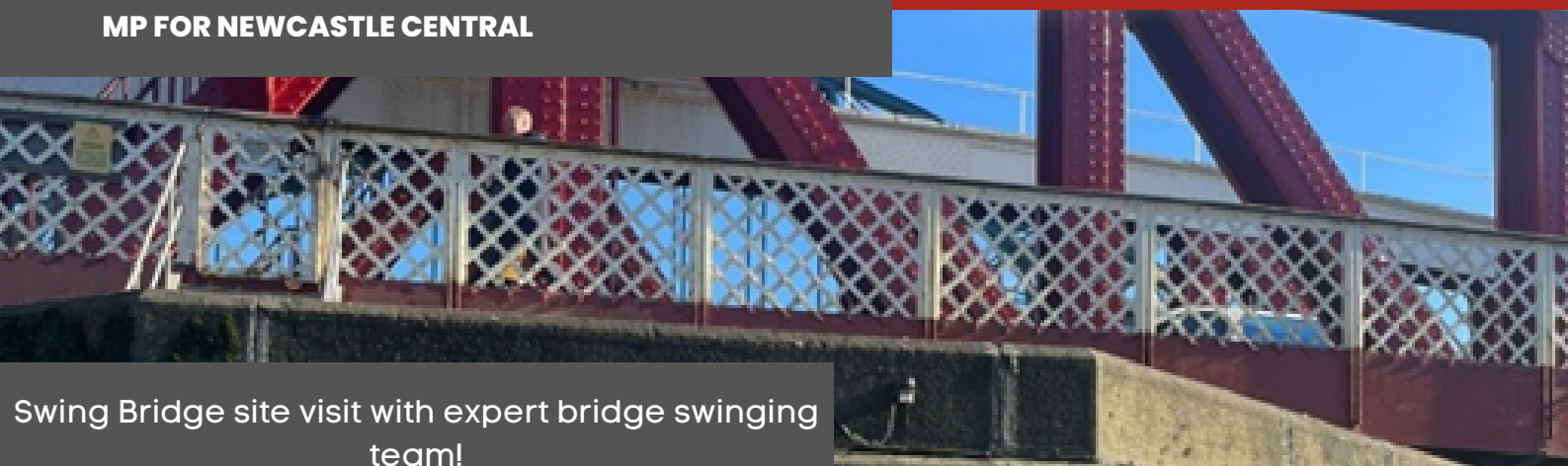


DEAR NEWCASTLE,
CHI ONWURAH
MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



Swing Bridge site visit with expert bridge swinging team!



THE COVID INQUIRY SHOWS THE CHAOS AT THE HEART OF GOVERNMENT

At a time when people needed Government more than ever, when we weren't allowed outside, when only key workers were allowed to work, when so many of our loved ones were isolated at home, in hospital or in social care, the chaos at the heart of Government has been brutally highlighted by the Covid Inquiry. Boris Johnson's aides and advisors were quite explicit about his inability to effectively lead the country at that time - whilst failing to explain why they helped put him in the highest position in the land! For all of us, but especially for those who lost loved ones it is a terrible spectacle.

We are all distraught at the war and violence in the Middle East. Hamas's brutal massacre of 1400 Israelis and taking hostage over 200 more shocked me. The terrible scenes of death, destruction and suffering of innocent people in the Gaza Strip are difficult to bear. We must ensure humanitarian aid for those in Gaza and of course Israel must obey international law. I have set out my views in more detail [here](#).

Labour Party Conference in Liverpool was the most positive and constructive that I have attended, the biggest also with over 18,000 registrations and great speeches particularly from Keir Starmer who really set out his vision for Britain's future and why he is uniquely able to deliver it. I spoke at 18 events, a sign of the level of interest in science and innovation. Many of these events related regional development too.

Four fantastic by election results in a row have shown that Labour is able to reach all parts of the United Kingdom and that many are returning to Labour - or coming to us for the first time. As Keir said in his speech "Why Labour? Because we serve your interests!"



BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

The shambolic cancelling of the Northern leg of HS2 and the chaotic 'Network North' announcement gave us the worst of all worlds – uncertainty for business and passengers, lack of transport infrastructure for the North East, lack of confidence for investors.

My Bowel Conditions (Assessment) Bill fell with the end of the Parliamentary session but we did first succeed in getting it written up and published and discussing it with the Newcastle University Professor and President Elect of the British Society of Gastroenterology Colin Rees.

I brought a team of world class engineers to Newcastle to look at the Swing Bridge. I was very impressed by the level of commitment of the engineers to getting the bridge swinging again!

MEDIA

William has drafted a Media strategy to help communicate Labour's science ambitions better.

I was quoted in national and local media, particularly on the Swing Bridge and the Bowel Bill.

Top Tweet - Posted on 27 October: Brilliant meeting with @UniofNewcastle Professor Colin Rees to discuss how we can continue the campaign to address high rates of bowel conditions in the #NorthEast. While prorogation of Parliament means my Bowel Conditions Bill has fallen, the campaign goes on! pic.twitter.com/tD0FCnDxZW



Informative time at Newcastle Diabetes Centre



Launching the new £10m COSMA 8 supercomputer at Durham University which has the power & memory of 17,000 home PCs

SHADOW MINISTERIAL ROLE

The new Science, Technology and Innovation team has been very busy with Labour conference, the international AI conference and science policy development to enable Labour's five missions.

