



Kate Osborne MP  
Monthly Newsletter  
November 2022

Dear Constituent,

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting our community hard, and people are understandably worried about how they are going to pay their bills and feed their families over the coming months.

The Government has created economic chaos and sadly it is everyday people who are shouldering the burden as a result.

Our foodbanks are seeing demand rocket and shelves empty faster than they can be restocked – more and more working people now relying on foodbanks to feed themselves and their families.

I am inundated with constituents getting in touch, worried about how they will be able to pay their bills this winter and feed their families – it's heartbreaking.

It is hugely important to me that Jarrow constituents know what support is available to them and how to access this support.

That is why I have organised a Cost-Of-Living Roadshow so those who are in need of support can come along and speak to myself and other organisations that are offering support.

These Roadshows launch on 9th December, with the first being held at Heworth Leisure Centre from 10am-11.30am. The second session will be held later in the day on the 9th from 2pm-3.30pm at Perth Green Community Centre.

**On Friday 9th December at Heworth Leisure Centre 10am-11.30am I will be joined by:**

- Citizens Advice Gateshead
- The office of Kim McGuinness, Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner
- Veterans Response
- Age UK Gateshead
- Gateshead Council
- Gateshead Carers
- Department for Work and Pensions (signposting advice only)
- Mind – Tyneside & Northumberland

Register to attend the Heworth Roadshow [here](#).

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- South Tyneside Homes
- South Tyneside Council
- Veterans Response
- South Tyneside Carers Service
- Age Concern South Tyneside
- Mental Health Concern.
- Department for Work and Pensions (signposting advice only)
- Bede's Helping Hands Food Bank
- Women's Health in South Tyneside
- Groundwork

Register to attend the Perth Green Roadshow [here](#).

If you are unable to attend a drop-in but need support, please get in touch with my office either by emailing [kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk) or by calling 0191 466 1509.

**KATE OSBORNE MP'S  
COST OF LIVING  
ROADSHOW**

**FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER**  
10AM TO 11.30AM – HEWORTH LEISURE  
CENTRE HIGH LANES, GATESHEAD NE10 0PD

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Come along and speak to Kate or one of the advice organisations that will be at this roadshow.

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## Street Stalls:

I have continued to hold regular street stalls around the constituency this month and it's been a great way to meet constituents to discuss important issues in our community. I have held stalls this month in Boldon, Wardley, Bede, and Hebburn.

At each street stall, the key issues raised again and again include cost of living crisis, anti-social behaviour, rundown town centres, and calls for a general election.



Following on from one of my street stalls in Hebburn, I wrote to Tracey Dixon, Leader of South Tyneside Council and Jonathan Tew, Chief Executive of South Tyneside Council about the Mountbatten Centre in Hebburn. Whilst I am aware that the shopping centre is privately owned, the council hold the responsibility for the upkeep of the cleanliness of the centre, as well as any anti-social behaviour that takes place.

Constituents have raised with myself and my team the level of anti-social behaviour that does take place particularly on an evening – as well as the overall cleanliness of the area.

Following on from this letter – the Leader of the Council and Lead Member have agreed to carry out a walkabout in the town centre to see for themselves. My office will be accompanying them on this walk about to directly relay the concerns raised by constituents.

My original letter to the Leader of the Council and Chief Exec can be read in full below – and I will update you on the outcome of the walkabout in due course.

## Kate Osborne MP

Member of Parliament for the Jarrow constituency



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Cllr Tracey Dixon, Leader of South Tyneside Council  
Jonathan Tew, Chief Executive of South Tyneside Council  
South Tyneside Council

(Correspondence sent via email)

21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Dear Tracey and Jonathan,

I am writing to you both today regarding Hebburn town centre and some recent observations that have been made by myself, my team, and constituents.

Hebburn is one of the main towns in my constituency and many people visit the town centre to shop or attend leisure facilities. Over the last few months, I have had several chats with residents who live in the area about the fond memories they have growing up in Hebburn, however one thing that they nearly all express is their disappointment at how run down the town centre, in particular the Mountbatten Shopping Centre, has become.

Some concerns that have been brought to my attention are listed below:

- There being a number of vacant premises in the shopping centre
- Paths, bins, and seats needing a deep clean
- Vacant premises becoming an attraction for anti-social behaviour in the area
- Vacant premises needing a deep clean and decorated, mainly on the outside

I have attached some photos which show the disarray of the town centre to this letter.

Although I am aware that South Tyneside Council recently put in a bid to the Levelling Up fund, of which I supported, and as part of this bid, investment would be made to Hebburn town centre, it would be appreciated if you could share with me details of the long term plan which the council has for the area.

I also understand that South Tyneside Council were having some conversations with the landlord of the Mountbatten Shopping Centre. Please could I have an update as to how these conversations went and what conversations are ongoing with the landlord?

In the shorter term, it would be appreciated if the council could give some further information as to how they plan to address some of the concerns that I have noted above and although I appreciate that some concerns may take longer to address than others, if some commitments could be made such as carrying out a deep clean of the paths, seats, and bins, that would be much appreciated.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Osborne'.

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## South Shields Football Club

It was excellent to see South Shields FC play in the Emirates FA Cup this month. One of the biggest games in the club's history and shown live on BBC1. It was brilliant to have the FA cup in our Jarrow constituency, with a record turn out of fans there to show support for our team!



## Pelaw Coffee

Small businesses are the backbone of our community, and around the constituency I make the effort to support local whenever I can. If you're in Pelaw, I highly recommend dropping in to Pelaw Coffee, I dropped in between visits and had a lovely cuppa and a chat with the wonderful staff!



