



### Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Congresbury

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to working with you and for you in 2026!

I really enjoyed UK Parliament Week last month, visiting schools and youth groups across the area. I love talking with students, teachers and leaders and taking their questions. I look forward to many more visits in 2026 - both here and when schools and other groups come on trips to Parliament.

On Budget day, my colleagues and I joined farmers protesting against the family farm tax, and voted against it in Parliament - along with several other proposals which simply won't work for local residents. I'll continue to press Government to drop their unfair taxes which will have a devastating impact on residents and businesses in the West Country.

This last month, I've been on Committees examining every line of The Public Office (Accountability) Bill (generally known as 'the Hillsborough Bill'), legislation relating to Armed Forces Chaplains, the Church of England's redress scheme for abuse victims, and the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme Regulations.

I've asked questions about Police reform, business rates, prisoner releases, rehabilitation, books in prisons, the 1994 RAF Chinook crash, re-organising local councils, the loss of grant information by the last Government, estate agents' checks on homebuyers, and Sudan. I also led a debate on ME, a condition affecting 1,300,000 people in the UK.

As ever, if you have any concerns or anything you'd like to talk to me about, please write, call or come and see me. A full list of my surgeries is available when you call or email me, but these are your most local:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** from 09:30 to 10:30 at **Congresbury Community Café**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** from 13:30 to 14:30 at **The Note Warehouse, Yatton**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** from 18:00 to 19:00 at **The Brewer's Arms, Banwell**

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

I know that for many, the transition into a new year can be difficult, and the cold weather and dark evenings linger heavily. However the new year affects you, I wish you peace and happiness for 2026.

Thank you.

Tessa

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