



LATEST NEWS FROM REHMAN CHISHTI

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GILLINGHAM & RAINHAM

November 2017

Welcome to my November 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 wonderful Winter Wonderland Christmas Bazaar at St Matthews Church, with fellow Cllr Jan Aldous.



Rehman attended St Paul's Church Christmas Bazaar with Cllr Jan Aldous and was delighted to be welcomed back from his Trade Envoy trip to Pakistan by Santa.



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



At MEMS Priestfield watching the Gills take on Bury, Rehman met members of the young cadets supporting the Poppy Legion collection.



Rehman attended the wonderful Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church, Rainham.



Rehman was delighted to attend Tree Planting in Gillingham Park along with Cllr Doe, to celebrate Freemasons 300 year anniversary and their contribution to the local charity and voluntary sector, raising millions of pounds for good causes.



Rehman had a wonderful visit to Rainham Mark Grammar School to meet students and see a fantastic school Assembly led by the amazing Jay Okulaja, the National Anti-Bullying Ambassador.



Rehman had excellent post-school assembly catch up with brilliant Headteacher Mr Decker of Rainham Mark Grammar School and the National Anti-Bullying Week Ambassador Jay Okulaja to discuss his great work on anti-bullying.



Rehman held his regular MP Surgery in the constituency meeting constituents, listening to their views and taking up matters on their behalf. If you are a constituent and would like to see Rehman at a surgery please contact his office.



Rehman attended the Medway Business Awards at MEMS Priestfield, with an amazing list of fantastic local businesses shortlisted for awards. (Pictured with the wonderful team from Medway Council)



Rehman volunteered at the Great Lines Park Run where he met Dan & Gary, who he had a great privilege to nominate for the amazing Barry Clout Award for volunteering, in recognition of all they do in helping make the park run happen every week.



Rehman was delighted to attend the All Saints Church Hempstead Christmas Fair with wonderful colleagues Cllrs Rodney and Diane Chambers and Cllr Jan Aldous.



Rehman met brilliant young members of the National Citizen Service group 4 Glowsticks at their fundraising event at Parkwood Youth Centre in raising funds and equipment to support the homeless



Rehman was delighted to visit the excellent Howard School, with Cllr Aldous, this time to meet two amazing young students Marcus & Owen who he met at a street surgery in Parkwood. He listened to their views on youth engagement and has tasked them to do a report/project for him on this.



Rehman was delighted to meet his wonderful constituent Pamela from Rainham who has raised over £25,000 for the charity Breast Cancer Care and Support.



Rehman was delighted to attend the official opening of the fantastic new 3G Football pitch at excellent Woodlands Academy with his brilliant colleague Tracy Crouch, the Sports Minister.



Rehman was delighted to speak at the annual constituency Conservative Lunch - a great afternoon listening to residents views and answering questions on local, national and international points and on the recent budget. He sends his thanks to Jean and her team for organising a great afternoon.



Rehman was delighted to attend the official switching on of the Gillingham Christmas lights with the Mayor of Medway, Cllr Wildy and Cllr Purdy.



Rehman attended the wonderful St Mary Magdalene Church Gillingham Christmas Fair with his brilliant colleague Cllr Jan Aldous.



Rehman was delighted to attend the wonderful Christmas Fair at Baptist Church Gillingham with Cllr Aldous, featuring a fantastic range of stalls



Rehman was delighted to attend the amazing switching on of Hempstead Christmas Lights with wonderful colleagues Cllr Rodney Chambers, Cllr Jan Aldous, Barry Aldous and Mark of All Saints Church.



Rehman was delighted to attend the wonderful Christmas Fair at Baptist Church Gillingham with Cllr Jan Aldous, which featured a fantastic range of stalls.

Rehman's Parliamentary Work



Rehman was delighted to support the “Know Your Pulse” event helping prevent AF-related strokes (irregular heart rhythm), organised by the AF Association.



Rehman welcomed Rev Jennings of St Margaret's Church Rainham, during Parliament Week 2017, to the House of Commons.



As Chair of the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council, Rehman was delighted to welcome Jacob Rees Mogg to speak at a packed event on “Global Britain & the Commonwealth post-Brexit” with his brilliant colleague Andrew Rosindell.



Rehman met football coaches Ellie & Charley promoting women’s football and coaching as part of BetFair’s Fairer Game campaign.



Rehman was delighted to attend the Parliamentary reception on radiotherapy and pay tribute to the amazing professionals who help people at a time of difficulty. He is pictured with Professor Sharma, Chair of UCL's Cancer Institute, and Catherine.



Rehman had a good meeting with Baroness Hollins to learn about her Bill on learning Disabilities Review of Services, joined by Jonathan Blay from the Royal College of Psychiatrists.



Rehman was delighted to attend the parliamentary drop-in to meet with organisations looking at helping to address heart failure.



Rehman was delighted to welcome members of Wigmore Women's Institute and other local residents to the Houses of Parliament for a tour, followed by a Q&A.



Rehman attended the Premier League Primary Stars Campaign Reception which aims “to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.”



Rehman spoke at the Muslim Safety Guide online launch, in partnership with Facebook and Faith Associates.



Rehman was delighted to attend the Christian Aid reception in Parliament with Deacon Pru Cahill from Gillingham Methodist Church and the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

Rehman in the media



Pictured: Rehman being interviewed by BBC South East News on the 2017 Budget

-Channel 4 News on tackling knife & gang crime

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



Rehman Spoke in Parliament on the following issues:

- On having a special medal for 2017 for the emergency services (pictured)
- On mental health support for the armed forces and veterans
- On what steps the Government is taking to increase outward investment in frontier markets
- On justice for those affected by Primodos
- On mental health support for the emergency services
- On Zimbabwe becoming a democracy and re-joining the Commonwealth
- On the Northern Ireland economy
- On animal cruelty sentencing