

Annette Brooke



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Annette Brooke MP and the Mayor of Poole join the launch of a fund raising calendar for Julia's House, Corfe Mullen.



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For Mid Dorset
and North Poole**

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Dear Constituent,

This is my eighth report back since being elected as your Member of Parliament in 2001. Since my last report in February, it has been a very busy time both in the Constituency and in Parliament.

The struggle to protect our basic services, such as Post Offices, bus services, health services and social care for the elderly and the disabled continues.

I am pleased that the national campaign to provide more respite care for families with disabled children has resulted in more money being made available locally. I have strongly supported this campaign in Parliament but there is still much to do.

I hope this report gives you an outline of some of the work I do. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

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As your Member of Parliament I run a busy constituency office in Broadstone to offer you a wide range of help and advice. I cannot promise to solve every problem raised but I will do my best to help.

I hold regular surgeries across the constituency:

Broadstone Liberal Hall

Canford Heath Library

Lytchett Matravers Library

Upton Library

Bearwood Community Centre

Broadstone Library

Corfe Mullen Library

Rossmore Library

Wareham Library

Merley Community Centre



How Annette can help you...



Your Concerns

Annette and her team deal with thousands of letters, Emails and phone calls.

Annette deals personally with every item of correspondence ranging from specific local and personal concerns to national and international developments.

Constituents wishing to contact Annette may write to her:

14 York Road, Broadstone, BH18 8ET

or email her:

brookea@parliament.uk



Advice Surgeries

Annette continues to help many people at her surgeries. (pictured above: Annette and constituents at Wareham Library.)

She holds them throughout the constituency and often works with local Councillors to ensure people's concerns and queries are dealt with effectively.

In addition to these surgeries, Annette conducts street surgeries or surveys throughout the year. Thank you to all of you who have provided feedback on the issues which are important to you.



Westminster Visits

As your MP I am often lobbied by my constituents or visited by groups from the constituency.

Recently I was pleased to welcome the Lytchett Line Group.

There is an Education Unit in the House of Commons who are always pleased to facilitate school or youth group visits.

Guided tours of the Houses of Parliament are free and can be booked for you. If you are interested please contact my local office in the first instance on **01202 693555**.

Annette Brooke MP Reports Back



Being the MP for Mid Dorset and North Poole Constituency continues to be very rewarding and a great privilege.

The problems that we are faced with can be extremely challenging. For example, the shortage of affordable housing for local young people concerns me greatly.

However, I do not think the answer in our area is to have a massive expansion in house building as proposed in the Regional Spatial Strategy.

In the rural part of the constituency I believe we need to find local solutions with town/parish councils working in partnership with others.

I have recently spoken in two debates in Parliament on these issues.

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Proposed new housing areas



Working in the Constituency



Presenting 'Artwork' award to Upton Junior School



Presenting trophies at Broadstone Christmas Parade



Attending the 'Open Day' for Lytchett Matravers Parish Plan



Annette travels to Malawi



Opening Ragamuffins Playgroup in Bere Regis



Annette's Christmas card winners from Lytchett Matravers Primary School



Fundraising for breast cancer, Canford Heath

In October Annette spent 6 days in Malawi visiting banks and microfinance (small business) projects with Opportunity International. Annette is the founder and chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Microfinance and takes every opportunity to promote this poverty reduction measure. Many of the small businesses are owned by women and are used universally to pay for the continuation of their children's education.

Working in Parliament



Annette welcomed the launch of a new logo to help promote increased recognition of the dangers of deadly carbon monoxide (CO) gas to the general public.



Annette marked December's Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by celebrating survivors alongside the UK's leading children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.



Annette Brooke MP showed her commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day by signing a Book of Commitment to honour those killed in the Holocaust and individuals who risked their lives to help those being persecuted.



Annette Brooke backed efforts to raise awareness of rheumatoid arthritis at an event at the House of Commons.



Campaigning for reforms in Child Employment legislation with William Roach (Ken Barlow, Coronation Street.)

Annette has carried out a detailed research project on this issue and is campaigning for this outdated legislation, which dates back to the 1930's, to be reformed. Currently, under 16 year olds are prohibited from some areas at work but at the same time are not sufficiently protected in other areas and accidents are rising.