



Kate Osborne MP Monthly Newsletter

August-September

2021

I hope you are well. This recess has given me the opportunity to get out around the constituency much more which has been brilliant. With Parliament sitting on the 6th September, I am looking forward to resuming my work in Westminster on your behalf. The following is an update on my work throughout August and into September.

Crusade Against Climate Change

I launched my Crusade Against Climate Change in August. Climate change is without a doubt the greatest threat to humanity across the globe. We need to work with the next generation to ensure we can work together towards a greener and more sustainable future across our local communities and across the globe. The campaign will see under-18s complete a form to send to my office outlining their key concerns regarding climate change. I want to ensure the next generation feel their voices are being heard and provide them an opportunity to become more actively involved with politics and influencing the Government. I will collate all the responses my office receives and put them to the Prime Minister, ensuring personally that they end up on his desk. If you'd like to read more about this campaign, you can do so by visiting my website: <https://kate-osborne.co.uk/crusade-against-climate-change-campaign/>

I put forward information about the campaign in the Gazette this month too, the article goes into more detail about South Tyneside Council's efforts to combat climate change and the ways in which the crusade campaign can build upon that work. You can read the article in full [here](#).

Cleadon and East Boldon by-election

I have been out campaigning with Labour's candidate Phil Toulson over the last few weeks for the Cleadon and East Boldon by-election. Phil is a fantastic candidate and will make a brilliant councillor if elected. If you live in the Cleadon and East Boldon ward, make sure you use your vote, and vote for Phil on the 9th September.



Cancel the Cut

The Government's plan to cut the £20 uplift to Universal Credit in October is appalling. With ending this uplift, thousands of individuals and families will be left having to decide between a meal and heat. The £20 uplift should remain in place as it offers a lifeline for those who are most in need. I will continue to support Unite's #cancelthecut campaign, and I will continue to fight for those who need it most throughout the constituency and further afield.

Over a third of those in receipt of universal credit are in employment, cutting the £20 uplift risks pushing even more people into deeper debt and poverty. It will impact almost half of working-age families with children in the Jarrow constituency at a time when help is needed more than every

Jarrow

4,320 Working-age families with children claim Universal Credit or Working Tax Credits [**43%**]

3,880 Working-age families without children claim Universal Credit or Working Tax Credits [**15%**]



“ When many people's finances are recovering from an unprecedented 18 months, it is a disgrace Johnson and Sunak are planning to end the Universal Credit uplift.

Join me and call on the government to retain the £20 a week uplift to UC permanently by signing this petition.

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KATE OSBORNE MP

Join Kate & thousands of others by adding your name at bit.ly/dontcutUC

Labour Assembly Against Austerity
supporting the PEOPLE'S

#CancelTheCut
#UniversalCredit

Fire and Rehire

I continue to support the Unite the Unions' Fire and Rehire Campaign with Barry Gardiner MP (Brent North) to end fire and rehire. With Furlough coming to an end in the coming weeks, many workers are living in fear of losing their jobs and wage cuts. [Watch my video by Unite the Union as I offer my support to this campaign.](#)

Meeting with Stonewall and Rainbow Migration

I had a meeting this month with both Stonewall and Rainbow Migration where we were able to discuss Afghanistan and the ongoing troubles that LGBTQI+ asylum seekers and migrants face. I fully support their demands in the letter they sent to the Dominic Raab which you can read [here](#).

Community Events and visits

I have been fortunate to be able to attend numerous events throughout the constituency during recess. It is great to be able to meet so many people and to truly get back to being a community after such an isolating 18 months.

Hebburn Helps Grub Club

I dropped The Grub Club ran by Hebburn Helps at St Oswald's Church Hall. It was great to see first-hand, the work the whole Hebburn Helps team carried out there throughout the summer.



Bands in the Park

I had a wonderful time at Jarrow West Park when I visited to see the Bands in the Park. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the sunshine and listening to music together. I

was able to meet up with South Tyneside Mayor Pat Hay, as well as Councillor Liz McHugh at this fantastic event.

