

A snapshot of Munira's activity over the last few months



Munira visiting Extra Mile project at Hampton Methodist Church which provides pre-loved baby clothes and equipment to those in need



Munira joining one of the regular litter picks in Hampton Hill High Street



Meeting Harlequins' CEO, Laurie Dalrymple. Munira successfully pressed govt for financial support for sport, hit hard by the pandemic



Munira talking to school pupils and scout groups about democracy as part of UK Parliament Week



Munira met Food for Thought volunteers on Heathfield Rec, who are reducing waste by providing surplus food to the community



Munira joined volunteers at the St John's Hampton Wick Christmas Day lunch and delivered a meal and gift to a local resident



Munira visited firefighters at Twickenham Fire Station who have been supporting our NHS with the pandemic response



Munira visiting Teddington-based RUILS and RAID to meet food hub volunteers and hear about their befriending services



Munira met traders in St Margarets and Hampton on Small Business Saturday to promote our local independent shops



Munira visiting the hygiene bank in Hampton run by local volunteers with lots of donations from local residents to meet a growing need

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Munira has:



Munira laying a wreath at the St Stephen's Service of Remembrance, East Twickenham

- ✍ Tabled 252 written questions
- 🗣 Spoken in 135 debates
- ✉ Replied to over 20,000 emails from residents
- 📁 Opened over 1,700 items of casework
- ☎ Held approx. 200 one-to-one meetings with residents

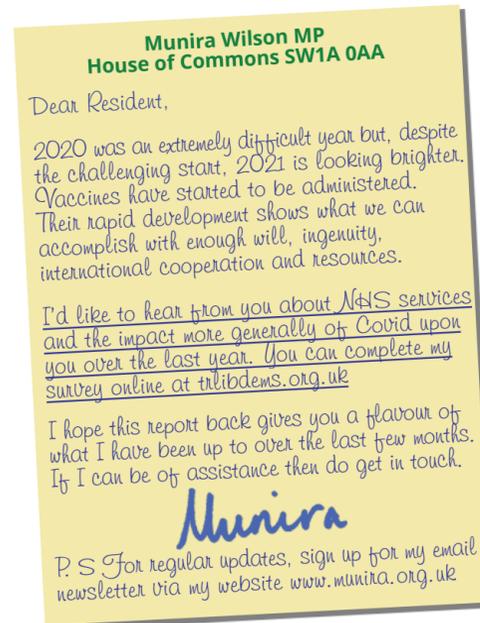
SIGN UP TO EMAIL UPDATES

Munira sends out regular information about what she is doing on your behalf. Sign up at:

munira.org.uk/email-signup

If you would like a surgery appointment, or would like to raise an issue with Munira, her contact details are:

munira@munira.org.uk or 020 3545 2266



Complete Munira's NHS & Covid survey:
www.trlibdems.org.uk/covid19survey

Munira has a small and very dedicated team who support her work in the constituency and Parliament. The work she does is a team effort and they have all played their part in the work featured in this Report Back.

The 2019 General Election result...

Munira Wilson (Lib Dem)	36,166	(56%)
Conservative	22,045	(34%)
Labour	5,476	(9%)
Brexit Party	816	

Elections in Twickenham are always between the Lib Dems and the Conservatives.

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Munira Wilson MP

Twickenham, Teddington, The Hamptons, St Margarets, Strawberry Hill & Whitton

Reporting back to you...

Winter 2021 Issue 2

Inside: Munira's SECOND report back to residents about her work as your MP

Standing up for the EXCLUDED

3m
Have been excluded from govt support schemes

3 million people have fallen through the gaps of the government's Covid support packages – it's approximately 1 in 10 of the UK's workforce.

Munira has been contacted by hundreds of local residents who have been excluded in this way. Without support for over 10 months now, many are struggling financially and with their mental health as they go into debt and family relationships are strained.

Government must take urgent action to support those forgotten about.

Munira has been challenging the government to take action on this injustice since April 2020.

She said, "I secured and led a debate in Parliament in December, which explored the impact being excluded is having on people's mental health and the wider economy. These entrepreneurs and businesses are the backbone of our local and national economy and they will be vital to our recovery."



Munira Wilson leading the debate in Westminster

Munira also put forward solutions supported by various bodies and experts and urged the Treasury to consider them.

Those representing the excluded and the All Party Parliamentary Group for Gaps in Support had been refused meetings with Treasury Ministers for nine months. Munira successfully secured a meeting for them after she asked the Leader of the House of Commons, to help facilitate one.

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Munira's local priorities

Munira has raised the need for a more visible local police presence with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, our local Borough Bommander and the Policing Minister.

Munira said, "Anti-social behaviour has increased whilst local police have been called to support policing in other parts of London."

As well as advocating more community policing, Munira has raised concerns about racial profiling in stop and search operations.



Demanding more local police and a return to community policing

We need more police on our streets...



Govt must step up & help local organisations

Munira has called on the Chancellor to save our pubs and restaurants by providing further financial support for hospitality.

