

DEAR NEWCASTLE,
CHI ONWURAH
MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



At the FAR centre in Fenham for Platinum Jubilee fun

NEWCASTLE DESERVES BETTER THAN BORIS JOHNSON

Over the Jubilee Weekend many were able to relax with family and friends as well as joining in one of the many celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee. Across Newcastle Central, residents reflected on the Queen's 70-year commitment to public service.

It was a real contrast then to see on our return to Parliament that the Tories were still standing by Boris Johnson, whose values and behaviours are so at odds with the interests and the spirit of our country and our region. Yes, 141 of them voted that they have no confidence in him, but that was not enough to convince him to leave office. So many Tories, and his entire cabinet, don't have the backbone to act in the National Interest. We have an out of touch Prime Minister and a Conservative Party too caught up in their internal infighting to do their duty by the country.

The Queen's Speech was also a massive disappointment - more notable for what was not in it than what was in it. As I said in my speech in Parliament, there was no emergency budget, no employment Bill, no plan for growth. I am pleased that the Conservatives did finally accept Labour's call for a windfall tax to help people facing this unprecedented cost of living crisis, but of course they did it in such a way that energy companies are incentivised to invest more in oil and gas. That won't deliver the sustainable, secure, green energy we so desperately need.

It was a real pleasure to be interviewed by Jim Al-Khalili for the BBC's the Life Scientific about my work as an engineer before and after I was elected. The podcast is [here](#):

Kenton School visit to Parliament



BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

Whilst generous Geordies have opened their hearts and their homes to Ukrainians, the Government continues to drag its feet when it comes to providing the support they need.

I am also raising many issues with the Minister around delays to passports, visa delays, driving licences etc

It was a great pleasure to see Shaka Heslop given the Freedom of the City of Newcastle. I was fortunate to receive an award at the same event, and to speak about the need to celebrate the achievements of Newcastle's communities.

I was pleased that the Tyne Bridge was finally awarded funding for refurbishment, following a long campaign including my Parliamentary debate last year.

I continue to engage with the Prime Minister, Ministers, government agencies and others regarding families of constituents in Ukraine and Afghanistan, cuts to dementia research funding, a gallery in a dispute with a landlord and women in STEM.



Campaigning in Wakefield for Labour candidate Simon Lightwood

Nunsmoor Centre Platinum Jubilee celebrations event



MEDIA

Radio times interview, Dementia week video, Breakfast Show at BBC Radio Newcastle, Life Scientific broadcast

SHADOW MINISTERIAL AND PES ROLE

The science community continue to be hit hard by the lack of certainty over Horizon. This is the number one issue with scientists at the moment. I raised it with Minister but they do not seem to grasp the urgency of the issue.

I continue to meet with science, research and innovation stakeholders to discuss science policy for a Labour Government.

ORGANISATION

We are returning to all in-person surgeries. Hunter, our US parliamentary intern, started in the Westminster office.

Parliamentary Activity

SPEAKING FROM THE FRONT BENCH: 1

[Leaving the EU: Benefit for Businesses](#) 07 Jun 2022

FROM THE BACK BENCH: 6

[Court Backlog: Sexual and Violent Crime Victims](#) 24 May 2022, [Topical Questions](#) (Cycling) 19 May 2022, [Local Transport](#) 19 May 2022, [Topical Questions](#) (Levelling up Missions) 16 May 2022, [Queens Speech intervention](#) 11 May 2022



Chris Day Vice Chancellor of Newcastle University at The Common Room – former Miners Institute

