



IN PARLIAMENT

This month I was proud to be re-elected as Co-Chair of the Liver Disease and Liver Cancer All-Party Parliamentary Group. We set out our aims for the year, which given the scale of the threat from liver disease, include making liver health a priority in future national health planning, and increasing early detection.

I was also re-elected as the Chair of the APPG on Antimicrobial Resistance and will be continuing my work to see AMR placed at the heart of health policy, both here in the UK and internationally.

In the Health and Social Care Select Committee, we took evidence on the extent and efficacy of pilot health programmes in the NHS, as well as questioning key government representatives on 'flu vaccination.

School absence due to illness soared toward the end of last year, and I am urging Ministers to begin vaccination programmes much earlier in the school calendar, starting from as early as September 1st.

We also questioned representatives of four major supermarkets on their policies toward promoting affordable, healthy food. We heard warm words but I am pressing for much firmer and faster action on this from both food retailers and producers.

I was also delighted to join rehearsals for 'Lifeline', a new West End musical telling the story of Alexander Fleming - and not to be missed!



I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome to my February-March 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.

PEACE AND POWER



It was great to join fellow female Parliamentarians in Stormont, Belfast for a conference on "Peace and Power".

We explored the tensions that arise when trying to keep peace at the heart of often combative political environments, and how the skills of both men and women are required to find balance, cooperation and compromise - which are often still lacking in our parliamentary system.

Beccy at the Belfast event

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3UP CAMPAIGN

I was delighted to host a parliamentary event in support of the 3UP campaign, which calls for a third promotion place for National League clubs, in line with the rest of English football.

We were joined by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport Lisa Nandy and dozens of cross-party MPs, as well as Worthing FC Chairman Barry Hunter, in calling on the English Football League to bring about this change at the start of next season.

The campaign has gained widespread backing, including from 93% of surveyed fans and 200 clubs, who took part in a Day of Action.

Clubs like Worthing FC play such an important role both in our communities and in grassroots development, and fully deserve the opportunities, recognition and financial rewards that this change will bring. The EFL have agreed to discuss the issue later this month.



Beccy with Lisa Nandy MP at the 3-UP event

IN WORTHING WEST



Beccy out and about in Findon

I've really enjoyed spending time this month visiting our amazing local businesses, both in Worthing's West End and in Findon. The Findon Village Store and Post Office is a fantastic community asset supported by volunteers to open 7 days a week, providing a vital local service. While stopping off at the range of independent small businesses in Rowlands Road made for a perfect Valentine's Day afternoon.

I held my regular meeting with

Southern Water, looking at their planned investment and the progress being made in monitoring and improving our bathing waters. I've also had further meetings to move forward on the future of our Lido and am pleased to see structural investigation work now in progress.

It was also great to attend the launch of the Worthing Heat Network, which will see Worthing leading the way on reducing carbon emissions and at the forefront of national green energy policy – something of which our town can be justly proud.

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 as we can. With 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

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Casework February 2026

- 747 letters and email correspondence received
- 148 constituents helped with casework issues
- 685 policy queries addressed
- 1 Surgery held to discuss complex casework issues

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Top three casework concerns

Health	Business & Consumer	Housing & Planning
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LOOKING FORWARD



After a pretty wet and dreary February, I'm sure we're all looking forward to the clocks going back and the start of spring.

The spring budget statement is early in March, after which I'm excited – and honoured – to be joining a UN Commission on the status of women, in New York.

Here in Worthing West, I'll be holding a Meet The MP event in East Preston, as well as meeting up with residents in Goring and Northbrook.

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Member of Parliament for Worthing West



GAMBLING VICTORY

I'm very pleased that Worthing Borough Council's Planning Committee unanimously refused a bid for a 24-hour adult gaming centre on Chapel Road, after strongly-held concerns were raised by myself, councillors and residents.

This was despite council officer advice to approve the application with restrictions, and the risk of appeal from Merkur Slots, an international company running 230 UK gambling venues.

For me, this was a victory not only in

terms of public health and preserving the family-friendly character of the area but also for the voices of our community.

Gambling harms affect as many as 15 million people nationally, at a cost of over £1.5 billion to our economy, and I will continue to press Ministers to give local authorities greater powers to regulate.

This decision showed how local voices can shape better outcomes for our town.



Worthing Town Hall