

DEAR NEWCASTLE, **CHI** ONWURAH

MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



Presenting Town Moor Superintendent, Kevin Batey with NFU Local Farming Hero award after I nominated him.

SETTLING INTO THE SUNAK SHAMBLES

It is not good for confidence at home and abroad when the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom is outlasted by a lettuce and then succeeded (as Prime Minister, not salad filler) by one of the architects of our current economic troubles who does a dirty deal with an incompetent Home Secretary in order to avoid even a limited Tory election and then claims to be bringing accountability and probity to the Office. Such unfortunately is Britain under the Tories.

Conservative MPs may squabble with each other on TV and complain that they've lost some plum Westminster job but it is working people who are paying the price. Inflation is rocketing, and most especially for those who can least afford it – food price rises reaching 17% according to some figures. Interest rate rises mean more pressure on households and businesses whilst when the Chancellor and Prime Minister talk about 'hard choices' they mean austerity 2.0, with further cuts to public services already stretched to the limit combined with attacks on working rights.

The Tories should be making those with the broadest shoulders bear the burden – eg the energy companies making excess profits. But they won't because they prefer to look after their mates. That's why more and more people are calling for a general election now!

Climate change remains the biggest long term challenge our nation and our planet faces. It is right that Sunak should go to COP 27, but wrong that he undermined his credibility by refusing to go and then u turning!



Collecting donations for the West End Foodbank outside St James' Park.

BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

I brought my Ten Minute Rule Bill to Parliament on the hidden epidemic of bowel disease in the North East. I was grateful to the Bowel disease sufferers who shared their stories of living with stomas and helped give the debate on the Bill great impact. I was touched by the many emails and letters I received from stoma users across the country. We need to be able to measure and assess the rate of bowel disease in order to provide the right support to sufferers. Ten Minute Rule Bills almost never make it into law, but they can be used effectively to raise issues.

I was angered by the circus of Conservative chaos following the disastrous Mini Budget when the then Prime Minister Liz Truss refused to be accountable for the economic chaos she was causing and the leader of the House Penny Mordant claimed she was showing 'courage' by sacking her Chancellor and told. I told the House that the PM was arrogant, desperate and opportunistic.

I continue to engage with the Prime Minister, Ministers, Government Agencies and others regarding the situation in Iran, planning issues, local bus services and the issues facing constituents who use them, and issues surrounding the home schooling of children.



Marking the end of Black History Month with Ndji Igbo Northeast England.

MEDIA

I appeared in national and local media this month including a BBC interview on my 10 Minute Rule Bill and a BBC radio interview on Bowel Disease. I also recorded a video to mark Islamophobia Awareness month.



Visiting Queen Mary University London's Innovation Centre.

SHADOW MINISTERIAL AND PES ROLE

The Conservatives went from having no Science Minister, to one science minister to two science ministers – and we are still not sure what anyone is doing!

I continue to meet with stakeholders in the research, business and science communities to discuss how we can build a Innovation Nation.

I spent two days in Berlin at the Party of European Socialists Congress, with representatives of Socialist and Social Democratic Parties from across Europe, as Labour's PES Presidency representative. I spoke to the congress on UK's continuing close ties with the European Union, and our unwavering support for Ukraine.



Chairing a special meeting of the Africa APPG on COP27 and climate change.

Parliamentary Activity

FROM THE FRONT BENCH: 1

Draft Trade Marks (Amendment) Regulations 2022 26 Oct

FROM THE BACK BENCH: 12

Local Dental Provision 1 Nov Royal Navy: Conduct Towards Women 31 Oct Cross-Channel Migrants: Manston Facility 27 Oct Avanti West Coast Contract Renewal 25 Oct Great British Railways 24 Oct Personal Data 20 Oct Replacement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer 17 Oct Topical Questions (Buses) 13 Oct Economic Situation 12 Oct Ten Minute Rule Bill: Bowel Conditions (Assessment) Bill 11 Oct Mahsa Amini 11 Oct

WRITTEN QUESTIONS: 89

National Science and Technology Council 02 Nov 2022 Mental Health Services: Newcastle upon Tyne 02 Nov 2022 Eating Disorders: Newcastle upon Tyne 02 Nov 2022 Adoption 02 Nov 2022 Breast Cancer 02 Nov 2022 show related items (1) Cystic Fibrosis: Clinical Psychologists and Social Workers 02 Nov 2022 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access 01 Nov 2022 Research and Development Tax Credit: Fraud 31 Oct 2022 Research and Development Tax Credit 31 Oct Research and Development Expenditure Credit: Small Businesses 31 Oct 2022 Energy: Meters 31 Oct 2022 Domestic Abuse: Cost of Living 31 Oct 2022 show related items (1) Dental Services: Newcastle upon Tyne 31 Oct 2022 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access 31 Oct 2022 Dementia: Health Services 28 Oct 2022 Energy Price Guarantee: Data Protection 27 Oct 2022 Research: Investment 27 Oct 2022 Research: Finance 27 Oct 2022 Regional Planning and Development: Research 27 Oct 2022 Clinical Trials 27 Oct 2022 Prescription Drugs: Prices 27 Oct 2022 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access 27 Oct 2022

