



Kate Osborne MP
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Dear constituent,

This month has been hugely chaotic. We have had a revolving door of Prime Ministers and Cabinet Members. Now we have another Tory Prime Minister imposed on us all, Rishi Sunak, trounced by Truss in the Tory leadership elections, installed by a handful of Tory MPs.

In her brief 44 days as Prime Minister I had a PMQ and asked Truss about the failures of privatisation. It does not work. It doesn't work for our NHS or for our postal service – with Royal Mail taking £758 million in profit last year - yet Universal Service obligation is at risk, workers' pay, conditions & 10k jobs under threat. You can watch the full clip of my PMQ [here](#). Of course she had no answers and the very next morning she resigned.

And now we have Sunak. The wealthy former banker will undoubtedly try to gloss over his record in Government, but we know as Chancellor, he was the man at the helm when Tory chaos and incompetence caused the cost-of-living crisis. I discuss this further in one of my regular columns for the Shields Gazette – which you can read [here](#).

My full statement on our latest imposed Prime Minister:



SUNAK HAS BEEN IMPOSED - WE NEED A GENERAL ELECTION NOW

Rishi Sunak has been imposed on the country by a handful of Tory MPs.

Sunak has not said a word about his plans as PM, but we know as Chancellor, he was in charge of the economy as Tory chaos caused the cost-of-living crisis.

He may be the UK's new Prime Minister, but he will be a continuation of Tory chaos and callous disregard of our communities.

My Jarrow constituents do not want another unelected Tory Prime Minister, they want a Government that will give them hope - that will fix the damage that the Conservative party has caused

We know Rishi Sunak is planning for more cuts to our public services - and will continue to put big business and the wealthy ahead of our communities.

Sunak has no mandate - the public need a say, we need a general election now.



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I also discussed the chaos that the Tories have subjected the country to on BBC Radio Newcastle this month. You can listen to this [here](#).

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak - a PM who is twice as rich as the king - is promising to clear up the mess they have caused. Of course he won't make any changes to their ideological direction, he will continue to make decisions that benefit the wealthy, cutting taxes for the rich & attacking the most vulnerable.

Working class people will be left to foot the bill for his "tough-decisions" with Sunak and his Chancellor Hunt planning on making billions of cuts to public services.

It is clearer than ever before that we need a general election. It doesn't matter which Tory is at the top – they are not on the side of working people.

Wherever I go in the constituency we see the devastating impact of the last twelve years of Conservative Governments have had on our community.

1 in 3 kids in our constituency are currently living in food poverty, we have a housing crisis, a cost-of-living crisis and people like 73 year old Kathleen who got in touch with me to say she has already cut back on food and heating and doesn't know what else to do.

I've spent the last month in Parliament and around the constituency highlighting these issues and supporting people as much as I can - but we won't deliver change for the people of Jarrow without a General election.

I have launched a **fighting fund** to ensure we are General Election ready. Now, more than ever, it is vital that we prepare. If you are able to, and would like to donate to my fighting fund, to keep Jarrow's red flag fighting, you can do so via [this link](#). 10% of all donations will be given to the foodbanks in our constituency.

My donations policy can be found on my website and is linked [here](#). I understand that the cost-of-living crisis is hitting everyone hard – donations are not the only way you can support my campaign. We need you to get involved, to invite me to your events, workplaces, campaigns and to join me in campaigning on street stalls and door knocking! Please email kateosborneforjarrow@gmail.co.uk

Let's work together and keep up the fight for the Jarrow constituency.

Last week I spoke to Joe Politics about the devastating impact poverty is having on the kids in our constituency, you can watch my interview in full [here](#).

It's something I see regularly at my monthly surgeries at Hebburn Helps and visits to Bede's Helping Hands.

Community Fridge:

Foodbanks should not exist, yet our communities now wouldn't survive without them. Successive Tory Government's have forced more and more people – many of whom are in work – into poverty.

I visited Bede's Helping Hands Food Bank to check out the launch of their Community Fridge which provides access to fresh produce to those using the food bank.

Thank you to the brilliant volunteers at Bede's Helping Hands for all the great work you do in supporting the most vulnerable in our community.

If you are able to, any and all donations will be gratefully received.



Hebburn Helps Food Bank

It will be advertising future surgeries across my social media channels so keep an eye out for dates and times as they are announced.

Thank you to the whole team at the foodbank for accommodating myself and my team and for the work you do in our community.



The foodbank is running low on tinned meats like mince and steak so if you are able to donate, please do so.

Bridge Referrals

I was pleased to visit Bridge Referrals this month – a new independent veterinary hospital opening in Boldon Colliery very soon. I was given a tour of their new facility which has been equipped with materials sourced from local suppliers and with a strong focus on green energy. It was especially great to hear that twenty four new jobs have been made available – mainly to young school leavers from the local area. I wish them all the best in their new venture and hope to visit again once the site is up and running!



