

DEAR NEWCASTLE, **CHI** ONWURAH

MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



Joining young people doing NCS on their day
volunteering at West End Foodbank allotments with
NUFC Foundation

AN ERA ENDS

The death of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has brought a suspension of politics as the nation mourns our longest reigning Monarch.

The announcement of her being under medical supervision, on Thursday, came during the debate on the Energy cost of living crisis which was opened by Liz Truss, her first as Prime Minister following her election over the summer by conservative members. That week saw a new Prime Minister and a new King.

Many, many people across the country found themselves grieving Queen Elizabeth to an extent they had perhaps not anticipated. The Queen was much loved in Newcastle Central and as the Member of Parliament my primary aim was to reflect that in ways which were appropriate.

I am very grateful to the constituents who got in touch to share their thoughts, together with the team in Newcastle and Westminster who worked so hard at a difficult time to enable us to respond.

In particular, I thought it was important to use my speech in the Parliamentary Debate on Tributes to the Queen to set out why the Queen was so loved in Newcastle as well as to reflect on her public service and contribution to the stability of our democracy. It was also a great privilege to be in Parliament for the first address to both Houses by King Charles III. In Newcastle I took part in many acts of remembrance.



Tribute to the Queen in Newcastle Central Station
on the night of her death



At Newcastle's Hindu Temple to celebrate
the life of the Queen

BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

Just before the Summer Recess I was told I had the opportunity to present a Ten Minute Rule Bill. These Bills almost never make it into law, but they can be used effectively to raise issues. After much discussion I decided to use our ten minute rule bill to highlight the hidden epidemic of bowel disease in the North East.

I continued to be active on social media and engaging with Ministers over the summer. The fifteen point plan for rubbish was repeatedly emphasised to stakeholders and in correspondence.

I also engaged over sewage in our waterways, highlighting sewage spills and beach closures.

I continue to engage with the Prime Minister, Ministers, Government Agencies and others regarding families of constituents in the Ukraine and Afghanistan, women in STEM, on behalf of leaseholders with structural issues in their flats, and R&D investment in Newcastle.



Inspiring to meet stoma users and their calls to improve the everyday lives of stoma patients

MEDIA

BBC North East interview on energy prices, press releases on Ten Minute Rule Bill, interview for the House magazine.



In the beacon at the launch of Irim Ali's Consultant Solicitors business

SHADOW MINISTERIAL AND PES ROLE

We have been working hard on our Science policy over the summer and really pleased to see the key policy of 3% R&D spend emphasised in our Industrial Strategy.

I will attend the PES Presidency in Berlin on behalf of the Labour Party.

ORGANISATION

Gareth left us to take up a post doc in UCL. Hunter's internship came to an end.

Amy Robson joined us as on ESRC funded placement. Amy is a PhD researcher in Durham University Geography Department.

We recruited a new Caseworker/Communications Officer – Joshua Nichol – who has already started and is making a great contribution.

Parliamentary Activity

FROM THE BACK BENCH: 1

Tributes to Her Late Majesty The Queen 9 Sep 2022



Speaking in tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the Common's day of tributes following the passing of the Queen.



In Westminster Hall for the Presentation of Addresses from Houses of Parliament to King Charles III.

WRITTEN: 36

Immigration: Afghanistan and Ukraine 08 Sep 2022 Immigration: Applications 08 Sep 2022 Visas: Domestic Abuse 08 Sep 2022 British Nationality and Visas: Domestic Abuse 08 Sep 2022 Visas: Applications 08 Sep 2022 Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Health Services 08 Sep 2022 Gastrointestinal System: Diseases 07 Sep 2022 Gastrointestinal System: Surgery 07 Sep 2022 Gastrointestinal System: Surgery 07 Sep 2022 Bowel Cancer 07 Sep 2022 Bowel Cancer 07 Sep 2022 Gastrointestinal System: Diseases 07 Sep 2022 T-levels 06 Sep 2022 Universities: Admissions 06 Sep 2022 GCSE: North East 06 Sep 2022 Visas: Applications 06 Sep 2022 Visas: Applications 06 Sep 2022 HM Passport Office: Compensation 06 Sep 2022 HM Passport Office: Lost Property 06 Sep 2022 Passports: Applications 06 Sep 2022 GCSE: Assessments 06 Sep 2022 TikTok: Data Protection 06 Sep 2022 Research: Finance 06 Sep 2022 District Heating 06 Sep 2022 Homes for Ukraine Scheme 28 Jul 2022 Innovate UK: Expenditure 26 Jul 2022 Research: Finance 25 Jul 2022 Visas: Tourism 25 Jul 2022 Asylum: Applications 25 Jul 2022 Fracking 25 Jul 2022 Fracking 25 Jul 2022 Innovate UK: Expenditure 25 Jul 2022 Nigeria: Abortion 22 Jul 2022 Research: Ministerial Responsibility 22 Jul 2022 Breast Cancer 22 Jul 2022 Agriculture and Manufacturing Industries: Photonics 22 Jul 2022

MEETINGS

JESA Meeting, Irim Ali launch, BBC Proms at Sage Allison Schwier Acting Science & Technology Adviser to the Secretary, Chloë Somers NSF Director, IOP R&D Report, Phoenix Innovation, ARIA Chair Matt Clifford, Andrew Williamson Cambridge Innovation Capital,



Informative visit to the Home group services provided at the Foyer

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

I had no speaking engagements this month.



Spincraft manufacturing in Benwell



At the Civic Centre to pay tribute to Her Late Majesty the Queen

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Meeting the baton bearers for the
Commonwealth Games

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TOP TWEET IN AUGUST:

It was brilliant to join young people on their @NCSTrust experience @NU_Foundation, helping to tend to the allotment at @WEFoodbank and organising food donations. NCS provides valuable opportunities for young people to learn life skills and get involved in their communities!
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