



Dear Constituent

I was honoured to be elected by the people of Sheffield Heeley in the 2001 General Election and I would like to thank everyone who voted for me.

My office has handled 1200 problems and issues for local people this year, including home repossessions, medical emergencies, tree pruning and child support to name just a few.

We have had postcards and letters from campaigners concerned about world trade, terrorism, digital hearing aids and fox hunting. A truly varied mailbag!

If you have a problem or want to talk to me about an issue, you can phone, write or e-mail me.

Yours sincerely

Meg Munn MP

Have you visited our Heeley City Farm?

I WAS DELIGHTED to be asked last year to become a Patron of Heeley City Farm. The farm is a community based training, employment and youth project in Heeley located on a mini farm and environmental visitor centre.

The farm provides environmental, food and farming education to around 5,000

children and many tens of thousands of adult visitors each year. Open 365 days a year for free, the farm has community recycling and healthy living facilities. It provides day care and training for up to 20 adults with learning difficulties, youth activities for up to 2,000 young people and support for up to 100 regular volunteers.

There are friendly farm animals, a children's playground, a café (with excellent cakes) and a Garden Centre with lots of compost for keen local gardeners. If you haven't visited, then do so!



Meg and her nieces join with volunteers to hold hands around the farm during open day

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Surgery times

- **Friday prior to second Saturday of each month**
Jordanthorpe 5 - 6 pm
- **Second Saturday of each month**
Woodthorpe 9.30 - 10.30 am
Manor Top 10.30 - 11.30 am
- **Friday prior to fourth Saturday of each month**
Gleadless 5 - 6 pm
- **Fourth Saturday of each month**
Heeley 10 - 11 am
Woodseats 11 am to 12 noon

For an appointment – contact Deborah in my office

News from Meg Munn

Member of Parliament for Sheffield Heeley



CLEANER, SAFER STREETS

ABANDONED CARS have become a major problem in Sheffield since the price of scrap fell sharply. They are being smashed up and set on fire and are a real danger in local neighbourhoods.

Last autumn the government launched a public consultation on dealing with the growing problem and I encouraged local people to contribute to that debate.

In April, as a result of that consultation, the government announced how they are going to tackle the problem. New powers have been granted to local authorities to remove some abandoned cars within 24 hours of being stickered. This will help local authorities respond more quickly and



effectively, reducing the risk of arson. These changes are designed to tackle vehicle crime, clamping down on road tax evaders and control the nuisance and blight caused by dumped cars. I am so pleased that our streets will soon be much safer and cleaner.

FACTS

- **Every time a fire crew attends a car fire, the appliance can be tied up for up to 40 minutes at a cost of £375**
- **there were over 800 burning cars in Sheffield last year**
- **Hundreds of cars are abandoned every month**



War Veteran's Passport Struggle

TONY BALE, a 73 year-old former soldier from Jordanthorpe, applied for a passport in September because he wanted to visit war graves in Belgium. He was appalled to be told he didn't have automatic entitlement to one, because he was born in India to a serving British Army soldier and his wife. He told me he was almost tempted to throw his medals in the bin. I fought hard on his behalf with the Home Secretary and the Passport Service and was delighted when Tony finally got his passport.

...working hard for Beauchief, Heeley, Intake, Norton and Park

Annual Report 2002





Meg Munn in our community...



Pupils from Meersbrook Bank Primary School hand over piles of foreign coins.

'Out with the old, in with the new' campaign

Just before Christmas I launched the 'Out with the old, in with the new' campaign, asking local people to collect foreign coins which were about to be replaced by the Euro, so that we could give them to Save The Children.

Pupils and staff in several schools

helped with the collection, foreign coins came in from Meersbrook Bank Primary School, Oakes Park School, Dr John Bingham Primary School and Newfield Secondary School. Sheffield Shopmobility generously collected a large amount of coins and other contributions came from all over the city.

Over all the collection of Lira, Pesetas, Francs, Marks and other foreign coins amounted to several hundred pounds Sterling. A great effort!



East Hill Special School pupils ask their MP lots of questions at a surgery.

MPs surgeries in schools

UNICEF encourages MPs to hold surgeries in schools so that children can put their questions and problems straight to their MP. I thought this was a great idea and in February I met with pupils at East Hill Special Secondary School and Newfield Secondary School. The children asked me about terrorism, mobile phone thefts, drug use, fox hunting and the royal family amongst many other topics.

Congratulations!

I WAS VERY HAPPY to meet Elsie and Jack Neil, a Norfolk Park couple who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. I gave the couple two bone china House of Commons mugs and a letter of congratulations for their wonderful achievement. They also had a telegram from the Queen and were presented with a cake and bottle of champagne by friends at Norfolk Park Social Centre.



Arbourthorne Juniors Christmas Play

In December it was my pleasure to attend a rehearsal of Arbourthorne Junior School Musical which I really enjoyed, the children were marvellous.

RSPCA

SHEFFIELD RSPCA in Spring Street need to raise huge sums of money to build a new shelter because their existing one faces being demolished in a road scheme. I am very impressed at the vital work they do. It was shocking to see, on a recent visit, how many cats and dogs are abandoned. I urge Sheffield people to put their hands in their pockets and support this work.



Meg, Marley and Kathryn Whitlam, Honorary Chairman of Sheffield RSPCA.

Committee Work

I WAS FORTUNATE to be asked to sit on the Education & Skills Select Committee and so have had the opportunity to look at Government policy in depth all year. We have completed reports on Individual Learning Accounts, Post 16 Student Support and Ofsted. Over the summer we will be spending a week in Birmingham looking at how it has tackled a number of challenges.

This year I sat on both the Adoption Bill and the Police Reform Bill committees. I took a major role in persuading the government to allow Parliament a free vote on extending adoption to unmarried couples. On Police Reform I argued strongly about the benefits of anti-social behaviour orders to encourage better neighbourhoods and I was keen to see the introduction of community safety officers to free up police time.

Walt Addy of Norfolk Park Agewell, my local hero!



Local Hero!

WALTER ADDY, who lives in Norfolk Park, is a very busy volunteer, he gives at least 40 hours a week to his local community, mainly concentrating on helping older people. It was great to be able to nominate him as a local hero and give him a special award in London.



Heather, Lucy, Danielle and Meg in Whitehall outside the Foreign Office.

Visit to Foreign and Commonwealth Office

I INVITED three young people from Sheffield Heeley to visit London earlier this year to learn about national politics and the democratic process. Lucy, Danielle and Heather from Beauchief enjoyed their day, visiting the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and listening to the Foreign Secretary. They also had a tour of the Houses of Parliament, sitting in the gallery to hear the debate.

Good News for Meadowhead School

WHAT GOOD NEWS to hear that the government is going to spend millions to build a new school to replace Meadowhead. The school was formed from the former Jordanthorpe School and Rowlinson School which I attended from 1970 to 1977. This is good news for the teachers, parents and pupils who will now be able to take part in 21st century education in a 21st century building.