

# Waterlooville

Waterlooville is a great place to live but the town centre is now looking very sad and is not fit for purpose after years of underinvestment.

I am working with Havant Borough Council and others on a plan to regenerate the town centre. Funding is an issue, but I am determined to continue this work on a shared vision with businesses and property owners to make real improvements for residents.



# Environment and Farming

Like many constituents, I am very worried about climate change and pleased the Government has acted in key areas.

I have been very pleased with the Agricultural and Environment Acts and talk to farmers frequently about their views on what needs to be done. I have spoken out about soil health and am pleased that ministers are taking climate change seriously as well as putting forward policies on planting trees and rewilding.



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WESTMINSTER

## Education

I have always been passionate about education and feel that our present curriculum does not prepare our young people for the world of work.

My 2020 paper 'The Future of Education' put forward several ideas including a 14-18 curriculum with one wide-ranging qualification at 18. This has been picked up by various education bodies and there is now a national discussion with several commissions reporting. I will be working hard to take these ideas forward.

## Foreign Affairs

Brexit has meant that we are now able to have trade treaties and build relationships with countries around the world.

I attended the Royal College of Defence Studies last year to learn more about strategy and international relations. I often speak out about Foreign Policy, especially in relation to Afghanistan and the Middle East as I was born in Yemen. Providing support and aid to countries will help to prevent migration to the UK.



# WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT YOUR MP



**Mrs S Waterloooville:** Your action seemed to magic action ... Flick I am so grateful thank you.

**Mr F, Horndean:** I am so grateful for your help, and I want to convey a heartfelt thanks. This will transform my life. I wish you every success for the future, keep doing the great job you are doing.

**Mr H Lovedean:** That is brilliant, thank you so much, quite the best reply from an MP for our area ever.

**Mrs N, Rowlands Castle:** You are fab - they've just processed the payments!!

**Mrs M, Owslebury:** A huge thank you to you for unravelling this ... I can't thank you enough for helping, I know I wouldn't have gotten anywhere without your intervention! Huge thank yous!

**Mr M, Clanfield:** So all I can say is a massive thank you. Your intervention has directly impacted this young lady's life and has allowed her to fulfil her ambition. You may never really appreciate how much this means to her and no doubt the many lives she will go on to help through her career.

**Mrs P, Clanfield:** To say I'm over the Moon is an understatement! So thank you so much for your help in this matter.

**Mrs W, Bishops Waltham:** Thank you very much for the information you have found for me .... I appreciate the time you have put into this.

**Mrs T, Waterloooville:** I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you. You are the most helpful MP I have encountered and the people in Meon Valley are very lucky to have you as our representative. Thank you.

# Flick Drummond MP Annual Report 2022



Dear Resident,

Over the last two years, we have faced the greatest public health challenge in a generation, with a pandemic on a scale not seen before in living memory. I would like to thank you all for your support, patience and resilience shown since the pandemic began. Covid-19 has changed the lives of families across the country and has taken both our way of life and loved ones from us. I recognise that it has been an extremely difficult time for families and businesses, but the way in which the local communities have come together throughout Meon Valley, to support each other, protect the NHS and save lives has been remarkable and shown a true sense of pride and community. This Government has delivered one of the most comprehensive economic responses in the world to protect jobs and livelihoods through the pandemic.

I have found it very frustrating not to be able to meet as many constituents in person because of the lockdown but we have tried to support everyone that needed help and as you can see from the figures we have been working hard on your behalf. This report is a snapshot of what I have done and you can find more on my website.

Kind regards,

*Flick*

Flick Drummond MP  
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## A YEAR IN FIGURES



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Member of Parliament for Meon Valley



# My year in the Meon Valley



## Broadband

I spend much time negotiating with Openreach to get broadband to villages including Upham and Owslebury. I continue to work on this for other villages too. The pandemic has shown us how important broadband is when we work at home. ■



## Rivers

The beautiful Rivers Meon and Itchen run through the constituency and I am part of the All-Party group on chalk streams. We work closely with water companies and legislation is now passed to ensure that our rivers are protected. ■



## Businesses

We have some world leading businesses in Meon Valley who export around the globe and it is always a pleasure to visit them and meet staff. They are also great at taking on apprentices to help the next generation. ■



## Westlands

I was very pleased to open the new version of Westlands Farm shop. Farm shops deliver local food directly to constituents and support our farmers at the same time. It is a "win win" for our communities. ■



## Farming

We are a rural constituency and I regularly meet farmers to discuss concerns and how agriculture will change post-Brexit. It is important they are supported. This includes looking at our trade deals to make sure that farmers are not disadvantaged. ■



## Motorbikes

I have been working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner to find a solution to the speed and noise of motorbikes on the A272 and A32. The latest plans for average speed cameras will help. ■

## Breweries and Vineyards

I worked closely with our small brewers and vineyards to lobby the Government for a change in the way that they are taxed. The Chancellor agreed and this means that brewers, like Flowerpots and Bowman, can now expand. ■



## Primary schools

I was in regular contact with all primary schools during the lockdown and I know how hard teachers and support staff have been working. We are lucky to have good and outstanding schools in Meon Valley and great teachers. ■



## Schools secondary

I have visited all three mainstream secondary schools and speak to each headteacher frequently. It has been a tough period for every young person and they have shown great resilience which will stand them in good stead for the future. ■



## Shops

Local village shops have been a mainstay during the pandemic and it is a case of use them or lose them as they are a lifeline to many. I have visited many different shops around the constituency to show support. ■



## Litter picking

Litter is a terrible blight on our communities and anti-social too, as is fly tipping. To help, I often go out with litter picking groups around the constituency and I thank every volunteer for their time in making our environment clean. ■



## Drug conference

Drugs are a blight on our society and the cost to families and the country is huge health and law enforcement wise. I hosted a drug conference recently in Waterlooville to look at ideas which I will take forward. ■