Folk of Jarrow Rebel town festival

After being postponed numerous times, it was great to finally be able to speak at the Seven Men of Jarrow Rebel Town festival at the end of August. I am thoroughly enjoying being able to get around the constituency much more now that Covid-19 restrictions have eased. It was a privilege to be able to speak at this event. As a constituency and as a community, our history is so rich, and we have carried forward the strong community spirit that our it is built upon. It is truly an honour to be a part of such a tightknit community.

We must commemorate and celebrate the sacrifices of those from our past, but the best tribute we can pay them - from the Jarrow Marchers to Seven Men of Jarrow - is to be inspired and use their memory to fight harder against current battles against inequality and for fairness.

My second column for the Shields Gazette this month talks more on the lessons we can learn from our history and heritage, and the strength of community in turbulent times. You can read the article in full [here](#).



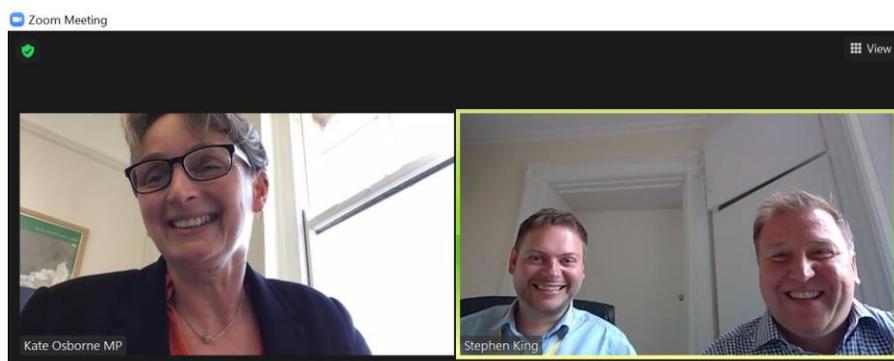
Monkton Stadium

It was great to join the Gateshead Senator American Football Academy at their home ground at Monkton Stadium. I met with this season's undefeated under 19's getting ready to play North East Academy. Many thanks to the team for welcoming me and a big thank you to the coaches and of course the parents and other people who support them every week.



Go North East:

I had a great meeting with Stephen King and Martijn Gilbert in August, we discussed different ways they are recovering from the pandemic, I am looking forward to visiting in person to see for myself one of the 9 electric busses in their fleet.



Afghanistan

The situation in Afghanistan is truly heart-breaking. I signed a joint statement with **the Socialist Campaign Group** which you can read [here](#). It is truly appalling to see the reports coming out, of unopened and unread emails from MPs caseworkers being ignored. I know

my caseworkers have been working tirelessly, to do all they can to help constituents. Yet the government is not holding up its end of the bargain. Myself and my office will continue to support these constituents and their families to the best of our abilities. I am thankful to Harriet Harman MP, the Mother of the House for coordinating a joint letter in which the Westminster women MPs have pledged their support for the 69 Afghan women MPs who are standing their ground and fighting for women and girls and democracy.

RT. HON. HARRIET HARMAN Q.C. M.P.
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM
MOTHER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Ms Elay Ershad MP

18 August 2021

Dear Elay,

Re: Westminster women MPs pledge support for Afghan women MPs

You inspired us when, as a woman MP from Afghanistan, you joined us in the Chamber of the House of Commons in the UK Parliament in 2018 and spoke of your hopes of freedom and security for the people you represented.

We are dismayed at the situation that now faces you and in particular women in Afghanistan and send you our admiration for your commitment to democracy, to women's rights and above all for your remarkable courage as a woman politician in staying in Kabul, resolute in the face of the Taliban takeover.

As women MPs in the UK Parliament we want you to know that we are looking out for you and we stand in solidarity with you and with all women politicians in Afghanistan who have stepped forward to be in public life and who, in particular, speak out for women and bring the representation of women into politics.

Best wishes,

Rt Hon Harriet Harman QC MP

Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP

Rt Hon Theresa May MP

Rt Hon Diane Abbott MP
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Amazon Rainforest

I am grateful for Coventry South MP Zarah Sultana for coordinating the joint letter which you can read below. For the future of our planet, the assault on the Amazon Rainforest must be abandoned. Rainforests are the lungs of our planet and we must do everything we can to protect them.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Jair Bolsonaro
President of Brazil

27 August 2021

Dear President Bolsonaro,

We write as Members of the UK Parliament to express our alarm at the threat to Brazil's Indigenous peoples and the Amazon rainforest – their home and the lungs of the Earth.

