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# Newsletter Jul-Aug 2025

*Worthing West*

## IN PARLIAMENT

At the start of July, I was proud to be named the 597th woman elected to the UK Parliament, as we marked 97 years since women achieved equal voting rights with men.

In Health and Social Care there were Committee meetings on the ongoing crisis in NHS dentistry and on the 10-year health plan, which aims to create a more resilient, accessible NHS. I also raised the urgent need to treat gambling harm as a public health issue with Health Secretary, Wes Streeting.

I hosted a roundtable on women's health and wellbeing in the workplace, and joined the International Development Committee to explore how the UK is tackling global health challenges.

I spoke in a Westminster Hall debate on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), highlighting concerns from local schools and families I've visited across Worthing West.

As Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Anti-Microbial Resistance, I met with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to discuss the urgent need to prioritise AMR as a national security issue.

I've written to ministers on a range of subjects, including pressing Energy Secretary, Ed Miliband to reform the current energy standing charges which disproportionately impact lower income households, and joining 221 MPs in calling for actions on Gaza - more on that below.



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I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome to my July-August 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.

## RAMPION VISIT



Beccy At Rampion Windfarm

Now that permission has been granted to extend the Rampion windfarm project, I joined fellow local MPs on a visit to the site.

The project has already proven a great success in delivering clean, sustainable energy. As plans for Rampion II progress, it's vital that the development is delivered with minimal disruption to our marine habitats, coastline, and the South Downs.

Local communities must also be fully considered and consulted as the next phase takes shape.

## ACTIONS ON GAZA

Many constituents have contacted me about the deeply concerning humanitarian situation in Gaza. I share the view that aid must be delivered without delay and at a scale that meets the urgent needs on the ground.

This month, I was one of 221 MPs who supported the recognition of a Palestinian state, reflecting the belief that this could be an important step towards long-term peace and stability in the region.

The targeting of food supplies, medical aid, and healthcare services, including maternity

care, raises serious concerns under international law and warrants full investigation. For this reason, I also wrote to the Foreign Secretary, calling for accountability for the many unlawful outrages during this conflict.

I know from listening to you that the overwhelming consensus is for an immediate ceasefire, the return of all hostages and serious discussions on a lasting peace. And I will continue to press for that at every opportunity.



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# IN WORTHING WEST

It's been great to be out and about in Worthing West this month enjoying the fantastic summer weather.

Worthing Pride was of course a highlight, as was the Care for Veterans Summer Fayre - an amazing charity providing residential care and community activities for up to 60 veterans. I also visited Parkinson's UK Worthing, one of the largest support groups in the UK.

The Highdown Big Dig was fascinating, as was seeing bathing water sampling in action with the Environment Agency.



Care for Veterans Summer Fayre



Becky at the Highdown Big Dig

Many thanks to all those citizen scientists doing such a great job across Worthing monitoring our sea water.

I've held three positive Meet the MP sessions in Tarring, Marine, and High Salvington, where road safety and speeding was raised as key local concerns.

I've also continued pressing FirstPort on their poor housing performance, and have started discussions with a new stakeholder group about the future of our much-loved seafront, lido, and pier.

## 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 [becky.cooper.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:becky.cooper.mp@parliament.uk)


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**Casework**


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1,365 letters and email correspondence received




228 constituents helped with casework issues



1043 policy queries addressed



3 Surgeries held to discuss complex casework issues



**Top three casework concerns**

Health

Housing & Planning

Education

## LOOKING AHEAD



Now that Parliament is in recess, I'm looking forward to spending time at all the wonderful summer events taking place across Worthing West, as well as making the most of our long summer days, enjoying our beautiful coast and South Downs.

It's been such a privilege representing you for the past year and I'll be reflecting on the next steps as we move into year two. Have a great Worthing West summer!

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## WHY DEVOLUTION?

The question I'm asked most often about devolution and local government reform is: why not just leave things as they are? For me, the clearest reason for change is the current state of SEND. The same could be said for transport, housing, or almost any other area of local authority delivery.

Of course, year after year of chronic underfunding lies at the heart of the SEND crisis. But without strategic and integrated planning, schools and colleges across Worthing West have been left waiting years for decisions on support – while

demand keeps on rising and transport costs to out-of-county settings spiral beyond control. SEND isn't working for so many children and families, and neither is the two-tier system of local government.

It's time for a new model of regional school boards with multi-year funding settlements. That's why I'll keep pushing for a system that puts children first, brings services together, and gives our communities the tools and funding to plan properly for the future.



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