North East Ambulance Station

It was good to visit the team at North East Ambulance Station this month to tour their facility in Jarrow and speak with the staff. We discussed a range of topics including the upcoming move to the Hebburn Tri-Station as well as the importance of mental health provisions for staff.

I was also pleased to see NEAS Proud winning an award at the Pink News awards ceremony. Our public sector workers save lives every day and they deserve a pay rise. Congratulations NEAS – public sector organisation of the year! It was also great to hear Sir Keir Starmer commit to banning conversion therapy in all of its forms at the Pink News Awards.



East Boldon Forum

Great to meet with members of East Boldon Forum to discuss a wide range of topics including on the local plan and issues around delivering the target of 5778 new homes by 2039, Boldon Flats and the need for it to be a designated Local Nature Reserve as well as Future Planning and Investment Zones. I look forward to working together on these and other issues in the future.

Bill Quay Farm

I was grateful to John and Shaun for a brilliant visit to Bill Quay Farm this month. The farm offers so much to our community, providing opportunities for young people with SEND which gives them skills for life. Volunteers are giving the opportunity to complete qualifications in an alternative setting which works brilliantly.

It was wonderful to hear how community is at the heart of everything the team do at the farm. The expansion of their café looks excellent and I look forward to visiting again once completed. I highly recommend visiting the site for a day out with friends or family – its free!



Café L



Whenever I am in Hebburn town centre, I always enjoy popping into Café L to pick up a coffee. It is a lovely café and Lee and the team are always happy to have a chat! If you're around Hebburn, I highly recommend dropping by.

Jarrow Town Centre Street Stall

I was really pleased to be able to hold a street stall just outside of the Viking Centre in Jarrow this month. It was really heartening to speak to constituents who share my view that we must have a general election now – to ensure that we can begin the process of undoing 12 years of damage caused by Tory Governments.

A particularly big thank you to Phil who brought along some chocolates for my team and I!

I am hoping to hold similar stalls more regularly so keep an eye out for future announcements.



West Boldon Lodge

I had a brilliant visit to West Boldon Lodge this month – the only centre of its kind in South Tyneside. Groundwork offer a forest school on site which is great for personal, emotional, and social development of children, giving them and their families an opportunity to connect with nature.



Justice Questions:

This month in the Chamber, I questioned the Government on their appallingly low charge and conviction rate on rape cases – as well as the misogyny, racism and homophobia highlighted in the Casey report. You can watch the clip of my question in full [here](#).

Unsurprisingly I got no answer as the Tories continue to pass the buck. Following on from this question, I have spoken with, and written to, Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Kim McGuinness to ask her to look into Northumbria Police's culture around misogyny, racism and homophobia.

Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy questions:

During BEIS questions, I again raised the Horizon Scandal. It is disgraceful that this Government is still handing multi-million-pound contracts to Fujitsu. The Government must urgently pause all existing contracts with Fujitsu and undertake a full review of all contracts with this appalling company. You can watch a clip of my question [here](#). The Minister's answer offered no comfort to those affected by the Horizon Scandal – Fujitsu must be held accountable. You can read more [here](#).

CWU & Royal Mail dispute:

Following on from my PMQ, during which I raised the CWU dispute with Royal Mail and the gross mismanagement that is happening. I was pleased to join the picket at Mount Pleasant this month, where I addressed strikers – they have my full support. You can watch my speech in full [here](#).

This month, I also wrote to the CEO of Royal Mail to urge him to immediately meet with CWU to engage in meaningful discussions regarding both potential job losses and the on going disputes. As someone who worked for Royal Mail for 25 years I find it deeply disturbing that the senior leadership of Royal Mail are playing politics with peoples livelihoods. You can read my full letter to Simon Thompson [here](#).

Labour Outlook:

My latest article for Labour Outlook also covers the damage privatisation does to our services. In my article I focussed on our NHS. If we don't continue to fight for the NHS, it won't survive until the next General Election. We all know the Tory ideology – run down our public services, starve them of resources to make them cheaper to privatise and give to their mates to make money from. Nowhere is that more evident than our NHS where decades of privatisation by stealth has led to billions going into the pockets of privateers at the expense of patients – profit being put over public health and our communities. You can read my article in full [here](#).

Advice Surgeries & Street Stalls

I am hosting regular in-person surgeries around the constituency, for details of upcoming surgeries please keep an eye on my social media for further details. You can also call my office on 0191 4661509 to find out when and where the latest surgeries will be. My office and I are holding regular street stalls around the constituency as well – so keep an eye out for further info about these as it is announced on my social media too!

As always, if you need my help with any issues, please do get in touch with my office via kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk or call 0191 466 1509 and myself and my team will do all that we can to support you.

Kind regards,

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