Since you came to office, the seizure, theft and deforestation of Amazon land has accelerated, robbing Indigenous peoples and endangering the rainforest's survival. In 2019, invasions of Indigenous lands rocketed by 135% and deforestation surged by 85%.

This assault on the Amazon means that the forest now emits more carbon than it absorbs, with scientists recently warning that it is reaching an irreversible "tipping point", beyond which it will not generate enough rain to support itself. This would be a catastrophe of unprecedented proportions, putting all our futures in peril.

The British government is complicit in this assault on the Amazon. British banks finance agri-businesses and mining companies responsible for the Amazon's destruction, while British corporations profit from goods made on deforested lands.

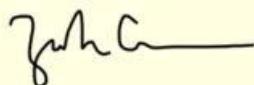
This assault is set to get worse. The Brazilian Congress has drawn up legislation that would accelerate the Amazon's destruction: Bill PL 490 would open up Indigenous and quilombola lands to mining and big agri-businesses and Bill PL 2633 would allow big corporations to steal public land for their own private profit.

Against this threat, the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil is leading a "Struggle for life" (Luta pela vida) and calling on the international community to speak out against your extractive assault on the Amazon. "We ask for your support to help end this catastrophe", they wrote to the Progressive International.

We therefore join their call and urge you to abandon your assault on the Amazon, its people, and the future of our planet — and we pledge to work in our own parliament to expose and sanction the multinational corporations that profit from these crimes.

Big businesses are setting our world alight. Before it is too late, we implore you to put people and the planet before their profits.

Yours sincerely,



Zarah Sultana,
Member of Parliament for Coventry South

Diane Abbott MP

Tahir Ali MP

Apsana Begum MP

Christine Blower,
Member of the House of Lords

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The Fur Trade

The fur trade is a cruel and outdated practice, and it has no place in the UK. Along with 100 MPs, I have signed the below cross-party letter to the DEFRA Secretary of State calling on the Government to legislate for a ban at the earliest opportunity. I also will be leading a debate in Parliament in October.



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Rt Hon George Eustice MP
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street
London
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27 August 2021

Dear Secretary of State

We are writing to you as a cross-party group of over one hundred MPs and Peers to seek your support for the introduction of a UK ban on the import and sale of animal fur. We strongly believe the fur trade is a cruel and outdated practice, which has no place in the UK.

Despite banning fur farming in 2000, the UK currently allows imports of tens of millions of pounds of animal fur each year. By continuing to allow the sale of fur, we are exercising a double standard, and effectively outsourcing animal cruelty. Humane Society International/UK, which leads the Fur Free Britain campaign, has documented the terrible conditions under which animals such as this are kept. It is clear that there is no such thing as humane fur farming.

The Government has previously said that a sales ban would be incompatible with our membership of the European Union and, as such, no action could be taken at that time. The UK has now left the EU, and the Government has an opportunity - following the call for evidence on the fur trade held earlier this year - to act as a global leader in moral standards and extend existing fur trade bans (for cat, dog and seal fur) to all animals, thus eliminating illogical protections for some species above others.

As well as cementing the UK's role as a world leader in animal welfare, we believe a fur ban would enjoy widespread public support. A poll by Yonder published this May and a 2020 YouGov poll both found that 72% of the general public supports a ban on the import and sale of all animal fur. With the vast majority of UK high street stores now fur-free, a ban would have limited impact on businesses, and a proper and reasonable phase-out period would ensure that the few businesses still centred on fur could transition to alternative materials. In 2019, the state of California signed into law a ban on the sale of fur, and several other US cities and States have bills forthcoming. In June this year, Israel became the first country in the world to ban the sale of fur.

Given the very strong public and business sentiment against fur, we would urge you to legislate for a ban at the earliest opportunity. This letter demonstrates the strength of cross-party support in Parliament for a Fur Free Britain and we look forward to your response.

