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Parliamentary News

Martin Salter's Third Annual Report to Constituents

Reading West Constituency – which includes: Pangbourne, Purley, Tilehurst, Theale, Calcot, Coley, Norcot, Southcote, Whitley and the Oxford Road

Working for you in Reading West

Martin lives in the constituency, travelling by train to Westminster when Parliament is sitting.

He runs a full-time constituency office at 413 Oxford Road and holds advice surgeries on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month (tel. 9546782 for an appointment) and drop-in surgeries in Whitley Advice Shop and the Holybrook Community Centre in Calcot on the preceding Friday.

Often on Sundays Martin visits constituents at home on his 'roving' surgery sessions.



■ **WORKING HARD** — Martin Salter MP has taken up thousands of individual cases in the three years since he was elected.

7 ways to contact Martin Salter

- Book in for one of his advice surgeries on 2nd and 4th Saturday each month – Telephone: **954 6782** for an appointment.
- Call in at one of his Friday evening drop-in surgeries in Whitley or Calcot – Telephone: **954 6782** for details.
- Write to Martin at his constituency office at **413 Oxford Road, Reading. RG30 1HA.**
- Write to Martin at the **House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.**
- Drop him a note in the MP mailbox in the Civic Offices, Reading and save yourself the price of a stamp.
- Send him an email message to salterm@parliament.uk
- Go to his website at www.martinsalter.com

"It seems like only yesterday that I was taking my new seat in the House of Commons and yet already it's time for my third Annual Report to constituents in Reading West.

"I promised that I would keep in touch with local people all year round - not just at election time. These reports, coupled with regular newsletters, my fortnightly newspaper column, residents surveys and over 60 advice surgeries a year are another useful way of keeping you informed."

**Martin Salter
MP for Reading West.**

Martin Salter MP – staying in touch with you

Working at Westminster



Martin Salter is currently chairman of the South East Group of Labour MPs and was formerly a member of the Northern Ireland Select Committee.

Throughout his time as an MP Martin has campaigned for a better deal for pensioners - an increase in the basic state pension and a fairer system of concessionary TV licences. He has sponsored a 10 minute rule Bill to promote cheaper TV licences for pensioners.

Martin is leading the campaign in Parliament for an additional cost of living allowances to be paid to teachers, nurses, fire-fighters and police officers to tackle recruitment problems caused by high house prices.

He is pressing for measures to improve rail safety after the Paddington and Hatfield disasters and is a strong opponent of the privatisation of Air Traffic Control.

He has contributed to debates on a variety of matters including: legal aid funding in Reading, Northern Ireland, right to roam, modernisation of the House of Commons, community health care in Berkshire, the economy, home affairs, hunting, air traffic control, transport, bank closures and National Health

Service complaints procedures.

He has tabled many parliamentary questions on a whole host of issues including: local government, crime and disorder, education and employment, Northern Ireland, AWE Aldermaston, police funding, toy safety, GM Foods, prisons, the health service aerospace industries, equal opportunities, civil service performance, mobile homes, human rights and the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry.

Martin is also committed to opening up Parliament to his constituents by organising regular group tours of the Houses of Parliament. Several hundred people have taken part in these tours and the opportunity to quiz Martin about his work and Parliament.

Martin believes strongly in retaining the link between MPs and their constituents and will only support those forms of electoral reform that keep the all important link between MPs and their constituents.

Martin has no outside business interests, believing that representing 70,000 people is a full-time job.

Local Action in Your Area

Over the last year Martin Salter has been busy in...

Whitley

Securing new pedestrian crossings over the A33, pressing for restrictions on football parking, working with police and residents' associations to tackle crime, getting repairs done to Council and Housing Association homes and winning extra money for Ashmead School - now re-launched as Thamesbridge College.

Coley and Coley Park

Working with the Coley Park Community Association to protect and enhance the Kennet Meadows and to resist development on the flood-plain; tackling anti-social behaviour at the hostel in Wensley Road and supporting the evacuated residents of Field Road after their street collapsed into an old chalk mine.

Southcote

Helping launch a community computer project for local people and pressing for tough action from the police and housing officers to deal with car crime and drug dealing in the area.

Fords Farm and Beansheaf

Winning funding for C.C.T.V. to help tackle vandalism. Organising a residents' survey to push for new facilities and the re-design and re-building of the shopping precinct. Opposing the Langley Hill traffic lights installed by local councillors without public consultation.

Oxford Road area

Working with local traders to install new short stay car parking, pressing for traffic calming measures to tackle rat-running and helping set up a new community police office in the Oxford Road.

Purley and Pangbourne

Protesting about cuts to the No. 31 bus service, opposing unwelcome development in Bourne Road and Long Lane and pushing for measures to cut speeding traffic in residential streets.

Tilehurst

Winning funding for new windows in the Mayfair, taking action to curb off-road motorcycle nuisance, drawing up plans to improve and re-develop the Dee Park estate, and continuing to oppose building on the Tilehurst allotments in Kentwood Hill.

Theale

Saving the Lloyds/TSB bank from closure, persuading Thames Trains to reduce their increase in car parking charges at Theale Station by 50% and working for better planning protection for the village.

These are just some of the issues Martin has taken up for local people. In addition he has now dealt with over 5,500 individual cases and problems.



■ VICTORY FOR PEOPLE POWER

— Martin Salter leads the protest by blind, disabled and elderly customers opposed to the removal of cashiers from Lloyds TSB in Reading, Tilehurst and Theale.

Find out More online...

As a new service to constituents Martin has set up a web site at www.martinsalter.com. It will be regularly up-dated with news and information about his work and an on-line enquiry form.

Martin Salter MP

working hard for you