



Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Congresbury

In April, I held my 200th surgery since I became your MP in July 2024. I'm always happy to listen to you, wherever you catch me! I look forward to the next 200!

Locally, I met with residents and officials about informal 'festivals' on private land, Ofsted's Regional Director to discuss education and care, an officer from the Woodland Trust, and the Rivers Trust about sewage spills and water quality in my 'patch'.

I've been working for some time with a constituent on persuading the Prime Minister to meet with the families of those who died in the 1994 Mull of Kintyre Chinook helicopter crash. The opportunity arose to press the PM on this during Prime Ministers Questions, and I'm pleased he gave his assurance he'd meet with the group. I continue to keep a close eye on this situation as 32 years later, it's as important as ever that the families know why their loved ones were put on an aircraft deemed "*positively dangerous*", "*unairworthy*" and "*not to be relied on in any way whatsoever*" by military experts at the time, and that the lessons from this terrible accident will be learned by the services and agencies involved.

In Westminster, I met a Treasury Minister to discuss the provision of Basic Financial Advice for consumers, Health officials about what's available for those with ME, attended an Inter-Governmental Round Table on Frozen Pensions, and accompanied constituents to a meeting with a Justice Minister to discuss victims' rights when prisoners are deported.

In Parliament, I led a short debate on regulating the sale of marmalade. Headlines about 'rebranding' marmalade post-Brexit have led to confusion about what is, and what is not, 'marmalade'. Bristol University analysed marmalade in the 1920s and traditionally, it comprises only citrus fruits. I'm pushing Government to recognise the importance of ingredients used and set standards for one of our most successful exports.

Many of you raised concerns about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which stalled on its passage through the House of Lords. A new Bill will have to be re-introduced to the House of Commons for this to progress further. If you'd like to be kept updated, please let me know.

I'm holding two events for constituents in June:

Monday 22nd June from 19:00 to 20:00: I'll be joined by members of IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice) for an online discussion about the future of SEND provision.

Monday 29th June – daytime: I'll be holding a 'Parliamentary Insight Day' in Westminster for young adults aged 18-23 who are interested in a career in Politics. You'll have a tour of Parliament, spend time with my team, watch proceedings in the Chamber and learn how Parliament works.

If you are interested in either event, please contact me and I will send you further information.

My next most local surgeries are listed below, but please visit my website or contact my office for the full list.

Friday 5th June from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Saturday 13th June from 14:00 to 15:00 at **The Coffee Bank, Winscombe**

Monday 15th June from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**

Friday 19th June from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Note Warehouse, Yatton**

Friday 19th June from 18:00 to 19:00 at **The Bell Inn, 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.

As we enjoy the move from Spring to Summer, I look forward to joining you at forthcoming fêtes, fairs and festivities. If you see me, feel free to come and say hello!

Thank you.

Tessa

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