

# WESTMINSTER REPORT

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FROM LOUISE MENSCH MP



An update on what  
Louise is doing in  
Westminster  
on your behalf

LOUISE MENSCH MP  
CORBY & EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Dear Resident,

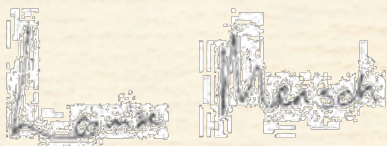
This year will be remembered for many reasons though in my mind it has been special because of the fantastic moments I have spent getting to know the people of Corby and East Northants. Whilst visiting schools, hospitals, charities and businesses, and holding surgeries in Corby, Irthlingborough, Oundle, Raunds and Thrapston, I have met some truly inspirational local people.

Communities have joined together to take action on a number of important issues and I have worked hard to make sure that your voice is heard. I joined campaigners and councillors to view the affects of the countywide street lighting changes and I'm happy to say that Northamptonshire County Council has secured a £132 million upgrade initiative. I have also campaigned throughout the year against wind farms, only last month I put the case to protect our beautiful landscape during a planning inquiry into a proposed site at Lyveden New Bield.

Some difficult decisions have been taken at home and abroad but I am full of confidence about the way our Prime Minister is leading the country through these difficult times. It has been an extraordinarily busy year in politics. I have sat on several inquiries as part of the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee looking into phone hacking and have fought in the House of Commons for action on heating bill prices, better welfare for veterans and called for new measures to help first time buyers and those renting.

Working as your MP is a rewarding job but I cannot do it without hearing about what matters to you. If you have anything you would like to discuss please do get in touch or book in to see me at a surgery. You can email me at [louise.mensch.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:louise.mensch.mp@parliament.uk), phone on 0207 219 7202, or write to me at Louise Mensch MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 1AA.

Wishing you all a very happy 2012.



Louise Mensch MP

## SERVING YOU IN PARLIAMENT

Louise has received thousands of letters and emails from constituents this year and has worked hard to raise issues of concern and get to the bottom of problems people are facing.

In Parliament she has spoken in support of among many other things; legal aid provisions, new independent controls on abortion counselling, protection of frontline policing as well as arguing for more efficient and accountable local government.

Hearing and considering the views of constituents takes centre place in her job as your representative. So she makes a special effort to get out and meet as many local communities as possible, having made over 100 visits over the course of the year.

Alongside this she holds surgeries around the constituency most Thursdays and Fridays. If you would like to come and talk to her it is very easy to book in and she will do her best to assist in any way she can.

Full details of how you can get in touch can be found at the bottom of page 2.



■ Louise and her Northamptonshire MP and County Council colleagues signing a letter to the Chancellor, George Osborne, requesting a fairer share of the government funding settlement for local authorities."

Louise Mensch MP reporting back from Westminster

## LOUISE WELCOMES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR PEN GREEN

Louise welcomed the Department for Education's substantial investment for Pen Green earlier this year, allowing the centre to expand and further improve its research centre.

Pen Green will receive an extra £200,000 in 2011-12 and £168,000 in 2012-13. Congratulations are due to Cllr Mark Pengelly, the Pen Green Centre staff and especially all the Pen Green mothers for the excellent outcome which has averted what would have been catastrophic cuts to the centre.

Speaking after the announcement Louise said: "In my discussions with Michael Gove about Pen Green, the likely grant from the Department of Education to the Centre was mentioned but we were not then in a position to announce it. I am thrilled Pen Green have been successful in their application, and that not only have the threatened Schools Forum cuts not materialised, but instead a large extra amount of funding has come to Pen Green".



### ■ Louise speaking in the House of Commons

Louise has spoken on a wide range of debates this year including welfare reform, legal aid, health and social care, and the economy. She has also put questions to the Prime Minister at PMQs and regularly writes to Government Ministers to raise concerns.

## LOUISE MENSCH MP

*It's easy to get in touch with Louise*



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*If you need my assistance or want to discuss a matter of concern, I will always do my best to help. I hold regular surgeries - to make an appointment simply get in touch.*



**Like Louise to  
attend an event at a  
local business,  
school or charity?  
Call 020 7219  
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# Out & about with LOUISE MENSCH MP



Louise Visiting TATA Steel

"It was fantastic to visit Tata Steel a well established and thriving Corby business which is continuing to expand and be a shining example of the UK's strongly performing manufacturing sector."



Louise opening the new birthing pool at Irthlingborough Outpatients Clinic

"It was an honour to opening the new birthing pool, the whole suite is state of the art and meeting mothers and staff of the clinic there is real appreciation of what a fantastic facility they have available."



Louise at Rockingham village Hall celebrating their Heritage Lottery grant

"It's fantastic to see investment going into such worthwhile cause. My thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund for supporting the preservation of the Hall and ensuring the facility is kept and utilised for further generations."



Louise visiting CRP Print & Packaging in Corby.

"It great to open a new factory which will deliver jobs in the town and working with local schools to offer apprenticeships for students at the company."



Louise opening new Corby company Bakeaway

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## Keep track of what Louise is doing for you...

Louise's website is updated regularly. It contains all the latest news and pictures of Louise's visits, information about the work Louise is doing in Parliament, guidance on how to get in touch with Louise to book a surgery appointment. Visit today at [www.louisebagshawe.net](http://www.louisebagshawe.net).

# Out & about with LOUISE



## ■ Louise Visiting Apethorpe Hall

“It was privilege to visit the Historic Apethorpe Hall and its gardens. It was great to hear about the future plans that English Heritage have for the restoration of the Hall.”



## ■ Louise visiting the Learnscape project

“Being able to see the project first hand greatly impressed me. It will offer a space in a real life classroom for teachers and developers who are building/refurbishing a school to try different set ups for the class room.”



## ■ Louise at the Low Carbon Vehicle conference seeing plans for electric Corby

“To have Corby at the cutting edge of this new technology is great news for the town. The electric Corby project will bring investment into the town and assist its regeneration, with 40 cutting edge car charging points across the town.”



## ■ Louise attending the ‘World’s biggest coffee Morning’ in aid of Macmillan Cancer support

“Attending the Weldon Primary school for the coffee morning was a great privilege. My thanks to all the parents and staff that organised the event.”



## ■ Louise Visiting Priors Hall Housing Development

“Hearing about the plans for the development was very informative having seen for me the work that is going on I’m confident that it will deliver high quality sustainable development which is just what Corby needs in order to continue to grow.”