



Over the past 14 years, it has been my honour to serve as your Member of Parliament for Newton Abbot, a period marked by significant achievements and significant investment: The South Devon Expressway to Torbay cutting journey times, the Flood Defence Schemes in Teignmouth and Shaldon keeping residents safe, our own, and the only rural, University Technical College in Newton Abbot and now the Dawlish sea wall resilience programme, the latest investment by government of £165m, protecting the railway line through Dawlish. There is still work to be done. That is why I am standing again as a candidate in the General Election to finish what I started and continue to fight for those things that matter to our community.

Dawlish lost, and Teignmouth is about to lose, its last bank branch. I have received commitments for a new multi-bank hub in each - after a battle – which I won. Torbay Hospital, on which many of us depend, is now part of the New Hospitals Building Programme which will see it almost completely rebuilt, and more locally I have now ensured the Urgent Treatment Centre at Newton Abbot Hospital and the Minor Injuries Unit at Dawlish are fully manned and secure for the future. But I now want to continue my fight for better services at Teignmouth, with a new home for GPs and our local hospital providing bed-based care. And our smallest villages need our help too. Fighting for a new school in Kenton and a proper flood defence scheme has been the right and urgent thing to do.

But as we approach this election, we cannot ignore what has happened, is happening and might happen both nationally and internationally. Devon with the rest of the country finds itself in a much more uncertain world. Climate change, the threat of pandemics affecting animals as well as ourselves, and war on several fronts mean we must build resilience at all levels. We must address not just pollution, but drought (remember those hose pipe bans?). We must support our farmers to continue to produce more great food and recognise that these external threats could impact what we see as normal. And we need to build homes (not just houses) but in the right place and, more important, they must be affordable. And of course, we need a proper solution to those potholes! Make and mend won't do – we need a better solution to future proof our roads from increasing heat and rain.

As I have always done, I will put my constituents first. I saw during the energy crisis following the war in Ukraine, just how much pressure there was on family budgets. I wanted to see VAT removed from energy bills – and voted with the opposition. Should I be re-elected, you can always count on me to be in your corner - there is so much more to do.

Kindest regards,

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