



## IN PARLIAMENT

Although September was a short Parliamentary month there was some important legislation before us. I was pleased to support the Employment Rights Bill, which bans exploitative zero-hours contracts and enhances workers' parental and sick pay entitlements. I also continued to support the Tobacco & Vapes Bill as it passed through the Lords and raised questions about TB treatment in prisons with the Ministry of Justice.

In the Health & Social Care Select Committee I highlighted the importance of community mental health programmes and took evidence from NHS leaders on financial stability across NHS trusts. We also examined provision for the first 1,000 days of life, questioning how Neighbourhood Health Centres and Family Hubs can ensure the very best outcomes for families.

I was pleased to chair our regular Healthy Places APPG, exploring how schools can support healthy behaviours and mental wellbeing, given rising obesity rates and declining physical activity among children.

In global health, I welcomed members of the South African Health Committee to Westminster, discussed HIV & TB in Ukraine and attended a UN briefing on the UK's role in supporting effective global aid delivery.

I also hosted a high-level meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), focusing on the need to protect modern medicine across the world through continued UK leadership and funding.

## SOUTH AFRICA EVENT



Beccy with the South African delegation

It was a privilege to welcome members of the South African Health Committee and the Gauteng Provincial Legislature to Westminster this month. This was an invaluable opportunity to exchange insights on global health, TB management, fighting infectious diseases like HIV and AIDS and finding ways to strengthen health systems across the world through international collaboration.

I'm extremely proud to be part of these discussions and look forward to continuing this important work.



**Dr Beccy Cooper**

Member of Parliament for Worthing West



I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome to my September - October 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.

### Get in touch



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## LEADING ON ONLINE GAMBLING REFORM

Gambling reform has been another key topic this month, and I was pleased to lead with Alex Ballinger MP - supported by over 100 backbenchers - in writing to Chancellor Rachel Reeves, calling for an online gambling levy in the autumn budget, proceeds from which would be ringfenced to reduce child poverty.

Gambling harms cost the Exchequer over £1 billion a year and place a huge burden on the NHS and public services.

Profits from online gambling continue to

soar to record levels and the new tax measures would only be levied on the most harmful forms of gambling, not the National Lottery, bingo or horse racing.

We need an online gambling tax which reflects both company profits and the level of harm caused, ringfenced for measures to reduce child poverty – demonstrating a government committed to both fiscal discipline and social justice.



Beccy at a recent Gambling Reform Summit

# IN WORTHING WEST



Becky at Findon Sheep Fair

A definite September highlight was the Findon Sheep Fair and Village Festival, where I had the pleasure of presenting prizes to our fantastic farmers of the future. Worthing Food and Drink Festival was another treat, with so much high-quality, local fare to choose from.

I was proud to join the start of the sponsored walk for Olly's Future, raising funds and awareness for suicide prevention. I visited West Park Primary, Worthing Hospital Maternity Unit and the Royal Mail, joining posties on their rounds.

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

I also met with Stagecoach South, English Heritage and others on the future of the Lido (see below).

Angmering Revealed was another fantastic local event, bringing together groups from across the community. I also spoke at a Worthing Mental Health forum, on gambling harms.

I held Meet the MP sessions in Durrington and Goring, where we focussed on the issue of water quality. As always, it was great to hear your views on that and a range of other topics.

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### Casework

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 1,126 letters and email correspondence received
- 193 constituents helped with casework issues
- 734 policy queries addressed
- 2 Surgeries held to discuss complex casework issues

**Top three casework concerns**

Health	Housing & Planning	Crime & Justice
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# LOOKING FORWARD



October is set to be a busy month, with Global Health as the key theme. I'll be joining parliamentary delegations to Geneva and to Kenya, engaging with international health professionals and UK-supported initiatives.

Here at home, I'm looking forward to paying another visit to a wonderful local charity, Care for Veterans, who do so much to support those who have served our country. And before I forget, happy Halloween to all who celebrate!

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# SECURING THE FUTURE OF OUR LIDO

As your MPs, Tom Rutland and I are committed to saving our Lido, for the benefit of our town today and for future generations.

We have been in contact with national organisations like English Heritage, along with local businesses, community leaders and Worthing Borough Council, all of whom share our commitment.

The first step is to establish the building's safety and structural integrity. We can then move on to its future use.

The most popular choice is to return it to housing a swimming pool. But if this should not prove structurally viable, we would need to look at returning the Lido to its original form as an entertainment and community space, and consider other outdoor swimming options.

In whichever form, our beautiful Lido must be returned to its former glory, as a unique and much-loved feature of our town, and we're working hard to achieve that.



Becky at Worthing Lido



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