



## LATEST NEWS FROM REHMAN CHISHTI

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GILLINGHAM & RAINHAM

October 2017

Welcome to my October newsletter.

Thank you for your interest in the work I do on behalf of constituents. Please see below for a summary of my commitments in the constituency and in Parliament.

If you would like further details on my work or would like to contact me, please [visit my website](#).

Best wishes, Rehman.

### In the constituency



Rehman was delighted to pop into the Avenue Tennis Macmillan Cancer coffee event.



Throughout the month of October, Rehman held his regular MP street surgery across the constituency, listening to residents views on a range of local and national issues and taking matters up on their behalf.



Rehman met his brilliant local constituent, Professor Anan Shetty, who has won the International surgical Hunterian Award.





**Rehman was delighted to attend Byron Road Gurdwara to celebrate birth of young Ridhan Singh Basi with family, friends and the community.**



**Rehman was delighted to pop into the St Paul's Church Parkwood Monday Club**



**Rehman had a good catch-up meeting with Bishop James, the Bishop of Rochester, where they looked at local churches, interfaith, community engagement and religious freedom.**



**Rehman was delighted to take part in World Squash Day 2017 at the Black Lion Squash Club in Gillingham.**



**Rehman took part in the Great Lines Parkrun, completing it in 22 minutes. This was his last run for 6 weeks due to foot surgery.**



**Rehman hosted a meeting with Headteachers, faith representatives, youth workers, Medway Council and the police on youth engagement. (Pictured with Mr Miller of the Howard School)**



**Rehman had a great visit to Canterbury University's Medway campus and met Prof Shetty, Sue and Peter looking at postgraduate education and the Physician Associates Programme.**



**Rehman visited Robert Napier School and took part in their school Question Time, with great questions from the students.**



**Rehman visited Rainham Mark School and met excellent Headteacher Mr Decker, looking at working with Central High School in Arkansas.**



**Rehman was delighted to nominate the Rainham Berevement Friendship Group run by wonderful Julie, for the Kent Charity Awards.**





Rehman had a good meeting with Zameer, the CEO of Bestways, which creates over 12,000 jobs in the UK including in Gillingham and Rainham, and over 30,000 jobs across the UK and Pakistan.



Rehman was delighted to officially open Millie Mo Gift & Homeware shop in Parkwood - a wonderful family-run local business.



Rehman had a great to visit Wigmore Youth FC, with Cllr Kemp & Cllr Aldous, who have over 200 players in a range of teams.



Rehman met his wonderful constituent Mary and was presented with a copy of her book. She does great work in the community, and fundraises for the Air Ambulance.



Rehman was delighted to visit the wonderful St Margaret's Church Christmas Bazaar with Cllr Aldous, and wished both Ellen & Eria a Happy 98th Birthday.



## Rehman's Parliamentary Work



Rehman was delighted to support World Mental Health Day 2017 as Vice-Chair of the APPG for Mental Health, with this year's theme as mental health in the workplace.



Rehman was delighted to pop into the parliamentary reception on Restart a Heart Day, where he met representatives from the St John Ambulance, the British Red Cross and the British Heart Foundation.



Rehman questioned Home Secretary Amber Rudd on knife crime, countering online extremism and returning Daesh fighters at the Home Affairs Select Committee.



Rehman attended the parliamentary reception hosted by the Children's Heart Federation, which seeks earlier diagnosis of children's heart conditions.





**Rehman had a great meeting with Maura from Sanofi UK looking at their work on Familial Hypercholesterolemia which affects approximately one in 250 residents in the constituency.**



**Rehman attended Diwali celebrations in Parliament with colleagues Priti Patel MP and Shailesh Vara MP.**



**Rehman welcomed his wonderful constituents Emma and Rebecca to Parliament to look at improving diabetes and medical health safety in schools.**



**As Chair of the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council, Rehman was delighted to welcome Stanley Johnson to speak at dinner and talk about his new book, Kompromat.**





**Rehman met Nick from Kidney Cancer UK, looking at the work they are doing in helping individuals with Kidney Cancer including local residents.**



**As the Parliamentary Ambassador for the British Polio Fellowship, Rehman was delighted to take part in the wheelchair basketball event supporting the eradication of polio, organised by Rotary and the One Last Push campaign.**



**Rehman was delighted to welcome to Parliament the wonderful Rev Judy Henning, the former vicar of St Margaret's Rainham, and her family.**



**As Chair of the APPG for Community Engagement, Rehman met Mohamed Omer of the "Gardens of Peace Muslim Cemetery", and looked at solutions to the Government's Race Disparity Audit.**





**Pictured:** Rehman being interviewed by BBC South East on a local constituency issue

## **Rehman in the media**

-ITV Meridian on local issues

-BBC South East

-Rehman also featured in local print media, including the Medway Messenger



**Pictured:** At DEFRA questions, Rehman thanked the Secretary of State for Rural Affairs for listening to his representations on behalf of constituents and increasing the top sentence for Animal Cruelty from 6 months to 5 years.

## **Rehman Spoke in Parliament on the following issues:**

- The Government's Race Disparity Audit
- The military defeat of Daesh in Raqqa and the power vacuum
- Combatting terrorism & online crime
- Engaging with frontier markets and post-EU trade
- Increasing the sentence for animal cruelty