



## **Tessa's August Update**

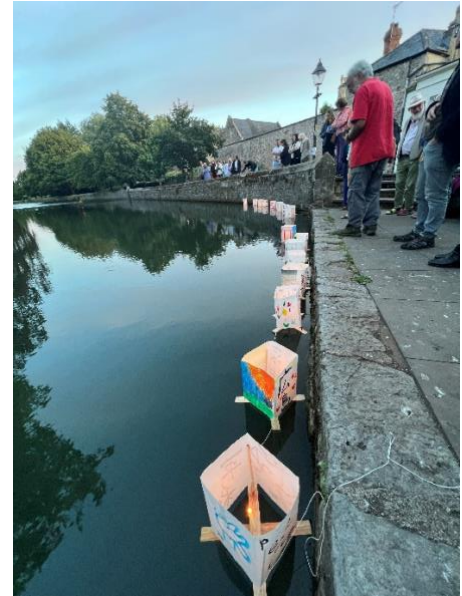
I enjoyed a busy summer. Not having to travel to Westminster, I had more time to catch up with local residents and businesspeople, holding 23 community surgeries during August and listening to your many different concerns, several of which I raised with Ministers on my return to Parliament.

I met local residents at the junction of the A39 with Ash Lane and College Road, noted for its fast-moving traffic which makes crossing the main road so difficult, particularly for parents with young children and our more senior citizens. It'll be no surprise that I've met with Highways officers to raise the problems faced here by pedestrians, speeding, and other residents' complaints about the condition of our roads and pavements, works, contractors' inaccurate signage, and road closures.

I had a fab visit to The Bishop's Palace "fun and games" event. The photo exhibition reminded me of occasions I'd almost forgotten, like the 'It's A Knockout' team television programme filmed in Wells in the 1970s. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the sunshine, and to spend time at this very special place.

Each year on 6<sup>th</sup> August, Wells marks Hiroshima Day with a minute's silence, reading a message of peace from the Mayor of Hiroshima, and as the sun sets, lanterns made and decorated in Hiroshima are floated on the moat in Wells. This is a solemn and poignant occasion, a reminder that we must work to ensure such atrocities never be repeated.

Wells celebrated another fantastic Moat Boat Race – the first time I've stayed dry for many years - always a highlight in my calendar. It's great fun and raises funds for local causes. Congratulations to all the winners, and well done to everyone who put time and effort in to make a raft for the day, and the many supporters at the event.



It was lovely to welcome another 12 young adults to Westminster for my second 'Parliamentary Insight Day'. They toured Parliament, watched a debate and took part in a workshop. Please let me know if you'd like to come to a future Insight Day. The next is in November.

I returned to a Parliament with a new Prime Minister who seems keen to 're-set' politics and work in a different way. My health colleagues have accepted his invitation to work cross party to find solutions to the longstanding challenge of providing care for our elderly and vulnerable citizens, and I'm hopeful those talks continue and are productive. It seems Ministers too have started the new 'term' with a more collaborative approach, which is welcome. I'll keep you updated over the coming months as the programme of legislation is outlined in detail.



If you're running a business locally, I am keen to hear what works, what doesn't work and what should change. I'm delighted that Daisy Cooper MP, Lib Dem Treasury Spokesperson will be visiting Draycott Memorial Hall on 24th October to talk about the rules and regulations affecting

businesses, give an overview of where the Government is, and seems to be going and to answer your questions. It's free to attend and ticket numbers are limited, so please join us and let us know how you could be supported better. To sign up, please email me at [tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk) and I'll send you the link.

It was good to see so many of you this summer – thank you to everyone who came to speak to me at a surgery.

Thank you,

Tessa