

newsreport

from Meg Munn MP for Sheffield Heeley



5-a-side football

During the summer Parliamentary recess I joined in a 5-a-side football match at Woodthorpe Primary School.



The match was part of a summer long activity programme organised by Woodthorpe Development Trust for local young people which included a variety of sports and leisure activities such as fishing, basketball and hockey.



Intake Primary School

On a visit to Intake Primary School I saw at first hand the problems that arise from the current dining facilities. After viewing the old Horsa huts – which are now in poor condition and let in rainwater – I contacted the Council about the problems.

During my visit I was delighted to meet the 4-6 year old children, who asked me lots of questions about being an MP – including if there are any dungeons in Parliament, the price of diesel, which football team I support and what I could do to help improve the school.

Play Scheme

Woodthorpe Primary School has a summer programme of play schemes and extra skills activities, including cycling proficiency. I visited the school accompanied by Councillor Martin Lawton (pictured) where I also learned about after school activities during term time, such as the computer classes for both children and parents.



Woodthorpe Development Trust



I met with members and staff of the Woodthorpe Development Trust to discuss key projects that they are involved in. Manager Karl Barton (pictured) outlined the social enterprise work that the Trust are doing with City School and the city-wide projects they are spearheading.

On my visit to the Trust, I also enjoyed meeting members of the Ulley Road Luncheon Club – who meet every Wednesday for a hearty meal and a chat.

Street Force

I visited Street Force's depot on Olive Grove Road. They are Sheffield City Council's maintenance department responsible for street lighting, parking, floral decorations, graffiti, and generally maintaining Sheffield's streets for the benefit of all residents, businesses and visitors. To report any problems ring: 273 4567.

Woodthorpe

Richmond

Intake



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