At conference there was much interest in science and innovation particularly its power to transform Government, and as a driver for regional economic development. Peter Kyle announced our ten year spending plan commitment to bring long term consistency to science funding. We continue to work on developing detailed policies to drive national and regional growth through science and innovation, and to improve diversity in and access to science. We are looking at international examples and success stories at home.

I was very proud to launch the Cosma 8 Supercomputer at Durham University.

ORGANISATION

I have given up my PES role to enable me to spend more time on shadow and constituency roles in an election year! Two Newcastle University students joined on one day a week placements. William has put together a small team of expert volunteers advising on economic policy. Anam joined as an intern for a year!

Parliamentary Activity

FROM THE FRONT BENCH: 0

October 2023 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access 17 October 2023 Health Services and Social Services: Migrant Workers 16 October 2023 Universal Credit 16 October 2023 Antidepressants: Newcastle upon Tyne 16 October 2023 Health Services: Disadvantaged 16 October 2023

FROM THE BACK BENCH: 3

First-time Buyers 18 October Water Companies: Water Pollution and Overflows 19 October HS2 26 October

WRITTEN QUESTIONS: 33

High Speed 2 Line: Cost Effectiveness 26 October 2023 STEM Subjects: Ethnic Groups and Girls 26 October 2023 AI Council and Frontier AI Taskforce 26 October 2023 Space Technology: North East 25 October 2023 Nuclear Power 25 October 2023 Nuclear Fusion: Research and Training 25 October 2023 Science: Expenditure 25 October 2023 Local Press 24 October 2023 Digital Economy Council 24 October 2023 STEM Subjects: Higher Education 24 October 2023 Bus Services: Newcastle upon Tyne 24 October 2023 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access 24 October 2023 Companies: Horizon 2020 24 October 2023 Companies: Horizon Europe 24 October 2023 Business: Research 24 October 2023 Business: Research 24 October 2023 UK Health Security Agency: Research 23 October 2023 Broadband: Finance 20 October 2023 Databases: Water 20 October 2023 National Space Council 19 October 2023 Companies: Horizon Europe 19 October 2023 UK Research and Innovation: Finance 19 October 2023 Horizon Europe 19 October 2023 Business: Research 19 October 2023 Universal Credit 17 October 2023 First Time Buyers: North East 17 October 2023 National Tutoring Programme: Finance 17 October 2023 Pupil Premium 17



Brilliant fun at Scotswood Garden

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Conference

Labour Business Forum Roundtables, TBI Life Sciences, NHS Roundtable, University of Manchester Fringe, University of Manchester/University of Birmingham, Institute for Government Panel, Takeda/New Statesman, LabourList, University of Sheffield/SYMCA, University Alliance, ADS Roundtable, Booking.com, Data Drop, UK Onward, National Engineering Policy Centre Panel,

Yonder, Islamophobia Awareness, Newcastle University Black Engineering Network, Durham Institute for Computational Cosmology, Ndi-Igbo BHM Event, Black History Month Event, NE African Event, Sunderland College, APPG Creative Diversity, Centre for Commonwealth Affairs, Nigerian High Commissioner in London, APPG Manufacturing's Manufacturing Commission, Festival of Women in STEM, North East AI Summit, IOP Awards, Labour North Gala Dinner



Really good to meet Harriet, an apprentice who won the NCG Skills Award for Carpentry this year and the rest of the team at WDL, on site in Kenton

MEETINGS AND VISITS

Historic England, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Innovations, Kenton Academy (Principal), Newcastle Diabetes Services, NorthEast Capital, Teakisi, Delegation of EU to UK, Arab Ambassadors, Nationwide, Natwest, New Statesman, Royal Society, Unison, Prince's Trust, Penultimate Power, Yorkshire Building Society, Keepl, Swing Bridge with Hydrasun, Hyserve, R&G Fluid Power Group, Hardesty and Hanover, Newcastle Council and Port of Tyne, Duke of Edinburgh, Newcastle College, Durham Institute for Computational Cosmology, Colin Tan (Tuspark), Newcastle RISE, Pragmatic, techUK, Social Market Foundation, Fusion Industry Association, Welsh Universities, British-American Parliamentary, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, APPG on Minimally Invasive Cancer Therapies, Auditory Verbal UK, National Measurement Laboratory, Digital Catapult, British Academy, Baroness Jones, , Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, Nationwide Newcastle branch, Lockheed Martin, Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, Newcastle University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Barts NHS Health Trust, Oxford University Hospitals Trust, Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust, Diabetes UK, Medtronic, PLMR Healthcomms, London Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Croplife UK, Women in Life Sciences Network, Space APPG, British Liver Trust, Stroke Association, British Phytomedicine Alliance, Alzheimer's Research UK, Oxford University, Bankers for Net Zero, Renewable UK, BASF, PICTFOR, Hadrian Brewery, Colin Rees (Gastroenterology Newcastle University), Chief Constable

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