



DAISY COOPER MP

DELIVERING FOR YOU AND ST ALBANS

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TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Tackling the climate emergency and protecting our environment are top priorities for many of us. Both here and in Parliament, I've called for bolder, faster action. Here's how I've been working for you:



Daisy is a registered supporter of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Daisy supported the 'Save our Streams' campaign to protect chalk streams

At the climate march organised by St Albans Friends of the Earth

- Launched a 'climate policy dashboard'. MPs and their staff are now being trained on how to use it to hold the government to account on reaching net-zero
- Promoted the trial 'Save Our Streams' campaign. St Albans district residents are now using 700,000 fewer litres of water a day since October 2020
- Secured a debate in Parliament to oppose Luton Airport expansion and have successfully called for the Transport Secretary to pause the application
- Took part in the Sustainable St Albans 'SustFest' and the St Albans climate march
- Backed the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and the Local Electricity Bill which would unleash community-scale renewable energy
- Pressed the government to adopt stronger air pollution limits
- Voted to stop water companies pumping sewage into our rivers and seas

CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

The pandemic continued to take its toll, but the vaccination programme generated a fantastic sense of community spirit with volunteer stewards and vaccinators joining GPs, pharmacists and NHS staff to protect local residents from Covid-19. Here's how I've been working for you:

- Helped vaccination centres get up and running: sourced laptops and volunteers, arranged free patient parking at the iMed pharmacy and got the wifi and phone connections fixed for Batchwood Hall
- Helped fix issues with local vaccine supply after meeting the Vaccines Minister
- Successfully campaigned for unpaid carers to receive priority vaccinations
- Exposed delays faced by local pharmacists trying to become vaccination centres, and in so doing sped up the process
- Highlighted faults in the National Booking System, NHS Covid passes, and the recording of third primary jabs with most of these issues being fixed soon after
- Exposed the ambulance crisis with every ambulance service at the highest alert level
- Raised more than £6,000 for local mental health charity The Ollie Foundation
- Supported the successful application for 'Teaching Hospital' status for our local hospital trust and successfully campaigned for government to release the next stage of funds to improve hospital buildings
- Secured an urgent question on the government's media announcement of funds to tackle the Covid-19 diagnostic backlog without a staffing plan to deliver it
- Helped hundreds of constituents struggling with health and social care services



Daisy with a local GP and volunteer, with the donated laptops she secured for Batchwood Hall vaccination centre



Questioning health ministers in the House of Commons



Daisy exposed nationwide delays to pharmacies becoming vaccination centres after hearing from Verulam Pharmacy



Meeting NHS staff at the 'bendy bus' vaccination centre, which travelled around St Albans and surrounding villages



Discussing pressures on GP services with a local GP at a St Albans surgery

For the National Pharmacy Association's centenary celebrations, Daisy met with some of its staff members and paid a visit to Jade Pharmacy



Talking to a Townsend School student as part of UK Parliament Week



Holding a Q&A for Brownies at Wheatfields Junior School

SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE’S EDUCATION

We’re lucky to have some excellent schools and dedicated teaching and school staff in our area, but it’s been another difficult year for children, young people and their families. Here’s how I’ve been working for you:

- Campaigned relentlessly for measures to make schools and colleges Covid-safe such as air purifiers, CO2 monitors and UV filters
- Petitioned the government for additional schools and colleges funding for catch-up, Covid-related costs, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and more
- Secured a Ministerial commitment to review the disparities in special educational needs and disabilities funding in Hertfordshire
- Spoke with children and young people at 48 schools and after school clubs
- Secured an urgent parliamentary question to demand that university students get financial compensation for lost teaching and rent
- Campaigned against funding cuts to BTECs
- Supported many children and their families struggling with the SEND system
- Stayed in touch with Chairs of Governors, Head Teachers, and parent groups



Visiting Margaret Wix Junior School to see outside projects for helping pupils’ mental health and wellbeing



Opening a new teaching centre at Oaklands College
Photo: Oaklands College

SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE, BUSINESSES AND CAUSES

I continued to support local businesses and residents across a range of other issues.



Daisy has been opposing the proposed Bowmans Cross development

Daisy hosted a women's street safety event at St Saviour's Church

Daisy thanking The White Swan pub for raising money for the Ollie Foundation

- Challenged ministers on excluding hundreds of local businesses and individuals from Covid support schemes, and confusing financial and other covid guidance

- Secured a Parliamentary debate on planning in Hertfordshire, pressing again for updated planning guidance for local authorities on balancing housing targets with protecting the greenbelt

- Opposed the Bowman's Cross 6,000 homes plan which would see London Colney and Colney Heath merged into a huge settlement

- Opposed a second application to dig a gravel quarry at Ellenbrook Fields

- Continued to oppose the proposed Strategic Rail Freight Interchange in Park Street, liaising with National Highways, Thameslink and Network Rail on the possible future impact on our area, and Hertfordshire County Council as a landowner

- Called for a new Policing Code after co-chairing an MPs' inquiry into the policing of the Sarah Everard Vigil, and held a local meeting on women's safety

- Continued to support building safety victims: sat on two committees scrutinising new laws; called for an inquiry into the government's handling of the building safety scandal; supported residents to give evidence in Parliament; and was featured on Channel 4's Political Slot

DAISY'S YEAR IN NUMBERS

9,016

constituents helped with
personal and political issues

13,060

emails and letters sent to
and on behalf of constituents

120

constituency visits and
advice surgeries

523

written Parliamentary
questions

133

speeches and spoken
questions in parliament

66

email newsletters and
Covid-19 updates sent

209

votes cast in parliament

2

urgent Parliamentary
questions secured



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