



LATEST NEWS FROM REHMAN CHISHTI

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GILLINGHAM & RAINHAM

February 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to my February 2018 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 held his regular MP Street Surgery with throughout February across the constituency, listening to residents views on all issues and taking up matters on their behalf.



Rehman was delighted to attend wonderful Sunday Worship at Gillingham Methodist Church with Deacon Pru Cahill & Peter Holloway, CEO of Prison Fellowship in England and Wales.



Rehman visited Mierscourt School Rainham, spoke to students at their school assembly and caught-up with the brilliant Head Teacher (pictured with their latest sporting trophies including as Medway school's Hockey champions & schools games gold award).



Rehman visited Avenue Tennis and met his young constituent Zack (pictured with his coach Jamie) who has just won another Tennis tournament.



Rehman visited local business MEMS Power Generation in Gillingham celebrating their 40 year anniversary creating over 100 jobs, supporting the local economy and good causes (Pictured with Colin Jarvis founder and Chairman of MEMS)



Rehman was delighted to attend the Gillingham Chinese Methodist Church Sunday service & Chinese New Year celebrations along with the Mayor of Medway, Cllr Wildey, Bishop Michael Nazir Ali the former Bishop of Rochester, and Reverend Kan Yu.



Rehman was delighted to visit the Royal School of Military Engineering (Brompton Barracks) and meet with members of the Armed Forces and civilians.



At Home Affairs questions Rehman asked the Minister to join him in congratulating Kent Police for being rated Outstanding 3 years in a row by HMIC - the only police force in the country to achieve this thereby doing a fantastic job in keeping residents safe.



Rehman welcomed his good friend Congressman French Hill to the constituency, and visited Brompton Barracks, local business Copper Rivet Distillery, Rochester Cathedral and Rainham Mark Grammar School, looking at enhancing ties and cooperation between Medway and Arkansas at various levels.

Rehman's Parliamentary Work



Rehman attended the APPG for Endangered Species event in Parliament to support their campaign on ending the trade in illegal ivory. 2018 is a critical year in fight against wildlife crime and Rehman welcomes recent UK Government efforts on this issue.



Rehman chaired the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council's reception on UK-Ireland relations. Speakers included Lord Howell, Lord Wigley & Nic Dakin MP, and included a Q&A session.



Rehman took part in the Smart Energy GB Low Energy Pancake Challenge with fellow MPs on who can make the most energy efficient pancakes, with British Bake Off finalist Ian Cumming judging.



As a Member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Rehman questioned experts on the committee's inquiry into hate crime and its violent consequences and policy proposals for tackling hate crime.



As Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party for Communities, Rehman was delighted to attend and speak to the UK Society of Chinese Lawyers at the Law Society for their New Year celebrations.



Rehman called on the Chief Rabbi following his question to the PM on the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 needing to take into account individuals faith considerations in relation to burials of loved ones.



Rehman supported the APPG on Breast Cancer's event. In Kent & Medway in the last 3 years 74.2% of women aged 50 to 70 attended a breast cancer screening. Rehman wants to increase this figure going forward in helping to beat cancer.



In his capacity as the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Pakistan, Rehman led a trade delegation to the country looking at enhancing bilateral trade between the UK and Pakistan.



Rehman Spoke in Parliament on the following issues:

- Faith burials and the Coroners & Justice Act 2009
- UK manufacturing exports
- Online radicalisation
- Kent Police achieving an 'Outstanding' rating 3 years in a row
- Syria de-escalation zones & humanitarian military action

Rehman also featured in the media:

- BBC News on the Finsbury Park Mosque Attack
- BBC Daily Politics on Higher Education, the Boundary Review & Brexit
- Sky News on Brexit
- Sky News on Labour's customs union stance
- ITV Meridian on Smart Meters and low energy pancakes
- Medway Messenger on various local issues

