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A MESSAGE FROM ME

For so many people across Peckham, the economy has not worked for you for too long. Years of stagnating living standards and high inflation have left households struggling to make ends meet. This month's budget went to the heart of those issues. By scrapping the two-child limit, we are raising half a million children out of poverty, including over 3,300 children here in Peckham. By raising the National Living Wage and tackling everyday costs, such as energy bills and the cost of the commute, this Government is making day to day essentials more affordable for people.

The Budget was an important first step. Now we must do more to lift living standards that have been held down for too long and support our community to thrive.



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MY WORK IN PARLIAMENT



THE CO-OPERATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE

I spoke at this year's Co-operative Party Conference, where I reflected on what Community Britain means to me. We discussed how to place communities at the centre of politics to ensure truly inclusive growth. For me, that means making sure economic progress translates into real improvements for people – better wages, more business opportunities, good jobs within local communities, and investment that builds shared wealth and improves everyday life.



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STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

I was proud to see the Government's English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill through its next stage in Parliament – this bill will deliver a once in a generation transfer of power from Westminster to our local communities. We are giving mayors – including the Mayor of London – and local authorities new powers to respond to the economic challenges they face so they can revitalise our towns and build community wealth.

INTERFAITH WEEK

This month, I celebrated Interfaith Week, which gives us the chance to recognise just how much faith contributes to the fabric of our society. Faith offers people purpose and belonging, but it also inspires service, compassion and community action. Across Peckham, our faith groups support families, open their doors to neighbours, and create spaces where people from different backgrounds can come together. At a time when conversations about diversity can feel tense or divided, this week is a welcome reminder of the common values that bind us and the powerful role faith plays in bringing communities closer.



MY WORK IN PARLIAMENT



THE BUDGET

As I mentioned above, this month saw us deliver a true Labour budget: one that will deliver relief to households across Peckham struggling with the pressure of the cost of living.

After 14 years of Tory austerity, child poverty had grown to unacceptable levels, with 4.5 million living in poverty. This is shameful. By scrapping the two-child limit this Government has taken bold steps to reverse this, and this one measure will lift more than half a million children out of poverty. I am so pleased that this will directly impact over 3,300 children living in Peckham. Giving those children the opportunity for a better future that they deserve.

We also announced measures to tackle the pressures of the cost of living. All of those on the National Living Wage will see their income go up, representing on average a £900 a year increase, putting more money directly in people's pockets. Freezes to crucial day-to-day expenditure such as rail fares, fuel duty and prescription charges will help tackle the costs people are facing. In particular, I know that the £150 cut to energy bills by this April will be warmly welcomed by households across Peckham, this is on top of the £150 discount to energy bills announced earlier this year for 6 million households.

MY WORK IN PECKHAM



VISIT TO MICHAEL FARADAY SCHOOL

I loved visiting Michael Faraday Primary School this month to catch up with the Year 6s – this time on their own playground. We held a Christmas card competition, and they produced brilliant designs. Choosing just six to print and share with the community was no easy task! They're such bright, confident young people, and it's always a real pleasure to visit their school.

VISIT TO ARK WALWORTH

This month I was pleased to join members of Southwark Council and headteachers at the Ark Walworth Academy to discuss community policing and what we can do to support schools in our area. This was an important and positive discussion, and I will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure that children can feel safe and secure in their school.

MEETING WITH TRA CHAIRS FROM THE AYLESBURY ESTATE

I met with the Chairs of the Tenants and Residents' Associations (TRA) from the Aylesbury Estate to continue our ongoing discussions about upkeep and safety on the estate. We remain committed to working together through community town meetings, regular engagement with council officials, and ensuring residents' priorities are clearly heard and acted upon.

We have already seen important progress with the introduction of the Aylesbury Taskforce, and we will continue to work closely with the TRAs to make sure residents see the meaningful action they have been calling for.

CASEWORK UPDATE

This month, my casework team continued their dedicated work for residents, delivering two in-person constituency surgeries and responding to the many casework enquiries we receive each week. Their support helps ensure residents get the guidance and advocacy they need.

Here are some of the wins that we have secured for people.



SUPPORT SECURED FOR RESIDENT IN COUNCIL TAX DIFFICULTY

A local resident got in touch after falling into council tax debt while she was in hospital. Despite her situation, the council had sent bailiffs to her door. I intervened to get the bailiff action stopped immediately and to make sure the council's support team reached out to her to check what financial help she might be entitled to.

TRAVEL DOCUMENT DELAY SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED

I recently supported a constituent who had been unable to get hold of their refugee travel documents despite repeated attempts to contact the Home Office. After raising the case directly with the department, their documents were finally issued.

SAFFER STREETS ACHIEVED THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION

I've been working with the police, Hyde Housing, local councillors and residents to tackle a serious hotspot for antisocial behaviour in our community. Thanks to everyone's persistence, the property at the root of the behaviour has now been shut down.

POLICY UPDATE

This month, we responded to **314 emails** from constituents across a range of topics. I am grateful to all of you for taking the time to write to me, and I ensure that we always try to respond to every email we receive. They are an important way of me understanding what people in the constituency think about what the government is doing, and this feedback shapes my work and priorities representing you in Parliament. Here are some of the issues that you raised with me this month.

