



Worthing West

## IN PARLIAMENT

As we move out of winter there is good news to report on the performance of the NHS. Waiting lists have fallen by 374,000 since we came into government, with A&E waiting times the shortest for 4 years. There is much still to do but real progress is being made.

On the Health and Social Care Select Committee, I've scrutinised the system of providing EHCPs for those with SEND needs, as well as questioned NICE and NHS representatives on the cost of prescribing weight loss drugs. The obesity crisis is one we cannot prescribe our way out of, we need a radical overhaul of our food system in favour of healthy, affordable food. The Committee also released a report to ensure that plans for England's palliative and end of life care sector lead to lasting improvement.

As Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health & Security, I hosted a reception highlighting the benefits and costs of international recruitment. While overseas health workers make such a vital contribution here in the UK, we must balance that with continued global health investment. On the Healthy Places APPG we looked at the devastating effects of air pollution, estimated to cause over 500 UK deaths a week. Through this APPG we push for public health policies that impact lives locally and nationally.

I also voted to ensure a smoke-free generation with the Tobacco and Vapes Bill and for the Representation of the People Bill, which will increase democratic participation and strengthen regulation against foreign donations.

## UNITED NATIONS VISIT



Beccy speaking at the UN conference

It was a privilege to be part of the UK delegation at the UN Conference on the Status of Women, discussing issues with women parliamentarians from across the world.

Ensuring the rights of women and girls, increasing female representation, improving online safety and encouraging recruitment of future female political leaders are worldwide issues on which the UK must continue to lead.

## MEETING A LIONESS

It was inspiring to welcome Lioness and Euros winner Jill Scott MBE to parliament this month and while I can't pretend not to have been a little star-struck to meet someone who has made such an incredible contribution to the empowerment of women and girls, there was a very serious message too.

Jill is President of Fields In Trust, a national 100-year-old charity dedicated to protecting parks, playgrounds, playing fields, and green spaces.

Changes to streamline our Planning system are needed to ensure we plan for sustainable development that meets our population's needs but the proposal to remove Sport England as a statutory consultee risks a return to the mass sell-offs of previous years.

As a matter of public health, we must treat green spaces as essential infrastructure, not an afterthought, and I'm proud to join Jill in calling for that.



Dr Beccy Cooper

Member of Parliament for Worthing West



I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome to my March-April 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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Beccy with Jill Scott MBE

# IN WORTHING WEST



Becky with Head Teacher Laura Turner

It's great news that Heene CofE Primary School are to get their own Best Start Nursery. Building work is planned to take place over the summer, which would allow them to take 20 children into the nursery in January, who will then transition straight into the primary school - all part of a wider government programme to give every child the best start and ease cost-of-living pressures on families.

I had meetings with East Preston and Kingston Parish Councils, who shared

important local concerns as well as discussing broader topics like Local Government Reorganisation. I also held four MP surgeries and enjoyed being out meeting residents in Central and Heene wards.

I also visited a brand new community hospital in the town, CHEC Worthing, and Turning Tides St Clare's. Along with Worthing Borough Council, Turning Tides do so much brilliant work locally to help homeless people and it's fantastic to see that the number of people sleeping rough in Worthing has started to fall.

## 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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**Working for you** *in Worthing West*

**Casework** MARCH 2026

- 1,285 letters and email correspondence received
- 237 constituents helped with issues
- 972 policy queries addressed
- 4 Casework surgeries held

Top three casework concerns

Health	Housing	Energy & Utilities
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## KICKING OFF THE CAMPAIGN

It was great to launch our Labour campaign for the local elections next month.

Our brilliant Worthing Labour councillors have worked incredibly hard over the past four years to deliver for our residents, supporting the most vulnerable while launching transformative large-scale projects. Once completed in the summer, Montague Gardens will not only be a fantastic green and welcoming space in our town centre, but a huge boost for businesses

in attracting residents and visitors alike. While investments to protect and revive our much-loved Lido and pier will bring invaluable long-term benefits for our town. Delivering on new housing projects like Union Place, improving our water and air quality, and the vital work being done to strengthen our flood defences are also key priorities.

These elections are incredibly important to the future of Worthing. So please be sure to come out and vote Labour on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## LOOKING FORWARD



Spring has finally sprung, with all the hope and renewal that brings. After a pretty hectic year so far, I'm looking forward to spending some family time during the Easter break and I hope you can too.

Nonetheless, April still promises to be an exciting month as it's crunch time not only in the local elections but for Worthing FC as they again push for promotion. Here's wishing them all the very best after another fantastic season.

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Beccy at the campaign launch.