



Kate Osborne MP Monthly Newsletter
September-October
2021

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. I am writing to give you an update on my work both in Parliament and in the constituency on your behalf since the 6th September 2021.

Contributions in the Commons:

Parliament returned on the 6th September and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on my contributions to the Commons over the past month.

Disabled Children's Partnership

Ahead of the Spending Review, I asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether the Government would consider offering a lifeline to families of disabled children, and fund a dedicated recovery to help disabled children and their families. Watch a clip of my question and the Chancellor's response [here](#).

Levelling Up Agenda in the North

I am grateful that Ian Lavery MP (Wansbeck) allowed me to intervene during his important speech discussing the Levelling Up Agenda in the North. Watch my intervention [here](#).

Vaccines for 12-15-year-olds

I asked the Vaccine Minister what plans are in place to ensure that children are fully educated on both the benefits and risks of vaccines. I feel it is so important that the Government ensures information is available so children and their parents/guardians can make a fully informed decision regarding the vaccine. Watch this question [here](#).

Justice Questions

I asked the Minister of State for Justice about how he can reassure victims that justice will be served, and sentences will be increased for those convicted of rape. You can listen to my question and the Minister's response [here](#).

Fire and Rehire

I continue to offer my full support to Barry Gardiner MP (Brent North) and Unite the Union's End Fire and Rehire campaign. I asked the Paymaster General if he agreed that no company using the appalling fire and rehire tactics should be awarded public contracts. See the full video [here](#).



Early Day Motions:

Further to my contributions in the Commons, I have signed my name and supported some very important EDMs.

It is important that the integrity of the House of Commons is protected. For this reason, I am proud to have signed my name to this important EDM that Dawn Butler MP (Brent Central) tabled which considers The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister. You can read the EDM in full [here](#).

The rapidly increasing levels of child poverty in the North East is extremely worrying. I was happy to sign Ian Lavery MP's (Wansbeck) EDM tabled on this important issue. You can read the Motion in full [here](#).

LGBTQ+ Afghan Refugees – Westminster Hall Debate:

I recently led a Westminster Hall Debate on LGBTQ+ Afghan Refugees, with support from Stonewall and Rainbow Migration. The debate covers a hugely important issue as under the Taliban, being LGBTQ+ will mean facing extra-judicial executions and the death penalty. I called for the UK Government to ensure the inclusion and safety of LGBTQ+ Afghans throughout their resettlement process. You can see my full contribution [here](#). To watch the debate in full, you can do so by clicking [here](#).

Alongside my Westminster Hall Debate, I wrote an article which was published in The House magazine on the same issues. You can read the article in full [here](#).



Constituency Visits:

Hebburn Fire Station

In light of Emergency Services Day on 9th September, I was pleased to be able to visit Hebburn Fire Station. I met the brilliant crew members and staff with whom I discussed several important issues, including the idea of the proposed Tri-Station just off Campbell Park Road.



Serenity H2O

It was great to visit Serenity H2O in September, which is a Hydromassage specialist based in the Clervaux Exchange Business Centre where my office is based also. The last 18 months have been challenging for small businesses, so it was great to visit a local small business putting health and wellbeing at the centre of its focus.



Hebburn Lakes Primary School

I had the opportunity to visit Hebburn Lakes Primary School to meet with staff and the children. I had a fantastic time visiting the school and answering some brilliant questions from the pupils. I look forward to visiting again in the future.



Jarrow Dynamos

I had a great time visiting with the Jarrow Dynamos Under-10s team who are currently raising funds to get the team to Holland next year. If you would like to read more about the tournament in Holland or donate, you can do so by clicking [here](#)



Barbour Visit

I was pleased to be able to visit the Barbour site for the first time after previously being unable to visit due to the pandemic. Barbour is a historic brand that represents the best of the local area and it was great to meet the staff and have a tour of the site. You can read more about my visit [here](#).



Amazon Fulfilment Centre Visit

I had the opportunity to visit the new Amazon site and Follingsby Park. It was extremely interesting to see the technology they use to keep the site running and I was glad to have the opportunity to speak to some employees and get an insight into how the company operates.



UK Parliament Education Digital Workshop:

It was brilliant to speak with pupils from Bill Quay Primary School as part of the UK Parliament Education workshops. I am always impressed by the excellent questions children ask during visits. I am hopeful that I will be able to visit pupils at Bill Quay Primary in person soon.

Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme:

I attended my first trip as part of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. We went to the Defence Academy at Shrivenham where we were given an introduction to Defence. It was a great experience, and I am looking forward to continuing the scheme over the next year. You can read more about the scheme [here](#).



