

News Report

from Meg Munn MP



Lowedges – An Improving School



I recently visited Lowedges Primary School – which has one of the most improved performances in the country for Maths, English and

Science. I was given an update of the school's progress before answering some very searching questions from some of the pupils.

It's great to see schools like this improving their performance, which not only benefits the pupils but the whole community.

I am delighted to have been re-elected Member of Parliament for Sheffield Heeley, to be able to continue to represent the area where I grew up.

Following the election I was asked to become the Minister for Women and Equality.

As your Member of Parliament I have been involved in a number of local issues, I thought I would share a few of them with you.

Batemoor and Jordanthorpe playscheme

Over the summer keeping children and young people occupied can be stressful and expensive. But that's not the case in **Batemoor** and **Jordanthorpe**.

A summer playscheme, organised by the Neighbourhood and Safety Forum, helped keep local children occupied with various activities – fashion parades, a junior pop idol and daytime outings. It was wonderful to see happy children in a safe and creative environment.



'Ink Again' – recycling for charity

I gave my support to the baby charity Tommy's fundraising scheme that also promotes recycling. 'Ink Again' involves people and businesses supporting the charity and helping the environment by recycling their empty printer cartridges. The funds raised help Tommy's continue to carry out valuable medical research into problem pregnancies and helps parents through healthy pregnancies.



On the Beat

I went 'on the beat' with the local 'Specials' Police team to experience a typical weekend evening. We met a group of young people sheltering in front of Woodseats Library. Groups of young people can cause concern, however not all groups get up to anti-social behaviour and the young people we met felt they needed somewhere to go in an evening and at weekends.

The Specials were very professional and able to deal with the worries of local residents and provided a visible and welcome police presence on the streets.

Live on Air

I talked about growing up in Sheffield and my new role as Minister for Women and Equality on Radio Sheffield's 'Rony meets...' slot. Listeners – including old acquaintances – were encouraged to phone in and ask questions live, which I really enjoyed.



Beauchief, Greenhill, Woodseats and Graves Park

My Westminster Week

When I visit schools and community groups, or when meeting residents, I'm often asked 'what do you get up to in Westminster?' – I thought I'd give you a flavour of some of what I do down there.



I'm in Westminster from Monday to Thursday. On **Monday morning** I get the train to London, usually dealing with correspondence or reading some of the mountain of paperwork I receive. There is a lot of paper to get through – too much!!

On arrival I go to my office at the Department for Trade & Industry (DTI) where I'm briefed on the issues of the day.

I have meetings in the House of Commons, with constituents and other MPs. I also spend time in the Chamber of the House – answering questions in my Ministerial role, voting, listening to debates. (A bonus to being in Westminster is that I can support charity events like the annual MacMillan Cancer Trust's tug of war, or the women's 5-a-side charity football match.)

A part of the job I enjoy is going out-and-about. I visit companies and community projects around the country talking to people about their work.

Then there are meetings – with business people, trade unions, women's groups, ministerial colleagues, civil servants.

Although in London, I stay in daily touch with the constituency office in Sheffield and talk to constituents on the telephone about their problems.

I travel home on **Thursday** evening.

Friday I spend in the constituency. It's usually a varied day and might include opening a new school, meeting with faith groups, visiting community projects. Meeting constituents and finding out about their lives is the part of the job that I enjoy most.

Advice surgeries

I hold regular local advice surgeries around the constituency

- **Batemoor**
- **Gleadless**
- **Heeley**
- **Manor Top**
- **Woodseats**

*To make an appointment please ring my office on:
0114 263 4004*



I enjoy meeting constituents who come to London, such as Keith Hall (centre, above). Together we met a Health Minister to discuss improving services to people who, like Keith, suffer from dystonia.



I met Olympic hero Jonathan Edwards just days before he went to Singapore, to add my support to the successful London 2012 Olympic Games bid,

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