



LATEST NEWS FROM REHMAN CHISHTI

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GILLINGHAM & RAINHAM

July 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to my July 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 throughout July meeting residents, listening to their concerns and taking up matters on their behalf.



Rehman attended the Medway Hospital Summer Fair celebrating 70 years of the NHS, with Deputy Mayor Habib Tejan and Cllrs Wendy Purdy and David Wildy joining in the celebrations, as well as Chief Executive Ledley Dwyer and Deputy Chief Executive James Devine.



Rehman attended the Medway Ghanaian Association 58th Republic Day celebrations.



Rehman attended the Napier Primary School Gillingham Summer Fair, which featured a wide range of stalls and activities. Rehman previously attended the school as a pupil.



Rehman had a good catch-up meeting with his local Gillingham & Rainham Conservative Association Chair Brigita & Deputy John.



Rehman visited Medway University Technical College and showed Ambreen from CARE Pakistan the excellent local facilities, met with students and the principal, and looked at developing similar UTC Education provision in Pakistan and possible collaboration.



Rehman had a catch up meeting with Rev Nathan Ward of St Margaret's Church Rainham, looking at his recent work in the community.



Rehman visited Twydall Primary School (part of Rainham Mark Trust) for their Summer Fair.



Rehman visited Hempstead Junior School for their School Citizenship Awards presented by the local Medway Lions.



Rehman visited Medway Hospital and took part in the prehabilitation exercise fit for surgery assessment by the medical team Tara Rampal and Roberto Laza.



Rehman visited Riverside School Rainham for their school summer fair (pictured with Cllr Jan Aldous, Mayor of Medway Cllr Steve Iles and Cllr Josie Iles)



Rehman attended the Crafts Fair at the Millennium Centre Rainham (pictured with Cllr Jan Aldous and Derek with his paper mache models).



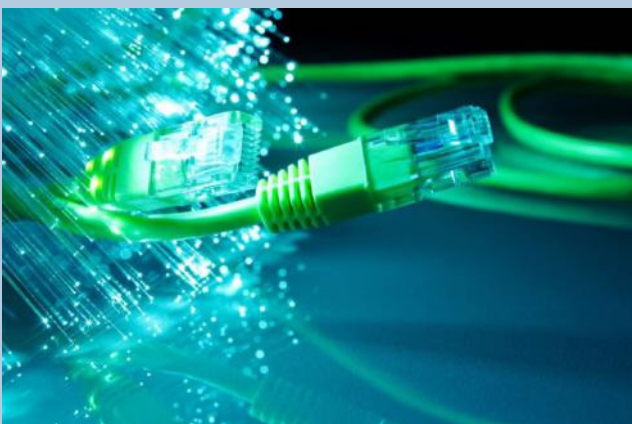
Rehman attended the Rochester Castle Proms organised by Medway Council (pictured with Kelly Tolhurst MP)



Rehman attended the 50th birthday celebrations of Rainham School for Girls and met Executive Head Dr Roberts, current teachers, students, former students and school governors.



Rehman visited and presented prizes at his old primary school (Richmond Infants), now Burnt Oak Primary School Gillingham, at the school leavers assembly.



Rehman welcomed the news that Gillingham & Rainham has once again remained one of the fastest constituencies in the country for average download speeds, ranking 7th, way above the national average, which is good news for local residents and businesses.



Rehman was delighted to officially open a new local family run business in the constituency, Sherwood & Hope Funeral Directors.



Rehman visited local business All Star Quality (professional dog groomers based in Rainham) and congratulated them on their 1 year anniversary.

In Parliament



Rehman presented a Bill in Parliament and launched a campaign on cats calling for microchipping and reporting of injured cats following a road accident. Rehman has done this in collaboration with local charity Animals Lost and Found (based in Gillingham), who he will also be running the Maidstone Half Marathon for.



Rehman welcomed his young constituent Alex from Thames View School Twydall for a tour of Parliament along with her Mum & Gran and heard about her school work, in particular their project on Amazon Rain Forest.



In his capacity as a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Rehman attended the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum in Berlin, Germany, hosted by Congressman Robert Pittenger (pictured with Congressman Pittenger & Volkmar Klein MP)



Rehman had a good catch-up meeting with HE Ambassador Abdur Rahman Bilgic of Turkey to the UK looking at community engagement with British Turkish diaspora community.



Rehman and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care thanked Lesley Dwyer, the Chief Executive of Medway Hospital, for her years of service, following news that she will be moving on in November.



In Birmingham Rehman spoke at the Conservatives Outreach event encouraging people to stand for public life (the panel included Conservative Party Chairman Brandon Lewis, Vice Chairman Maria Caulfield, and West Midlands Mayor Andy Street).



Rehman attended the Youth Debate on the topic of the importance of Religious Education, with students from Rainham Mark Grammar School and other schools across the UK.



As Chair of the Conservative Foreign & Commonwealth Council, Rehman attended the CFCC Annual Diplomatic Party and gave the Vote of Thanks to Foreign Office Minister Mark Field MP for his speech.



Having introduced a Private Members Bill and strongly campaigned on this issue Rehman welcomed the tougher penalties for the dangerous misuse of lasers targeting transport, travel & infrastructure coming into force, meaning safer transport for all.



Rehman welcomed his constituents Darren, Melissa & Hudson Young & gave them a tour of Parliament- Former RAF Corporal Darren is taking part in this year's Invictus Games



Rehman signed the Srebrenica Memorial Day book of pledges in memory of the more than 8,000 primarily Bosnian Muslim men & boys killed on this day in 1995 because of their faith.



Rehman attended the Breast Cancer Care briefing looking at their work supporting women after having treatment for Breast Cancer. There are 690,000+ breast cancer survivors in UK, including 1642 invasive cases in Medway (2015) highlighting importance of post-treatment care.



Rehman met with the team from Battersea Dogs & Cats Home to discuss their work on Animal Cruelty, Government plans to increase the sentence for animal abuse, and microchipping.



In his capacity as the UK Government's Trade Envoy to Pakistan, Rehman met with the UK's Trade Commissioner Simon Penney looking at all aspects of UK-Pakistan Trade.



In his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Conservatives Rehman met with HE Ambassador Qirjako Qirko, the Albanian Ambassador to the UK, looking at community engagement with the British Albanian diaspora community and all aspects of the UK-Albania bilateral relationship.



Rehman raised the following issues in Parliament:

- Sectarian tension in Syria & Iraq
- Perinatal mental health services & GPs
- Improving the quantity & quality of regional rail services
- Big Lottery Funding locally
- Dementia diagnoses
- Eradication of polio worldwide
- Tackling tuberculosis overseas
- Prostate cancer awareness
- Medway waste & recycling
- Teacher recruitment
- Availability of public defibrillators
- Helping young disabled people into work
- The uptake of STEM subjects
- Support for sporting facilities in Medway & Kent

-On the **Home Affairs Select Committee** Rehman questioned the Home Secretary Sajid Javid on Policing and Security post-Brexit (pictured). In another session as part of the inquiry into Domestic Violence & Abuse Rehman questioned the panel of experts on issues including forced marriage, current legislation, local government best practice and raising awareness of domestic abuse.