I'm supporting the Bill to end the abuse of frontline staff

Our frontline workers have done so much over the past 18 months to keep our country going. Now it is time we stand up for them, and finally put an end to the mounting levels of abuse they are facing whilst at work

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MP for Jarrow

tinyurl.com/endabuseatwork

#EndtheAbuse



Shields Gazette Columns:

Pension's Triple Lock:

This Tory government has once again broken its promises. For my column in the Shields Gazette, I discussed the Government's multiple broken manifesto promises as they raised National Insurance and dumped the "triple lock." You can read this article in full [here](#).

The Jarrow Crusade - 85th Anniversary

On the 5th October, we commemorated the 85th anniversary of the Jarrow March. This important historical event is central to the history of the Jarrow community. I wrote an article in the Shields Gazette on the significance of this event and the parallels that can be drawn from the circumstances that led to the march in 1936 and the current economic and social situation in Jarrow.

Even 85 years on, the Jarrow Crusade remains an inspiration to people fighting for justice. We still live in a world of widening inequality and great injustices, so the issues raised by the marchers all those years ago are, sadly, still relevant now.

If you want to read the article in full you can do so [here](#).

Universal Credit Cut

The £20 uplift to Universal Credit came to an end on 6th October. The Government has taken this lifeline away from some of the most vulnerable people and families

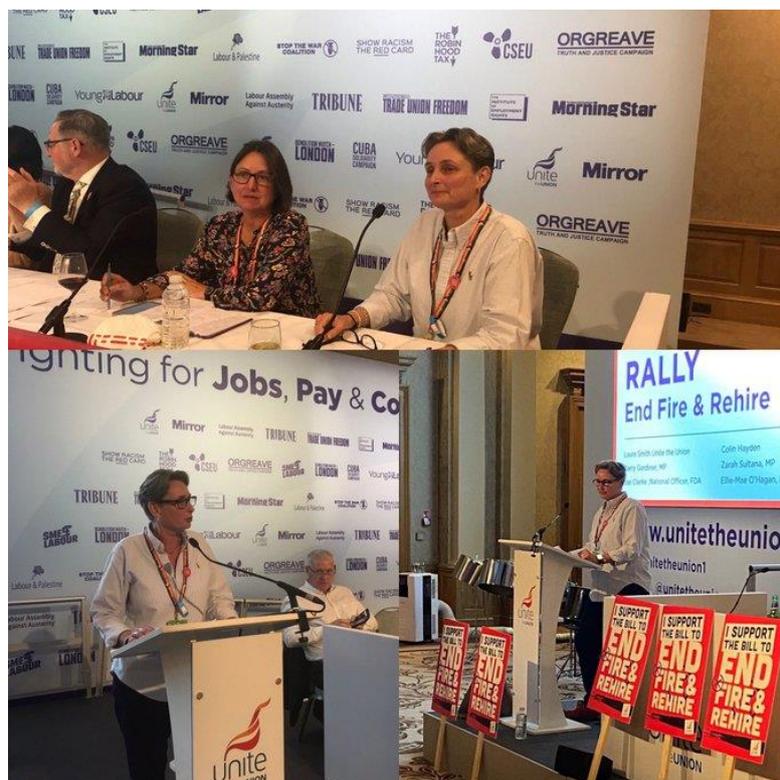
and I will continue to urge the Prime Minister and the Government to support these families and return this much-needed lifeline to those who need it the most.

If you are affected by this cut and need support or assistance, please do get in touch with my office and my staff can advise you as to what help is available.

Labour Party Conference 2021

I was pleased to be able to attend my first in-person Conference as a Member of Parliament in the last month. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with many friends and colleagues I have been unable to meet with in person due to the pandemic. It was also wonderful to meet with some campaign groups to learn more about their work and how I can offer support to the campaigns in Parliament.

I was pleased to speak at a rally on ending the shameful practice of Fire and Rehire alongside colleagues Barry Gardiner, Zarah Sultana, Ian Lavery and Grahame Morris. I then swiftly followed this by speaking at the formation of the Bangladeshi Socialist Society as a guest speaker at their dinner.



I had the chance to show my support and meet with several organisations and campaigners ranging from the GRT community to the Post Office. The women pictured above are from the WASPI campaign. We discussed how I can support them to ensure that the Government agrees to a fair and adequate compensation package for the WASPI women at the earliest opportunity and right this dreadful wrong.



It was also great to meet with the young women pictured below from the Magic Breakfast campaign – a national child nutrition charity delivering healthy breakfasts to school children who would otherwise be too hungry to learn.



Below are a selection of photographs from meetings with Campaign groups during my time at conference:



Special Thanks

I would like to pay special thanks to Emily Martin who joined my team for work experience recently. It was a pleasure to have Emily in the office and accompanying me on visits. I want to wish her the very best of luck with her future studies.

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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As always if you need any assistance from me or my team please contact me at 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,

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