RSPCA FIREWORKS CAMPAIGN

Several constituents contacted me regarding the impacts of fireworks on animals and people during the November firework season. A campaign led by the RSPCA highlighted how distressing this time can be. We are working on broader animal welfare reforms that prioritise safety. Additionally, we are advocating for 'firework-free zones', especially in neighbourhoods with a high density of families, pets, and individuals sensitive to noise.

THE FUTURE OF THE NHS

I am often contacted about the NHS, and the need for this government to continue to take action to protect and improve NHS services. Since coming into power, this government has made very significant investment in the NHS, and we also have a clear plan for reform and the roll out of community-based NHS services. I was pleased to see that during the budget this month the Chancellor took further spending action to cut NHS waiting lists with funding for 5.2m more appointments and 250 new Neighbourhood Health Centres.

CHILD POVERTY

Since my election, I have consistently received correspondence about the concerning number of children living in poverty. As I set out above, this Government's decision to scrap the two-child benefit cap was the single most effective way in which we could raise children out of poverty. But we are doing much more than that, by rolling out school breakfast clubs, free school meals, expanding childcare entitlements, and subsidising uniform costs, we are going even further to support families and children, to ensure that every child has the best start in life, no matter their personal circumstances.

LOOKING AHEAD

It is hard to believe it is so close to the end of 2025, it's been an incredibly busy year. But it is not over yet and before the year is out, I have much more to do!

This month, I am looking forward to launching a campaign with our local youth organisations to push for more support for youth provision in Peckham. Youth clubs and services provide communities for our young people where they don't just belong, but thrive.



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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Cost of Living support

Please visit Southwark Council's website for Cost-of-Living support here -

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support>

Southwark Emergency and Hardship Support here -

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support/financial-support-and-advice/grants-and-local-charities>

Domestic abuse help and support

Solace Women's Aid

- Advice line: 0808 802 5565
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Additional Hours: 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesdays.
- Email: advice@solacewomensaid.org

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

- Freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Support for victims of crime

Victim Support South London

South London Victim Assessment and Referral Service on Freephone: 0808 168 9291, then dial 3
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 8:00pm

If you need support outside of open hours, call the Supportline on Freephone: 0808 1689 111
• Supportline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. • Website:

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/resources/south-london/>

Citizens Advice Southwark

National Advice line: 0808 278 7849

Peckham Citizens Advice

97 Peckham High Street, London, SE15 5RS
Drop In Service: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Walworth Citizens Advice

6-8 Westmoreland Road, London, SE17 2AY
Drop In Service: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Housing and Homelessness

Southwark Council

Southwark Council Out of Hours
Homelessness Assistance: 0207 525 5000, choose option 3
Opening Hours: before 9am and after 5pm, Monday to Friday and during weekends Southwark Council's Homelessness webpage: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/finding-a-new-home/advice-about-homelessness>.

Southwark Council Housing

Options: 0207 525 4140
Opening Hours: between 9am and 5 pm, on weekdays Email: housing.options@southwark.gov.uk

Legal advice

Cambridge House Law Centre

Address: The Printworks, Unit F, 22 Amelia Street, London, SE17 3PY

Telephone Number: 0207 358 7025

Email: lawcentre@ch1889.org · Website: <https://ch1889.org/law-centre/>

Southwark Law Centre

Address: Hanover Park House, 14-16 Hanover Park, London SE15 5HG

Phone: 020 7732 2008

Opening hours: 9:00 - 17:30

Email: enquiries@southwarklawcentre.org.uk

Migrant Legal Action

Address: 53 Addington Square, London. SE5 7LB

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm (for appointments)
· Reception Telephone Number: 0207 701 0141

Advice Line: 0203 150 1470
Hours: Monday - Friday, 2:00pm - 4:00pm · Email: info@migrantlegalaction.org.uk
Immigration: Migrant Help UK

Asylum Help Freephone: 0808 8010 503
Freephone is open 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

Email: info@migranthelpuk.org ·

Website: <https://www.migranthelpuk.org/>

Mental Health Support

Southwark Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Crisis Service
Telephone number: 020 3299 3219 or 020 3299 3220

Site Location: King's College Hospital South London and Maudsley Crisis Support
If you need urgent help with your mental health, please call 0800 731 2864 (Option 1) 24 hours a day, to speak to the mental health crisis line.

Support for the Elderly: · **Age UK** Lewisham and Southwark
Phone Number: 0207 701 9700
Opening Hours: 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday

Address: Stones End Day Centre, 11 Scovell Road, London, SE1 1QQ
Advice Line for Age UK: 0800 678 1602
Opening Hours: 8am to 7pm, weekdays
Support with debt: · Debt Free Advice
Phone Number: 0800 808 5700
Opening Hours: 8am to 8pm, daily

Support for individuals with disabilities:
Scope: Disability Helpline: 0808 800 3333
Opening Hours: 9am to 6pm on weekdays, 10am to 6pm on Saturday