

## HA Newsletter – September 2019

Well, nobody can accuse politics these days of being boring! The events of the past month have certainly tested our parliamentary democracy to the full.

As a result of the fast-moving national situation, I spent the month of August holding pop-up surgeries at various locations in and around the constituency. I am enormously grateful to the café owners, publicans, supermarkets and my team for facilitating these. It is always so important for me to hear the opinions of my constituents and gauge an idea of what the feeling is on the ground. So, in an effort to hear from all of you, in alphabetical order, thank you to the constituents of Bar Hill, Bourn, Cambourne, Dry Drayton, Fowlemere, Gamlingay, Girton, Grantchester, Great Eversden, Guilden Morden, Queen Edith's, Sawston, Shelford, Shepreth and Swavesey who turned out in droves to express their opinions and share their concerns. If I haven't visited your patch yet, please keep an eye on my website as I'll be holding more meetings shortly.

It is my responsibility to represent these concerns on the national stage and consequently, I have been working extremely hard to ensure that our parliamentary process is upheld and that my constituents are placed front and centre of any future decisions that impact the United Kingdom. By the time you read this, events will have moved on again but please keep talking to me to express your opinions and ideas as we navigate uncharted territory.

Roads were a focus this month for me, as I attended the Duxford Road Safety Day, arranged by one of the families in my constituency whose lives have been devastated by dangerous driving. Since becoming aware of the laws surrounding dangerous driving, I have worked with several families in the constituency (for over two years) to try to get the law changed; meeting with the then Secretary of State, Rory Stewart to ask when the legislation to make the law tougher would be brought forward. In spite of consulting on this and preparing a response which toughens up dangerous driving punishments, the government have not yet brought this before the House. We urgently need to ensure that this law is changed, so that more lives are saved. I will continue to push for action on this important reform issue.

I returned to Duxford at the tail end of August to celebrate the Duxford Soap Box Derby which is always one of my favourite constituency events. This brilliant event raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK and brings out the clowns in all of us! Residents career around a grand prix track in any sort of improvised go kart vehicle – I think I even saw someone travelling in a bath! The power of the South Cambs community to do good should never be underestimated. I'm looking forward to hearing the total amount raised.

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, please visit my website for details of my upcoming surgeries - <https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/>.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office on 01223 830037. My team and I are always available to help constituents with any concerns.

I look forward to sharing more news with you next month.



Photo – Heidi and Phil Allen at the Duxford Soap Box Derby on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019