

First and foremost, I would like to extend my thanks to you for the sacrifices made in the last year. I am sure, as many are, you are looking forward to a return to normality, but I urge you to continue to take the necessary steps to keep yourself, your family, and others safe as we begin to navigate the next steps out of lockdown.

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## **Westminster Hall Debates:**

### **Football Governance**

Football must act as an equaliser; clubs must do all they can to ensure social justice within their own community and the wider football community. We cannot allow further disconnection between fans and their teams, whilst the wealthy few line their own pockets. Because, ultimately, football is nothing without its fans. Watch my contribution to this debate [here](#).

### **Covid-19 Contracts**

I contributed to a debate discussing the Government's approach to procurement during the pandemic, which has been marred by rampant cronyism and huge wasting of taxpayers' money. Watch my full contribution [here](#).

### **Covid-19 Support for the aviation, tourism, and travel industry**

I spoke in a debate discussing the ongoing complexities and uncertainties that the aviation, tourism, and travel industry is facing. You can watch my full contribution [here](#).

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## **Armed Forces Covenant | Defence**

I asked the Defence Minister what plans the government have in place, to ensure that we eliminate the postcode lottery that our veterans face in accessing vital services. Watch in full [here](#).

### **Home Office Question | EU Settlement Scheme**

Recent research from the Children's Society showed that less than 40% of looked after children & care leavers have made applications to the EU Settlement Scheme. This month when given the opportunity, I asked the Minister what steps the Home Office has taken to make sure that children in care, who are eligible to apply, have applied. See my question in full [here](#).

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## **Constituency Visits**

### **Schools:**

I have been lucky enough to be able to visit more of the incredible schools in our constituency. I have visited [East Boldon Junior school where](#) I was given a tour of their vegetable garden by the school council.

I visited [Boldon School](#) to meet the staff and students and visited [Jarrow School](#) where I was gifted a tomato plant by a pupil.

I had a great Q&A session at [St Joseph's Catholic School](#) with students and another Q&A at [Valley View Primary School](#) who also asked some great questions!

It has been great to be able to get out more in the constituency over the last few months, I have been impressed with every school I have visited. I hope to visit more of our schools in the new academic year if it is safe to do so!

### **Pelaw Bowling Club;**

I was thrilled to get the opportunity to visit Pelaw Bowling Club this month. Myself and Cllr Dot Burnett, the Mayor of Gateshead officially switched on the new sprinkler system. See the video [here](#). The club offers residents a great chance to socialise and get together, they really are doing amazing work in the community!

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## **Stadler Rail Wage Freeze**

I stood this month, in solidarity with Unite the Union and RMT members who were set to take industrial action against Stadler Rail's Wage Freeze. I put out a statement in support of this which you can view [here](#).

I was delighted that Stadler Rail did the right thing in bringing a new offer to the table with both Unite and RMT Unions and the strike action was suspended.

### **RMT Public Meeting**

I was able to attend the RMT public meeting this month, it was a pleasure to be able to speak to the meeting. I stand with RMT in their demands on the Government to agree to a Job Security Agreement; end to the pay freeze and protection of pensions; an end to casualisation, outsourcing and bogus self-employment and an industry wide collective agreement that places all rail workers under a common contract.

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## Shields Gazette Columns:

I wrote two columns this month for the Shields Gazette. In the first, I highlighted the role that this Government has played in allowing Covid to spread rapidly which resulted in a delay of so called 'Freedom Day.' You can read the article in full [here](#).

The second article again was discussing the governments rash decision to remove all restrictions despite the huge increase in Covid-19 infections across the country. This government has simply pulled the ripcord and shifted responsibility from themselves to the public, risking undoing all the hard work the NHS has done in delivering the vaccine. Read this article in full [here](#).

## Catch up with Cancer: The Way Forward report

Read the Letter in full [here](#).

## Policing Bill

This month the Policing Bill was voted through parliament, this Bill constitutes a significant reduction in our established freedoms and civil liberties. Ranging from limitations on the right to protest, to direct attacks on the nomadic traditions of the Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities. I voted against this Bill which I believe is authoritarian and dangerous.

## Right to Food Campaign

I firmly believe that no one on our communities should be facing food poverty. I fully support the Right to Food Campaign and calls for it to be enshrined into

UK law. Thanks to Ian Byrne MP and Fans Supporting Foodbanks for highlighting and campaigning on this important issue.



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## Women and Equalities

I have continued working on the Women and Equalities Select Committee throughout this month. After the Government's announcement that they were intending to cut the £20 per week uplift to Universal Credit, I took the opportunity in the Select Committee to question Parliamentary Under-Secretary of state for Employment on this. You can listen to my question and part of the response I got [here](#).

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## Euro 2020

I am hugely proud of the men's England Team for getting to the final of Euro 2020, they truly represented the best of our country and conducted themselves with grace. They played tremendously well and have done the country and themselves proud. The final was an emotional match for all sides, but the aftermath has resulted in an outcry against the racist online abuse that is still prevalent in our country. Read my statement in full [here](#).

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### **Batley and Spen By-Election**

I want to offer my congratulations to Kim Leadbeater MP for her win in the Batley & Spen byelection this month! I had a great time out campaigning for Kim and



I look forward to working along side her in the Labour Party and in Parliament.

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### **Primary School of the Year TES award**

More great news from this month as St Aloysius won the prestigious TES award for Primary School of the year. It was great to see after such a tough year for our schools, that one of our own was recognised for the amazing work they do. I am hoping to be able to visit the award-winning school in the next academic year! You can read the letter I sent to the headteacher [here](#).

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### **Boundary Review:**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming boundary review. These proposals will impact everyone in the constituency and therefore it is important you are able to have your say! Please visit [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk) to view the current proposals. You can also submit your own proposal for consideration via this



website, and I would encourage you to do so. **The deadline for the consultation process is 2nd August 2021.**

**Advice Surgeries:**

**Kate Osborne MP**  
Advice surgery dates

Second & Last Friday of each month.

Appointments available from the 28th May via telephone, Zoom or face-to-face.

Booking is essential. For an appointment, please email [kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk) or call 0191 466 1509.

Appointments will last no longer than 20 mins, and are only open to residents of the Jarrow constituency.

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As always if you need any assistance from me or my team please contact me at [kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk) or call 0191 466 1509 and I will do everything I can to help.

Visit my website or social media to keep up to date with my work throughout the month.

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Warmest wishes,

**Kate Osborne MP**

Member of Parliament for the Jarrow constituency