaires 25 Apr 2023; Horizon Europe: Finance 25 Apr 2023; Advanced Research and Invention Agency: Science and Technology 25 Apr 2023; Science and Technology: Grants 25 Apr 2023; Horizon Europe 25 Apr 2023; National Employment Savings Trust Corporation: Atos 24 Apr 2023; Students: Fees and Charges 24 Apr 2023; Apprentices: Degrees 24 Apr 2023; Cosmetics: Ethnic Groups 24 Apr 2023; Horizon Europe 24 Apr 2023; Science and Technology 24 Apr 2023; Science and Technology: Finance 24 Apr 2023; Horizon Europe: Finance 24 Apr 2023; Cosmetics: Ethnic Groups 21 Apr 2023; Mental Health Services: Children 21 Apr 2023; Asylum: Questionnaires 20 Apr 2023; Industry: Investment 18 Apr 2023; Research: Regional Planning and Development 04 Apr 2023

FROM THE BACK BENCH: 6

Sudan 2 May; Reforms to NHS Dentistry 27 Apr; Sudan Update 27 Apr; Ukraine 27 Apr; Buses in Newcastle 20 Apr; Prepayment Meters 18 Apr



The opening of the Farrell Centre at Newcastle University

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Launch of African Lives in Northern England, Climate Tech Start up dinner, TUC AI Conference, DeHavilland Life Sciences, Africa APPG African Union roundtable, Demos Good Web Network Roundtable, CityForum Roundtable

MEETINGS AND VISITS

Incoming High Commissioner Nigeria Richard Montgomery, Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan National Science Foundation, Stuart Carroll Moderna, Google Trust VP, Lord Jim O'Neill, British Society for Immunology, Building Digital UK, Innovate UK, CaSE, Great North Run Parliamentary Reception, Russell Group, Howard Litchfield Partnership celebration, Farrell Centre opening, Newcastle University Addressing Skills Shortage, Newcastle University & Castle Leazes residents, England Boxing Jobes Gym, Salvation Army Opening, Installation of Bishop Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Dan Norris Metro Mayor, Graphcore, Mondelez, APPG Digital Health, Vaisakhi in Parliament, APPG France, Save the Parish event, APPG Diversity in STEM, Ada Lovelace, Douglas Kell, Amanda Brock Open UK, Newcastle Mayfair pub, Dr Jessica Katanga, Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort visit to Parliament, MedCity, Richard McCarthy Data Communications Co



At the installation of the new Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt Rev Dr Helen-Ann Hartley.



Speaking at Demos roundtable on digital inclusion



At the opening of a new Salvation Army centre in West Fenham.

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Meeting Joe, an owner of the Mayfair Pub in Newcastle discussing his investment in the area

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