## Christmas in the Jarrow constituency:

As we are all preparing for Christmas, I was really pleased to be able to attend the Christmas lights switch on in Jarrow and Boldon this month. In Jarrow I joined Leader of South Tyneside Council Tracey Dixon and the Deputy Mayoress to carry out the switch on. In Boldon I was given the honour of introducing Jim Montgomery who then switched on the lights.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, council officers and public for making these events so special.

At Boldon CA after the Christmas switch on, I spoke to lots of local charities, organisations and small businesses who had stalls at the Christmas fayre.

Keeping with the Christmas theme, I visited St Peter's Church to see the Community Christmas Trees – donated by local school, charities, and local businesses.

I also was able to pop along to the Felling Food Network where I told Santa that the main thing I want for Christmas this year is rid of this corrupt Tory Government





## ASLEF

I was glad to attend the picket line at Central Station to show my solidarity with ASLEF members out on strike for better pay, terms, and conditions. I was especially glad to meet Gavin – a new CLP member from Hebburn – as well as catching up with Vinnie from our CLP too!





## Remembrance Sunday

It was an honour to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Jarrow as part of the Remembrance Day Service. We remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom today, heroes of conflicts both past and present & resolve to build a more peaceful future.

After the Ceremony it was nice to come together as a community in the Millennium PHAB Club with councillors, veterans, local scout & cadet groups and local community groups for some soup and a chat.



## TUC Lobby Week.

As part of Lobby Week with the TUC, I met with local trade union reps in Parliament, including Asghar from CWU North East Branch and Janet & Jane from Unison South. Janet is a Jarrow constituent and we had a detailed discussion about our constituency issues from schools to poverty to expected cuts in Local Government.



## Prime Minister's Questions:

I was selected for a PMQ in which I asked Deputy Prime Minister Raab if he and his Government will commit to ending the scandal of child poverty by committing to providing free school meals to the 800,000 children from families in receipt of universal credit who currently are not receiving a free school meal. His response was appalling as he stated that they "won't be able" to keep children from being hungry. Watch the clip of my question [here](#).

Following along from my PMQ, I spoke to Politics JOE about the impact free school meals can have on a child's wellbeing. You can watch this interview [here](#).

## Autumn Budget Statement:

Following from the Chancellors Autumn Statement – I gave a contribution in the commons addressing this government's skewed priorities. The Chancellor said "everyone will make sacrifices, but those that can afford to make sacrifices aren't being asked for pay for the crisis their class caused. It is our communities that are being left to pay for twelve years of tory cuts and chaos. Watch my contribution [here](#).

## BBC & Abuse:

We all know that women in elected positions, not just MPs but councillors and women in general get more abuse online than men. I am fortunate in



my position as I can speak out about these things and will continue to do so. Nobody is going to silence me.

Disagreement is of course a part of a healthy democracy as MPs have to be accountable to their constituents – but when disagreement becomes abuse, it is never acceptable and action needs to be taken. You can see my interview with BBC news [here](#).

BBC however do need to address the concerns with their published analysis of MP abuse released yesterday – we should not conflate abuse and accountability and their algorithm does not seem to have flagged racism and homophobia as toxic. My full statement on this can be read [here](#).

## Enough Is Enough

I was pleased to speak at two packed Enough Is Enough Rally's this month. The first I spoke at was in Newcastle, alongside brilliant speakers like Zarah Sultana MP, Ian Lavery MP and trade unionists from RMT, CWU, PCS, and ACORN.

Tories always claim "we're all in this together" but we are not. The Government pander to the super rich while leaving working people to foot the bill. 39% of kids living in poverty as a result of Tory political choices. Watch my full speech from the Newcastle rally [here](#).

My second rally was in Southend, I was joined there by powerful trade unionists like Dave Ward from CWU and Eddie Dempsey from RMT as well as many others. If you'd like to watch my full speech from this rally you can do so [here](#).





## NHS

Our NHS needs real help - in the next few weeks we will see Nurses taking strike action including in NHS trusts near us in Newcastle and Gateshead.

There isn't a day that goes past that we don't see headlines about people suffering because of lack of access to healthcare, ambulance delays, GP appointments, 7 million on waiting lists.

This isn't the fault of the hardworking, exhausted staff who have seen their pay cut year on year for decades but a direct result of 12 years of Tory chaos, rampant privatisation, cherry picking services for profit and underfunding.

I spoke at the SOS NHS Conference this month on the impact years of austerity underfunding and mismanagement has had on our NHS and will be supporting the NHS locally and in parliament.



## World Cup

As the World Cup is going on, it is important that we do not just focus on the football. Let's not forget that between 6,500 and 15,000 migrant workers died building the stadiums – and these disputed figures are likely to be under reported. Let's not forget a typical worker is toiling for 14-18 hours a day in crowded and unsanitary living conditions.

I watched the England vs Wales game with the premier league and wore my [rainbow laces as a symbol](#) - we should use every opportunity to raise the issues whilst of course still supporting the football.

I visited Qatar to see for myself the situation for women and migrant workers. We must not forget that human rights abuse cases happen daily, that LGBTQ+ people cannot live safely in Qatar, they face persecution, imprisonment and even death.

LGBTQ+ football fans cannot attend safely and are being told to act respectfully and hide their true selves.

Let's make sure that all these things are spoken about.

And let's make sure all of us are discussing these issues whether we are boycotting the games or if we are watching them with our mates down the pub. Read my full article on this [here](#).

### Advice Surgeries:

I will be holding 2 final surgeries this year. One will be on Thursday 8th December at Hebburn Helps Foodbank from 12.30pm to 2pm. And my final surgery of the year will be on Thursday 22nd December from 5pm-6pm in Clervaux Exchange Business Centre. Both are appointment based so please email me at [kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk) or call 0191 466 1509 for an appointment!