

newsreport

from Meg Munn MP for Sheffield Heeley



Abbey Lane School

I was delighted to be given a tour of Abbey Lane Primary School by Year 5 pupils when I visited to hand out certificates at the weekly assembly.

At a question and answer session, the children were keen to know why I had gone into politics and what I could do to help tackle congestion problems outside the school and around Woodseats.



Lunch in Woodseats

Woodseats Methodist Church Lunch Club has a warm, friendly atmosphere, as I discovered when I joined other guests on a recent visit.

After a hearty lunch, I enjoyed chatting and talking to local residents about various issues and listening to their memories of Woodseats.



Saving Bishops' House

Local residents approached me with their concerns about vandalism and the anti-social behaviour that occurred around the historic Bishops' House.

I arranged a visit to the site and organised a round table meeting to discuss solutions – and it was agreed that fencing would provide the best deterrent. Further work will now be done by the council to complete the scheme, with the help of local residents.

Mundella Primary School care for birds

As a former pupil, and also being a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), I was very pleased to be invited to present to the children at Mundella Primary School a bird feeder and sacks of bird food on behalf of the Park Heeley Area Panel.

A RSPB member of staff was on hand to help the children identify the different birds coming to the feeder. It was a pleasure to see the obvious delight that the children had in wild birds.



Woodseats Boxing Club

I was shown around Woodseats Amateur Boxing Club by coaches Brendan Warburton and Paul Porter. The club caters for all levels of ability and meets several nights a week with sessions for anyone over 10 years of age, both males and females. Following success at county and national level, the club is hoping to expand their premises shortly.



Graves Park

Norton

Woodseats



Policing the Steel City Derby

The football derby between Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday requires a large contribution from South Yorkshire Police to ensure that everything goes well – before, during and after the game. I accompanied Chief Inspector John House (pictured) to observe the police operations at first hand.

Welcoming South-East Asian Ambassadors

Whilst a Minister at the Foreign Office I invited a number of Ambassadors and High Commissioners from countries of South-East Asia to visit Sheffield for the day. They were keen to get a better understanding of life outside of London. The diplomats visited a number of locations in Heeley constituency, talking with people involved with a variety of community activities. I know they appreciated the warm welcome they received.



Respecting Shop Workers

I joined shopworkers at a Co-operative store in my constituency to call on customers to “keep your cool at Christmas” in support of the campaign by retail trade union Usdaw to cut down on the abuse and assaults suffered by shop staff. Many local shops like the Co-operative are open long hours including evenings and weekends. Treating shop workers with respect all year round is important so that they can continue to provide this vital local service.



Dan Aid Petitions Downing Street

I joined Christina Anderson, her family and members of the campaign group Dan Aid, in handing over a petition to 10 Downing Street. Dan Aid was set up in memory of Christina's son Daniel Hindle, who died of septicaemia after having his lip pierced.

The petition, signed by over 3,800 people, urged the Prime Minister to pressurise local authorities to implement and enforce new legislation to avert a similar tragedy. Sheffield became one of the first councils to adopt the new law which requires body piercing shops and tattooists to be regulated by their local council.



Commemorating HMS Sheffield

On a Ministerial visit to the Falkland Islands I wanted to lay a wreath at the Monument to HMS Sheffield, which was sunk in 1982 with the loss of 20 lives. Unfortunately high winds prevented the helicopter flight to the monument – but I was able to present the wreath to the RAF, who later laid it on my behalf.

Meg Munn – Sheffield Heeley's voice in Parliament