WRITTEN: 41

[Clinical Trials](#) 07 Jun 2022 [House Of Commons Tabled Parliamentary Question 2022-23 13706](#) 07 Jun 2022 [Postgraduate Education](#) 07 Jun 2022 [House Of Commons Tabled Parliamentary Question 2022-23 13704](#) 07 Jun 2022 [Driving Licences: Administrative Delays](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Driving Licences: Administrative Delays](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Data Protection: EU Law](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Arts: Data Protection](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Digital Technology: Data Protection](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Universities: Industrial Disputes](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Antimicrobials: Developing Countries](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Drugs: Licensing](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Dental Services: North East](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Migrant Workers: Research](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Passports: Applications](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Visas: Ukraine](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Asylum and Passports: Applications](#) 06 Jun 2022 | [Social Rented Housing: North East](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Social Rented Housing: Repairs and Maintenance](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Quantum Technology](#) 06 Jun 2022 [Newcastle United Football Club: Takeovers](#) 06 Jun 2022 [show related items \(1\)](#) [Regional Planning and Development: Civil Servants](#) 27 May 2022 [Regional Planning and Development](#) 27 May 2022 [State Retirement Pensions: Females](#) 26 May 2022 [State Retirement Pensions: North East](#) 26 May 2022 | [Mobile Phones: Data Protection](#) 25 May 2022 [Universities: Research](#) 23 May 2022 [Economic and Social Research Council: Public Appointments](#) 19 May 2022 [show related items \(1\)](#) [Data Protection](#) 19 May 2022 [Immigration: Afghanistan](#) 08 Jun 2022 [Visas: Afghanistan](#) 08 Jun 2022 [Members: Correspondence](#) 08 Jun 2022 [NHS: Medical Records](#) 07 Jun 2022 [House Of Commons Tabled Parliamentary Question 2022-23 13715](#) 07 Jun 2022 [Cancer: Research](#) 07 Jun 2022 [Cancer: Medical Treatments](#) 07 Jun 2022 [Cancer: Diagnosis](#) 07 Jun 2022 [Food: Advertising](#) 07 Jun 2022 [Data Protection: EU Law](#) 07 Jun 2022 [show related items \(1\)](#) [House Of Commons Tabled Parliamentary Question 2022-23 13709](#) 07 Jun 2022 [House Of Commons Tabled Parliamentary Question 2022-23 13708](#) 07 Jun 2022

MEETINGS

Kidical Mass demonstration, APPGs on HIV and Global LGBT+ Rights, and STOPAIDS, Pfizer, Football APPG and Fifa Ethics Watch: Report on Human & Workers' Rights in Qatar, Heads of Mission Conference Reception, ERA Foundation Annual Dinner and Lecture, National Gallery visit, Virtual Reality Recycling Tour , Building Digital UK, US embassy Newcastle collaboration, Day of Action for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, TUC , Newcastle University Farms, Animal Free Research UK , The Food Foundation and NEA: The Food and Fuel Price Squeeze , Unison drop-in: Mandatory Ethnicity Pay Gap Reporting, Digital Skills APPG: 'Digital skills and work: The role of businesses', Ahead of the Curves: Insecurity & Globalisation, Russian Interference in British Politics, Melanoma Awareness, Alliance for Regenerative medicine, VCA Parliamentary reception Driving innovation and growth, Hay Festival, Syed, Nigerian nurse, New cells biotech, beacon lighting, Jubilee drop in event Nunsmoor centre, Holly Court Jubilee event Northumberland Show,

woman's meeting with Hilary Clinton, FAR community centre jubilee event, Imperial college, spirit Aero systems, Levidian- John Hartley, Investment Association. Bolt spring reception, labour group photo, Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Diagnostics Hub, The UK at the UN & The Russian Invasion of Ukraine, IPT : Emerging Technologies: The Future of Quantum, Covid Memorial quilt

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

PICTFOR Diversity & Inclusion Rally, BAPG Executive Committee Meeting, Royal Astronomical Society Reception, Roundtable Keeping 1.5 Alive, Culture in Crisis, Women in Science L'Oreal breakfast roundtable, Labour Business Roundtable, Labour Business Parliamentary Speaker series, BusinessGreen Reception, BVCA High Growth Conference, Hexham CLP



Supporting UNISON black members

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Catching up with new councillors and friends

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TOP TWEET IN MAY:

MY CONVERSATION WITH @JIMALKHALILI FOR #THELIFESCIENTIFIC WILL BE ON AGAIN AT 21:30 TONIGHT. WE SPOKE ABOUT WHY I BECAME AN ENGINEER & AN MP, THE CHALLENGES I FACED, WHY #ENGINEERING IS THE MOST CARING PROFESSION & JOYS OF BOTH #ENGINEERING & #POLITICS [BBC.CO.UK/SOUNDS/PLAY/M0...](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0...) 33 96 189