Gastrointestinal System: Surgery 27 Oct 2022 show related items (1) General Practitioners: Newcastle upon Tyne 26 Oct 2022 Life Expectancy: Newcastle upon Tyne 26 Oct 2022 Science: Research 26 Oct 2022 Medical Equipment: Regulation 26 Oct 2022 Patents 26 Oct 2022 Poverty: Children 26 Oct 2022 Poverty: Children 26 Oct 2022 Civil Society: Newcastle upon Tyne 26 Oct 2022 Energy: Meters 26 Oct 2022 Social Security Benefits 26 Oct 2022 Driverless Vehicles: Finance 25 Oct 2022 National Science and Technology Council 25 Oct 2022 National Science and Technology Council 25 Oct 2022 Engineering: Primary Education 25 Oct 2022 Defence Equipment: Dual Use Goods and Technologies 25 Oct 2022 Driverless Vehicles 25 Oct 2022 Engineering: Education 24 Oct 2022 Universal Credit 24 Oct 2022 Department for Work and Pensions: Staff 24 Oct 2022 Afghanistan: Muslims 21 Oct 2022 Oak National Academy 21 Oct 2022 Coronavirus: Vaccination 21 Oct 2022 Poverty: Children 21 Oct 2022 Social Security Benefits: Newcastle upon Tyne 21 Oct 2022 Food Banks: Newcastle upon Tyne 21 Oct 2022 Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Departmental Responsibilities 21 Oct 2022 Oils: Prices 20 Oct 2022 Energy Bills Rebate: Private Rented Housing 20 Oct 2022 Children in Care: North East 19 Oct 2022 UK Space Agency 19 Oct 2022 Diseases: Research 19 Oct 2022 Research: Finance 19 Oct 2022 Research and Science: Migrant Workers 19 Oct 2022 Universities: Research 19 Oct 2022 Science: Pension Funds 19 Oct 2022 Novel Foods: Research 19 Oct 2022 Small Businesses: Supply Chains 19 Oct 2022 Small Businesses: North East 19 Oct 2022 Fish: Prices 19 Oct 2022 Poverty: North East 18 Oct 2022 Unemployment: North East 18 Oct 2022 Civil Society: Cost of Living 18 Oct 2022 Chief Scientific Advisers 18 Oct 2022 Immigration and Passports: Applications 18 Oct 2022 Social Workers 18 Oct 2022 National Science and Technology Council 18 Oct 2022 show related items (1) Horizon Europe 18 Oct 2022 Science: Foreign Investment in UK 18 Oct 2022 Research: Finance 18 Oct 2022 Innovate UK and Universities: Finance 18 Oct 2022 show related items (1) Immigration and Passports: Applications 17 Oct 2022 Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Departmental Responsibilities 17 Oct 2022 NHS: Migrant Workers 17 Oct 2022 Healthy Start Scheme: Newcastle Upon Tyne 13 Oct 2022 Private Patients 12 Oct 2022 Ministerial Responsibility 12 Oct 2022 Science: EU Grants and Loans 12 Oct 2022 Driverless Vehicles: Research 12 Oct 2022 Domestic Abuse: Cost of Living 11 Oct 2022 show related items (1) 3G: USA 11 Oct 2022 Research: Exchange Rates 11 Oct 2022

MEETINGS AND VISITS

Japanese Pharmaceutical Group, Novavax, PES Conference Berlin, Javi Lopez MEP, Partie Socialiste, Preet Gill & The Association of Commonwealth Universities, Jafaria Society lobby, Bectu, Bin the Wipe, Orsted, St John Ambulance, Royal British Legion, Auditory Verbal UK, Word Menopause Day, Association of Colleges, ACS Heart of the Community, ACT the App Association, Kinship, Eye Health Day, Adult Learning, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Life Arc, Peter Marsh Made Here Now, Minister Ghani, Sir Robert Goodwill, American Pharma Group, ABHI, Kevin Batey Community Farming Hero & Freeman, Great North Museum, Geological disposal of radioactive waste, Vin Sumner PixelMill, Caroline Handford Chmaj Sky, Co-op Bank, APPG Life Sciences, Park Tennis, Universities UK, National Independent Lifeboat Association, US Ambassador, Chiles Webser Batson Commission, UPL agriculture, Anthony Nolan, Help for Heroes, Builders Merchant Federation, Foundation Science, Climate Policy & COP27, BusinessLDN & Queen Mary University, MS Society, Stephen Bush FT, Newcastle City Council MP meeting, Diwali at English Martyrs, Magnus Williamson Newcastle Uni Art, World Stroke Day, Moderna, Back British Farming, Jon Michaelis, UK Music, Amazon Small Business Launch, Royal African Society Celebration

SPEAKING

ENGAGEMENTS

Host & Chair Africa APPG Africa's climate finance challenge, West Midlands Forum Report launch, Aircards formal opening, Hydrock Black History Month, Scientists for Labour day, Unison Energy Reskilling women in energy, Worshipful Company of Engineers Banquet, IGBO/NINEE Black History Month, Force Disappearance British Bangladeshi Community Alliance, Labour Peers group.

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Speaking at the PES Congress in Berlin about the challenges we face across Europe.



**WITH
COURAGE** 
FOR EUROPE

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Meeting Blakelaw legend Mrs T in Parliament –
very happy to have more Geordies in
Westminster!

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TOP TWEET IN OCTOBER:

On 1st Oct, the govt announced that it would collect, process & store all #smartmeter data, despite assurances over years that households would control access to that data. When I raised this with the Digital SoS today it was clear she had no idea what I was talking about!

https://twitter.com/ChiOnwurah/status/1583122298307248129?s=20&t=MPwMDfbYEi_LbAr47Dnkqg

