

# Waterlooville

Waterlooville town centre is a major priority and I have secured £150000 from Havant Borough Council to put a vision into place that will regenerate the area.



I meet regularly with the leader and deputy leader of the council but landowners are the key if we are to see progress. Architects have made initial plans and the search for funding continues. In the meantime, I have held forums to hear people's views.

# Environment

This government is the greenest ever and the Environment and Agriculture Acts are world leading legislation protecting our waterways, seas, soil and air while encouraging biodiversity.

Locally, I held a water forum with Southern Water, Portsmouth Water and the Environment agency to allow residents to voice their concerns about Havant Thicket reservoir and pollution.

The government is committed to stopping sewage from storm overflows with tougher legislation forcing water companies to do better.



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WESTMINSTER

## Education

I am campaigning to reform school assessment as I do not believe GCSE's are fit for purpose when pupils must stay in education until 18.



To make my case, I am working with seven commissions that have published papers about a wider and more inclusive education incorporating academic and vocational qualifications.

I have also joined the Education Select Committee in parliament. It scrutinises the work of the Department for Education.

## Health

Our NHS has received funding boosts from the government as it grapples with post-pandemic challenges.

This year, I visited many GP surgeries to hear first-hand about the situation and I held a health forum in Denmead. I also have regular meetings with hospital leaders to talk about issues that affect Meon Valley constituents.

The good news is work has started on a New Emergency department at QA hospital in Cosham.



# Flick Drummond MP Annual Report 2023



Dear Resident,

Hello and welcome to my annual report where I highlight what I have been doing to represent you in Meon Valley both locally and in parliament these last 12 months.

It has been a challenging year with post-pandemic supply problems causing inflation and then Putin's invasion of Ukraine sending energy prices sky high.

The government has supported households and businesses through the Energy Price Guarantee and the vulnerable with direct payments into bank accounts.

The situation is stabilising under our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and inflation should ease as we look to grow the economy and tackle NHS waiting lists, while supporting Ukraine.

Locally, I continue my campaign to improve Waterlooville town centre with new investment. A big win was £150,000 from Havant council to work up plans to attract investment and the makeover the area needs.

There has been major success too for my drive to make sure high-speed broadband comes to as many residents a possible. Owslebury and Upham are now connected and we are working to finish the Bramdean and Cheriton areas.

Also, over 170 people have visited Westminster and I am now organising coaches so more people can visit where our laws are made.

Kind regards,

*Flick*

**Flick Drummond MP  
Meon Valley**



## A YEAR IN FIGURES

Times spoken  
in parliament  
**68**



**8,555**  
people  
helped  
in 2021



Emails received  
**90,000**

Times voted  
**216**



**170**  
visitors  
we have  
hosted in  
parliament



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# My year in the Meon Valley

## Pubs, Breweries and Vineyards

I am the APPG chair of Wines GB and Pub Champion as these sectors are big parts of the Meon Valley economy. I have frequent meetings with constituents in pubs around the constituency. A big win was ensuring sparkling wine is taxed the same as still wine to help local producers. ■



## World class businesses

Meon Valley is blessed with many world-class cutting-edge businesses both big and small who are trading around the world. Going to visit them is a pleasure and it allows me to talk and hear about apprenticeships and training for young people. ■



## Broadband

This is one of my top priorities and I have been successful in connecting Upham and Owslebury. I am now working on Bramdean and Cheriton. I held a Broadband Forum in Cheriton that was well attended. ■



## Education

When I was elected, I made it my mission to visit every school and I have nearly achieved it. Our schools are top-quality and I often have the pleasure of pupils visiting Westminster. School highlights this year include planting trees, listening to reading and attending assemblies. ■



## GPs and dentists

I continue to work with Ministers to solve the problems of GP appointments and lack of dentists. We have excellent surgeries in Meon Valley but a lack of dentists is an issue I am working on. ■

## Shops and local businesses

Our independent shops and businesses are what helps make Meon Valley special. They have had a tough time over the last few years. I continue to visit, hear issues and take part in events like Small Business Saturday. ■



## Farming

Farming is a big part of Meon Valley. I meet with the NFU and local farmers regularly to see how our Agriculture and Environment Acts have impacted and how leaving the EU and new trade deals are affecting our farmers. ■



## Rivers

I continue to be a member of APPG for chalk streams and I work on the health of our rivers, including visiting sewage works outside Bishops Waltham to see how sewage is processed and what goes into the rivers if there is a storm overflow. ■



## Cost of living

The pandemic and Putin's war in Ukraine has caused a cost-of-living crisis. I have been supporting local people and I held a cost of living fair in Waterlooville with local agencies to advise people. ■



## Police and crime

Meon Valley is a safe place to live and work but there are issues. I work closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner and our police to ensure fly-tipping, rural crime like theft and anti-social behaviour are a priority. ■



## Havant Thicket Reservoir

This new reservoir will help solve south Hampshire's water supply issues for many decades. I have visited and spoke to residents concerned about this development and what it means. ■

## Work experience with young people

I am passionate about giving young people a chance and several young constituents have shadowed me this year. I also held a four-day work experience camp in the summer for eight young people for the 2nd year running. ■