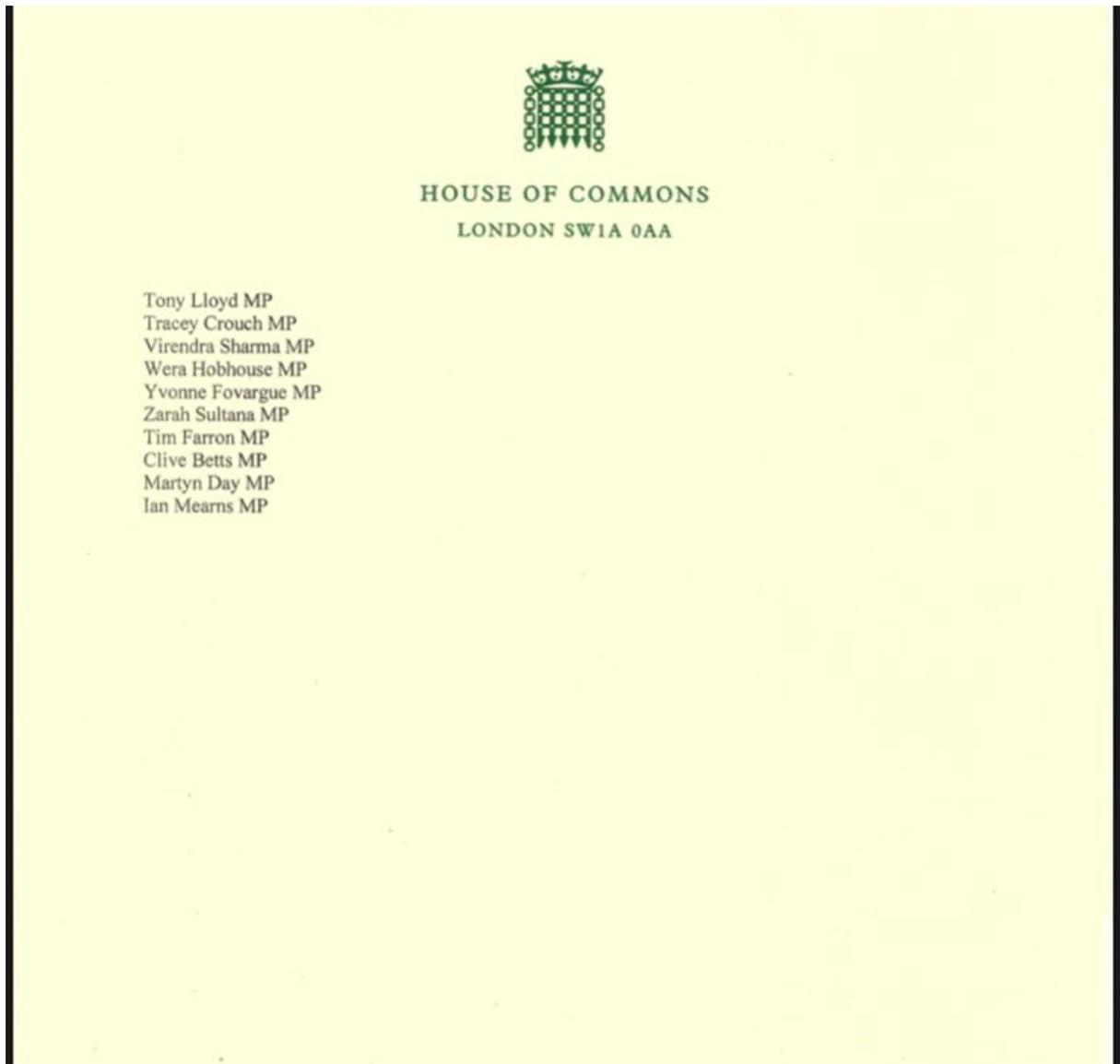
Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely



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Unite Election

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Sharon Graham on her election as Unite General Secretary. Sharon is a fantastic organiser and campaigner, and it is great to have a woman leading the UK's biggest and best union. I look forward to working with Sharon and all my Unite family moving forward.

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 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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Warmest wishes,

Kate Osborne MP

Member of Parliament for the Jarrow constituency