

# Standing up for local people



On health

Health issues once again dominated my campaigning, but I felt a sense of real progress with Kingston Hospital gaining Foundation Trust status, with Surbiton's new health centre opening and with long overdue improvements to local mental health services.

Confirmation that Kingston Hospital's Accident and Emergency and Maternity Units are here to stay combined with our successful campaign to save Sunshine Ward last summer made for a good year. Surbiton's new health centre opened its doors last March. The excitement at the successful culmination of over 10 years' campaigning was dulled a little by major teething problems with their new telephone system - but this is getting fixed!



On education

Liberal Democrats on Kingston Council deserve real credit for the major expansion of primary school places in recent years, which saw the new Lime Tree School in Surbiton open last year, as well as the re-opening of Ellingham Primary in Chessington and the expansion of other schools elsewhere.

Yet it's clear the work isn't yet completed, as the latest figures show the demand for local school places continues to rise. More to do!

In April, I successfully campaigned with local parents against proposals to close Chessington's Moor Lane Nursery. The council used incorrect data and it took local Chessington councillor, Tricia Bamford, to sort it out.



On jobs

With over one million new private sector jobs created since the Coalition was formed, last also year saw Kingston's unemployment fall, especially amongst young people. This was partly helped by the boost to the numbers of apprenticeships locally, which have almost doubled in Kingston since the election.

I was particularly impressed by the apprenticeship schemes run by Kingston College when I visited them last year (left) - with their engineering, aircraft maintenance, business, retail, hairdressing, health and social care options. But we must do more to help employers get the skills they need and to help people find the jobs they need. I am pushing "green jobs" nationally.



On crime

Kingston is now one of the safest places to live in London and it is vital we keep it that way. This is why I have campaigned against proposed cuts to Safer Neighbourhood teams and police front desks across Kingston. The good news however is that crime was down again last year in Kingston, with a thousand fewer victims.

Intelligence-led, cross-London police co-operation was needed after a spate of burglaries were committed by gangs outside the Borough targeting areas off the A3 by-pass in Tolworth and New Malden. The gangs were highly professional and organised, but a series of arrests have now been made. This, and the fall in local crime across the Borough, is great credit to local officers.

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## Do you need my help?

"On behalf of all my shipmates I express appreciation for your work to get us our medals." - Mr JB, Tolworth (Arctic Convoy Veteran)

Thank You

"A big thank you for all your help... Because of your response ... the offer of the compromise was still available" - Ms F, New Malden

### Did you know?

Since I was elected in 1997, I have held two advice surgeries a week - more than nearly any other MP in the country and the highest rate of any London MP.

I am committed to ensuring I am accessible to all my constituents - regardless of how they vote. This year my surgeries are most often on a Friday morning at 8am and either a weekday evening or a Saturday morning. Most are "drop in", "first come, first served" basis. See my website or call my office for details.

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Or you can come and meet me at one of my **twice weekly** advice surgeries.

If you would like to receive regular email updates about my work in Kingston and Surbiton, you can join my mailing list by visiting my website.

See inside for more on my record of action...

# Working for you, all year round... In Kingston...

The Queen's Jubilee and the London Olympics made the last year a memorable one - and no less busy! Our Royal Borough put on so many Jubilee street parties I couldn't get to them all. Glimpsing Bradley Wiggins flash past at the end of my street in Surbiton was only capped by watching the Paralympics in the Olympics Stadium. The real work of course was another record year of letters, emails and advice surgery visits from constituents, with problems ranging from overcrowded housing to appeals against the incorrect ending of peoples' disability benefit payments.



Opening Kingston's refurbished main Post Office was a special day, as I initiated post office modernisation when I was the Post Office Minister. The office now opens for many more hours and queues should be shorter.



Edward joins in the laughs at Surbiton's 3rd Ski Sunday and, unofficially, launched our bid for the Winter Olympics in 2022!

# In Parliament...

**My first full year as Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change and a Cabinet Minister kept me focused on three "Es" - the Economy, Energy and the Environment.**

Delivering the Liberal Democrat election promise to increase the personal income tax allowance to £10,000 a year ahead of schedule was a highlight. **From next April, people paying the basic rate of income tax will be better off by £700 a year.**

My work on "green energy" - to shift electricity generation from dirty coal to clean renewable energy - is producing new "green jobs". The new energy law before Parliament will produce the world's first ever low carbon electricity market and bring new green investment into our country.

A big challenge is helping cushion people from the effect of huge rises in international gas prices which have pushed up our gas and electricity bills. So we are helping people save energy and save money, with our "Green Deal". I also launched "Cheaper Energy Together" to help councils form energy co-operatives, to use their combined buying power to get local people cheaper energy. **Watch out for the Big London Energy Switch!**



In December 2012 the Queen was the first monarch since George III in 1781 to attend Cabinet. It was a great privilege to be at the table.



Edward launched the Green Deal with Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, to help people make their homes warmer and save money. For more information visit [www.decc.gov.uk](http://www.decc.gov.uk)



The Queen's Jubilee bought out the best of local community.



Edward dressed up to have his nails painted by apprentices at Kingston College on Red Nose Day.



Edward and son John, with local councillor, Liz Green, wait for the next time trial Olympics cyclist to flash by on Portsmouth Road.



The £650 a year record rise in the state pension thanks to Liberal Democrat policy in the Coalition is worth a few smiles!



Edward joined MPs from across London to oppose the expansion of Heathrow Airport which threatens to bring more flights over the Borough



Edward dropped into the Cancer Research shop in Surbiton to lend a hand and meet volunteers.



Chessington parents celebrate with Edward and Councillor Tricia Bamford the news Moor Lane Nursery is to stay open.



Edward met residents at Amy Woodgate care home in Chessington, including Lola who runs a 1950s style shop.



Edward launched the 'Big London Energy Switch' in Kingston to help people across London save money on their energy bills.