

PREET KAUR GILL MP

BIRMINGHAM EDGBASTON COVERING BARTLEY GREEN, EDGBASTON, HARBORNE AND QUINTON

Report back

Dear {contact.first_name}

It's been a busy start to 2019 in my office, handling hundreds of casework enquiries and continuing with my local campaigns. The last month alone has seen me speak to hundreds of constituents on the phone, on the doors, and at my regular and roving surgeries to update constituents on what I've been up to and to listen to any concerns they might have. I am proud to say that my office has no casework back-log and I respond to all enquiries within 24 hours.

In my role as Shadow Minister for International Development, I wrote a piece for The Times about how the Government has abandoned child victims of violence, which you can [read here](#). I also wrote an article for the Co-operative Party's website on how the Sustainable Development Goals are relevant to eliminate poverty at home as well as abroad. You can read that [here](#).

I have included a small selection of what I've been up to recently, below, but I would encourage you to also have a browse on my website to find out more about my other local and parliamentary campaigns at: www.preetkaurgill.com. As always, please get in touch if there is ever anything I can help with. You can find my contact details at the bottom of this newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Preet Kaur Gill MP



PREET SPEAKS AT WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS SERVICE

The West Midlands branch of RoadPeace held the first ever remembrance service in Birmingham for road traffic victims, which took place at St. Martin's Church in the city centre earlier this month. Preet and Jack Dromey MP read a poem dedicated to the families of those killed on the road, as part of the service in memory of road traffic victims. The poem was written by Lucy Harrison, a West Midlands local RoadPeace group co-ordinator who tragically lost her brother in a road traffic incident.

You can find out more about the World Day of Remembrance [here](#) and the work of RoadPeace [here](#).



PREET INVITES WOODGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS TO PLANT TREES FOR THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH CANOPY

Preet invited local school, Woodgate Primary, to take part in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy project, a network of forest conservation initiatives to mark Her Majesty's lifetime of service to the Commonwealth. Preet delivered the trees - two silver birch, two rowan, and a hazel - to the pupils of Woodgate Primary School in Bartley Green, where they will be planted within their grounds.

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“With crime on the rise, I cuts and reductions to the government has undersold it almost £10 million in their funding. This funding cut comes at a time when we are already feeling unsafe that, despite 2,000 police off government's cuts to West Midlands, we haven't seen fit to adequately support our com

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PREET RESPONDS TO POLICE FUNDING SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The total grant settlement for the West Midlands in 2019/20 is £460m, and although this is an increase on the 2018/19 amount, when additional cost pressures and inflation is considered, this is effectively still a real terms cut for West Midlands Police. The government has made it clear it expects Police and Crime Commissioners to increase council tax to cover costs.

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PREET HOSTS SHADOW BREXIT SECRETARY DURING EDGBASTON VISIT

Preet invited Shadow Brexit Secretary, Keir Starmer MP, to her Edgbaston constituency to meet with residents, researchers, students and businesses to listen to their comments and concerns on Brexit.

As part of his visit, Preet and Keir sat down for a roundtable discussion with local businesses, as well as a Q&A event with over 50 business leaders at an event hosted by Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce and accountancy firm RSM.

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PREET DOORKNOCKS IN BARTLEY GREEN

Preet has been out doorknocking with local Labour campaigners in the Woodgate Valley area of Bartley Green talking with constituents about any concerns they might have.

Preet said:

"It was great to be out doorknocking in Bartley Green with our Labour activists today. Constituents consistently raised concerns that parliament is spending too much time on Brexit when there are other important issues to be tackled, including the negative impact that the Tory austerity programme is having on them and their families."

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Letters to ministers



PREET WRITES TO NATIONAL EXPRESS WEST MIDLANDS ABOUT ROUTE CHANGES

Preet wrote to the Managing Director of National Express West Midlands with the serious concerns that constituents have about the South Birmingham route changes, bus reliability, and repeated her call for a public meeting to hear residents' concerns in person.

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PREET WRITES TO THE TREASURY ABOUT FUNDING TO SUPPORT DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Preet wrote to Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Liz Truss MP, about the need to address the growing crisis in health and social care services for disabled children and their families by implementing an early intervention and family resilience fund.

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PREET ORGANISES JOINT LETTER IN SUPPORT OF COMMONWEALTH VETERAN DUE FOR DEPORTATION

Preet has co-ordinated a joint letter to the Home Secretary, Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP, in support of one of her constituents who is due to be deported to Jamaica, despite not having any family connections there. The letter has gained cross-party support and has been signed by over twenty MPs, including some of Preet's front-bench colleagues, calling for her constituent to continue to remain in the UK.

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