

Siân Berry MP
Member of Parliament for Brighton Pavilion



Dear Brighton Pavilion

It has been one year since you elected me, and I cannot thank you enough for trusting me with this job. It has been really wonderful and inspiring to meet so many of you at community events, and at my regular surgeries, visits and roundtables!

This is my first annual report to you, with just some of the highlights of a very, very busy 12 months.

Every day I feel honoured to celebrate the spirit and values of our city, to take your voices into Parliament to speak up when things are wrong, and to work with my local Councillor colleagues to help you get the best out of public services.

A new Government felt like it could be a new start for the country, but I am sad to see such low priority being given to critical issues like bringing water companies into public hands, protecting us from extreme weather, and desperately needed climate action. Sometimes I have been happy to welcome new policies, such as for railways, but too often I am needed to speak up about very wrong choices.

Working with colleagues, cross party, I have worked very intensively to try to stop plans to cut social security support for older people and Disabled people, and to reverse some of the cruel policies of the previous Government, such as the two-child benefit cap. With some u-turns already made, I still hope we will succeed.

This year, I have also had to stand up in the House of Commons to challenge the Government on the rights of trans people, children, Disabled people, whistleblowers, WASPI women, peaceful protestors, and people facing further invasions of privacy from the welfare system, not just cuts.

I have called ministers to the House to answer questions on airport expansion, spoken up loudly against the genocide that has killed so many civilians and children in Gaza, and stood up for political prisoners and hostages across the world.

I hope that in the next year the Government will listen to commonsense ideas from us, like taxing extreme wealth to stop cuts and investing more in things that help our country thrive, like the NHS, childcare, buses, green energy, warm homes and council housing.

I will keep working hard for you, bringing Brighton's voice into the rooms where big decisions are made that affect all our lives.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

My very best wishes,



What have you asked Siân to work on this year?



As your local MP, Siân is always listening to you, and these are the biggest issues you have written in to ask her to take action on this year. Your thousands of messages have helped guide her daily work in Parliament, and in Brighton too.

CONTACT SIÂN BERRY MP AND HER TEAM

Siân holds weekly surgeries where she listens directly to constituents and helps with casework, as well as regular one-to-one web meetings from Parliament for constituents to lobby her on issues and votes.

To ask about these, contact the team and provide your address, phone number, and brief details.

Sign up for regular emails about Siân's work for Brighton Pavilion:



www.mailchi.mp/bdfb7e133fb5/sign-up



“Due to the prompt intervention and support I received by you and your team, the long-standing difficulty I had been experiencing, with my application for Pension Credit not being processed for over five months, has finally ended!”

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TAKING ACTION WITH PEOPLE IN BRIGHTON



Fire safety problems in local flats are in the news. Siân has joined with residents and ward Councillors to push for action from the Council and landlords.



Hanover residents work hard to protect their streets from harmful pesticides, prompting Siân's new Bill to stop their use in urban areas and look after nature.



Siân has always stood with constituents opposing the L3 Harris arms factory in Brighton, which still makes parts for fighter jets used against people in Gaza.



The fantastic Brighton & Hove Citizens group makes sure Siân works on key issues coming from young people, from school counsellors to lower bus fares.



Local higher education staff from Unison brought their voices to Parliament to win Siân's support for pushing the Treasury on university and college investment.

STANDING UP FOR PUBLIC SERVICES AND THE ENVIRONMENT



The Climate and Nature Bill is supported by Siân and a wide campaign, including local scientists. The proposal saw a fierce debate from MPs in autumn 2024.



With her MP colleagues, Siân has led calls for fair taxes on extreme wealth to cut inequality and fund public services and real investment in a better future.



Changes needed in local NHS hospitals have been a focus of questions by Siân all year, here meeting hard-pressed A&E doctors at the Royal Sussex.



Siân supported strikes by sixth form college teachers over unfair funding, and met with Brighton NEU members at this major rally outside Parliament.



In July, Siân reintroduced the Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill, working with campaigner Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah in memory of her daughter Ella.

PROTECTING EVERYONE'S RIGHTS



At a mass Westminster lobby, Siân met trans constituents and allies, vowing to continue to fight proposals to cruelly restrict trans and nonbinary lives.



MPs working cross party pushed back hard against the Government's cuts to disability benefits. Siân's speech led the final debate in the Commons in July.



Government financial squeezes are still affecting council services. Siân held a crisis meeting with local youth support organisations in February.



No one has been convicted for killing Jay Abatan in 1999 in Brighton. Siân supports his family's justice campaign and has raised his case in Parliament.



Standing last summer with Councillors and local people in the city centre to defend a refugee support service against dangerous far-right threats.

A CHAMPION OF OUR CITY'S SPIRIT AND VALUES



It was an honour for Siân to be asked to speak at the city's annual Iftar dinner, organised by the Dialogue Society, and to share food and inspiring conversation.



With legendary musician Kate Nash, Siân became a patron of the Music Venue Trust, and works locally to stand up for our grassroots music scene.



Siân was very moved to attend the official beacon-lighting ceremony in June to mark 80 years since VE Day saw the defeat of the Nazi regime in Europe.



An absolute highlight of Siân's year is always the Children's Parade at the start of the Festival, where she loves seeing primary schools from the constituency.



Siân writes a regular column for the Argus to talk about local issues and her work listening, acting and making a difference on your behalf.

SIÂN'S FIRST YEAR OF HARD WORK FOR BRIGHTON PAVILION:

CONSTITUENCY CASEWORK COUNTER

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Cases taken up for local people who needed help after having problems with services such as benefits, housing repairs, access to transport, police action, NHS treatment, and much more.

101 MP surgery appointments with constituents

81 debate speeches and spoken questions to ministers in Parliament

115 written questions to the Government

OVER 200 votes cast in Parliament

2 BILLS introduced in the House of Commons

OVER 250 Meetings and visits with campaigners, unions, charities, businesses, schools, nurseries, and local community groups