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IN PARLIAMENT

Perhaps the most important item this month was the Third Reading of the Assisted Dying Bill. As both a doctor and an MP I believe it to be compassionate and safe legislation, and I spoke and voted in favour.

My work with the Health and Social Care Committee included contributing to the “First 1000 Days” inquiry, looking into early years care and improving health outcomes through community-centred services. I also contributed to evidence sessions on NHS workforce challenges, vaccine uptake, and addressing health inequalities in underserved communities.

I also made a brief trip to Trieste, Italy as part of the Committee’s Community Mental Health Services Inquiry, which is working to identify best practice in community mental health services.

I spoke in the Backbench Business Debate on Dementia Care, paying tribute to the fantastic work of Guild Care in Worthing West. And chaired a session of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Healthy Places, which focused on greening and revitalising our high streets – something which we are focusing on in Worthing as we work with partners on plans to regenerate our High Street and seafront.

I also wrote to the Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, following the Spending Review, and to the Prime Minister pressing for a clear strategy to prevent and respond to violent conflict. And co-signed a reasoned amendment to the Universal Credit and PIP Reform Bill. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch with me about this, I am continuing discussions at Parliament around the concerns you have raised.

ACTION ON FOOD



Beccy At Hello Fresh

More and more families are finding their food choices limited to highly processed products packed with fat, sugar and salt. I’ve been meeting with providers who offer healthier, more sustainable alternatives to the typical supermarket model.

Hello Fresh delivers nutritious, easy-to-cook meal kits that help reduce food waste. Meanwhile, Brite Box partners with schools to provide children with weekly boxes of affordable, healthy ingredients. I’ll be reaching out to our local schools to explore how they might get involved.



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I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome to my June - July update for the constituency, keeping you informed about my work as your MP, both in Parliament and across our community.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their thoughts, concerns, and ideas with me so far.

I hold regular casework advice surgeries and host tea (and coffee!) mornings around the constituency. Look out for dates and please do contact my office if you have any queries.



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CELEBRATING SUSSEX BAY

This month I joined other South Coast MPs and project leaders to celebrate the huge success of the Sussex Bay nature recovery project.

Stretching for 100 miles from Selsey Bill to Camber Sands, Sussex Bay is the first UK nature initiative of its kind, bringing together councils, communities, scientists and investors in a shared, strategic effort – to restore our precious marine environment after decades of industrial trawling, overfishing and pollution.

Sussex Bay has raised £1.2 million of ethical investment into coastal nature research and restoration, laying the foundation for long-term recovery.

I’m extremely proud that Worthing has been at the very heart of the project since Day One, with Worthing Borough Council backing our communities in campaigning for and driving the initiative.

I look forward to seeing it go from strength to strength in the years to come.



Beccy with Sussex Bay Leaders & MPs.

IN WORTHING WEST



Beccy at Worthing Festival

A June highlight has to be the fantastic Worthing Festival, which for the first year was run entirely by the local community. It was so inspiring to see so much local talent and community spirit on display at Homefield Park and I can't praise the organisers enough.

I held busy surgery and Meet The MP events in East Preston and Heene, with subjects being raised from smartphones in schools to diabetes treatment.

I enjoyed visiting Durrington Infant School, the wonderful Forget Me Not

Dementia Care Unit and Worthing's fantastic Parkinson's Support Group.

I've also met with Worthing Homes to discuss ongoing housing issues and Southern Water (more on that below).

I thoroughly enjoyed the East Preston Festival parade and exploring Pebbles on the Beach with the West Sussex Geological Society, as well as joining the Birthday Party for Sid Youth, an amazing group who work to empower young people with vital life skills.

ON THE CASE

We want to hear about the issues and challenges you face and our casework team are working flat-out to resolve as many of those we can. With well over 100 cases ongoing at any given time, and with local council and voluntary services stretched to the limit, our team are working incredibly hard.


Reaching out to your MP can be a lifeline to support so please do get in touch on beccy.cooper.mp@parliament.uk


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Casework


JUNE 2025

 1,505 letters and email correspondence received

 172 constituents helped with issues

 914 policy queries addressed

 1 Casework surgery held



Top three casework concerns

Housing & Planning

Health

Business and Work

MEETING SOUTHERN WATER

Given the ongoing pollution issues at our beaches, I met with CEO, Lawrence Gosden and his officers to discuss their plans for improvement.

They told me they have now appointed a specific officer to focus on this and that two outflow sites have been identified as causing the most problems - at George V Avenue and East Beach - and they committed to upgrading these. They have also doubled the number of technicians needed to identify illegal connections, where drainage systems are connected into

the surface water system.

Mr Gosden also confirmed that he has been paid no bonus this year and that there will be no dividends paid for the next 4 years. And they have agreed to meet with me every six months to update me on their progress.

If you are on a lower income or struggling with your bills, please do use the support available: [What If I Can't Pay My Bill? - Southern Water](#)

LOOKING FORWARD



Beccy at Worthing Festival

It's been an incredible privilege to be your MP for Worthing West for the last 12 months. It's been a steep learning curve but I've enjoyed getting to know so many of you through visits, surgeries and over a cuppa.

Yes, there have been challenges as well as successes but I'm looking forward to taking everything I've learned so far into Year 2 as your representative here and in Parliament.

Thank you so much for your support,

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