

## Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Congresbury

I hope you've had a wonderful summer.

My thanks to Congresbury WI for inviting David and me for a delicious cream tea at Middlecombe Nursery. I really enjoyed meeting so many of you!

Ed Davey, the Lib Dem Leader visited the Wells and Mendip Hills constituency and after a light lunch at The Railway Inn, Sandford, Ed and I cycled The Strawberry Line from the old Congresbury station to the Strawberry Line Café at Yatton Station where, after a cup of tea and a lovely slice of cake, he caught the train back to London.



I hosted my first 'youth' surgeries this summer and it was so interesting to hear from young people about their hopes and concerns. It is likely that today's 12 year olds and upwards will be able to vote at the next General Election and it's good to know what the next generation really cares about.

In my last update, I shared my concerns about waterway maintenance and future flooding in Somerset. In August, I attended the South West Association of Drainage Authorities (SWADA) emergency meeting about the situation with the Environment Agency and when Parliament returned in early September, I requested Ministerial intervention.

It has been great this summer to visit some excellent local charities and organisations, including Prickles Hedgehog Rescue, Somerset Armed Forces Cadets, Somerset Wildlife Trust and others. There is so much going on and it's a real privilege to recognise the efforts of those who volunteer, support and take responsibility for so much activity locally.

Outside my 'patch', I met the specialists at the Royal Marsden Hospital working with the latest Radiotherapy machines. Many of you will know I've pressed the Government for many years on the availability of up-to-date machines in the NHS. I was also interviewed by Channel 4 News on research into the condition ME, on which I continue to campaign.

I'm running 'surgeries' across the area, so please come along. A full list is available if you call or email me, and the most local are listed below:

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** from 09:00 to 10:00 at **That Coffee Place, Yatton**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

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