

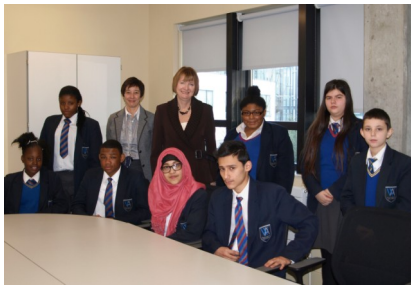
## Harriet Harman - MP for Camberwell and Peckham

### Monthly Newsletter - March 2013

Dear Friend,

#### Southwark MP's calling Met police to account on failed rape investigations

Tessa Jowell and Simon Hughes joined me on the 5th March to call senior Met police officers to account for the recent findings of a police watchdog investigation into the failures of a Southwark police unit to properly investigate rape and other serious sexual offences in 2008-09. Also attending were representatives of Southwark Council and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and Val Shawcross AM.



#### Visiting Walworth Academy

I welcomed the new Head, Yvonne Powell, when I visited the school on the 13th March and we discussed raising standards, improving community safety and involving children in decision making. I also met with a small group of pupils who live on the neighbouring Aylesbury Estate. We talked about living on the Aylesbury, their aspirations for the future and politics - and it was great to see some aspiring councillors and MP's!

#### Meeting Mums, Minders & Children at Tykes Corner Parent & Toddler Group

On the 13th March, I joined local Faraday councillors Lorraine Lauder and Dan Garfield at the very busy Tykes Corner Nursery on the Aylesbury Estate. Local community organisers Jean Bennett, Linda Edwards and Carole Vincent also updated me on developments in the area.



#### Since my last report activities include:

- Cross party talks on Leveson ending in agreement on new system for press regulation
- Older Women's Commission meeting in Durham
- Meeting the EPLP in Brussels
- Campaigning in Eastleigh and Milton Keynes
- Supporting the 343 Bus Campaign
- Voting against the 'bedroom tax' when Simon Hughes abstained



#### Big Little Give Week!

I joined my 'twin' Andrew Pakes and Emily Darlington, Labour's Parliamentary candidates for Milton Keynes, on the 2nd March to meet with volunteers from the local youth club collecting for their local food bank.

#### Lakanal Inquest

After several weeks of disturbing testimony, the inquest is now coming to an end. The verdict will be read w/c 25 March.



#### Campaigning in South Camberwell

On a rainy 16th March, I was out door knocking in the Camberwell Grove area with CLP members Jo Baxter, Ellie Cumbo, Octavia Lamb, Chris Gonde and Eji Nwankwo. It was a great day's campaigning in spite of the weather! The next CLP wide campaign day is April 20th - all members welcome!

Yours

Harriet

## Food Poverty in Camberwell and Peckham

Britain is the seventh richest nation in the world yet we face a growing epidemic of hidden hunger, particularly in children. The number of people turning to Southwark's only food bank for help is a deeply concerning trend, and one that's increasing. In the past year (2012-13), the PECAN food bank on Peckham High Street has seen its client base almost treble from 1,505 to 3,056. For the coming year (2013-14), they anticipate this will double to 6,000. To meet demand, they are planning to open a further 3 satellite offices across Southwark and also Saturday mornings simply to help working people who can't visit during the week.

The ward breakdown is even more concerning as it shows wide disparities between areas within the constituency.

Number of parcels delivered per ward (2012-13):

• Brunswick Park	188
• Camberwell Green	123
• East Walworth	57
• Faraday	89
• Livesey	244
• Nunhead	329
• Peckham Rye	64
• Peckham	451
• South Camberwell	8
• The Lane	213



The Tory-led Government are out of touch with families feeling the squeeze from rising living costs, static income, high unemployment and changes to benefits. This situation is only going to get worse when planned welfare cuts come into force in April. We will continue to urge the Government to support Labour's plan for jobs and growth but families need a government that is on their side as they struggle with the consequences of the Tories economic policy. When it comes to food poverty, we are most certainly not "all in it together".

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**MY ADVICE SURGERIES ARE NOW AT  
Walworth Methodist Church 'Clubland'  
54 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EN**



Fri 22 Mar 9am

Tue 9 Apr 5pm

Fri 19 Apr 9am

Fri 26 Apr 9am

Fri 3 May 9am

Tue 14 May 5pm

Fri 24 May 9am

Tue 4 Jun 5pm

*Getting to Clubland: Bus Routes: 468, 148, 171, 45, 68, 176, 12*

## Casework Update March 2013

Since my last monthly report:

- I took action on 378 cases
- Including 154 new cases
- 3 Advice Surgeries
- 122 people attended surgery
- Average reply time: 9 days