"The perverse Covid tier rules and successive lockdowns are killing our much loved local pubs", Munira said. "I've urged the government to extend the VAT cut, slash business rates and provide further grant support."

She's also lobbied for more support for the events sector that has not been able to reopen at all.

Save our pubs, restaurants and cafes'...

Over the past 12 months, Munira has met with people from local schools, churches, businesses, sports clubs, hospitals, faith groups, universities and charities.

Munira said, "I will continue to champion your cause in Parliament and beyond, such as supporting the Landmark Centre, Homelink and the campaign to save Park Lane Stables."

If you have any issues or want to arrange a meeting please get in touch.



Standing up for our local community in Parliament

Supporting our local community...



Championing the local vaccine rollout

Munira is championing the rollout of Covid vaccinations locally.

Munira said, "Visiting one of the GP-led vaccination hubs at Acorn in Twickenham was both emotional and inspiring after the very difficult year. Queues of people waiting to get their jab is the light at the end of the tunnel we need. Thank you to all the NHS staff and volunteers working so hard in the race against the clock to get everyone vaccinated." Please wait to be contacted for your jab and do attend your appointment.

Supporting the vaccination programme...

Munira's second report back since being elected...

...to see her summer report visit www.munira.org.uk

Standing up for you in Parliament



Your strong voice in Parliament - challenging the Government on its response to Covid

Care homes, testing & Covid restrictions

The pandemic has been dominating Munira Wilson's work in Parliament.

Test, Trace and Isolate

In Autumn 2020, Munira highlighted the challenges many residents were having in accessing coronavirus tests locally, with some being asked to travel hundreds of miles away or "game" the system with a fake postcode.

For months, she has been calling for local councils to lead contact tracing as they've consistently proved much more effective than the centrally-run call centre.

Munira said, "Most importantly, I've been urging Ministers to improve financial and practical support for those asked to self-isolate. If we can encourage more people to self-isolate when asked, this will be more effective at keeping the virus under control and reduce the need for damaging and expensive lockdowns."

Carers and care homes

Munira added, "Care home residents and staff have been badly let down by the Government through the pandemic."

She has championed regular testing for both staff and relatives. Munira said, "I've been very distressed by stories of residents unable to visit loved ones in care homes who have dementia or are at the end of life. I've urged government to end the inhumane ban on visits by regularly testing nominated family members or friends."

Munira has met with some of our 9,000 unpaid carers locally who have been hit very hard by the pandemic. She and the Lib Dems are calling for the Carer's Allowance to be raised by £1,000 per year.

Restrictions on our freedoms

Whilst restrictions have unfortunately been necessary to curb the spread of the virus, Munira has challenged the confusing and ever-changing messages put out by government. She said, "I've called on government to provide clearer communication and evidence for some of the contradictory rules in the tier system. I opposed the ineffective 10pm licensing curfew."

More transparency needed

The Lib Dems have called on government to commit to an independent inquiry on their handling of the pandemic, and much greater transparency in the awarding of contracts.

Standing up for local pupils, parents & schools



Munira, visiting the wonderful Twickenham School; she has been campaigning against Conservative plans to scrap free travel for under-18s.

Munira is calling for a plan for schools to reopen safely as soon as possible, with teachers included in the priority list for vaccination. Disadvantaged pupils must be given access to devices and data for remote learning.

She has met Ministers to call for **extra financial support for local schools**. Many are struggling due to Covid costs, with fundraising slashed due to restrictions. Munira and the Lib Dems successfully pressed government to switch to teacher assessments instead of GCSE and A-Level exams this year.

She also backed calls for free school meals in the holidays. **"I'm proud Richmond Council stepped up in October half term, when the Conservatives failed to."**

Locally, funding for Special Educational Needs & Disability is under severe pressure and Munira has been working hard to secure extra government support.

Voting against Boris's bad Brexit deal



In the build-up to the end of the transition period we saw big queues at our borders at Christmas, made worse by Covid

On the EU trade deal agreed just before Christmas, Munira said, "It is the only trade deal in history that puts up barriers to trade rather than takes them away. Crucially, **it contains very little for our service sector which constitutes 80% of the UK economy and supports many jobs locally**. It leaves this key industry in limbo and subject to future negotiations."

She added, "I could not in good faith vote for this threadbare deal that's bad for jobs, bad for business and bad for our environment. Ultimately, it will make people less well off." **Read her full statement online.**

Making climate change & air pollution a priority



Munira continues to fight Conservative plans for Heathrow expansion despite the most recent legal setback - Sign the petition here: <http://bit.ly/3iaKjDZ>

Munira has urged the PM to put climate action at the heart of the Covid-19 recovery by investing in green jobs and infrastructure.

She has also **been pressing the Environment Secretary to publish an annual report on actions to improve air quality**. Munira said "2 million Londoners are exposed to illegal levels of air pollution."

"We are seeing great worldwide biodiversity loss due to how we produce and consume food. Munira has urged Ministers to maintain environmental and food standards in trade deals we negotiate to mitigate these effects."