

Key steps to repair our NHS



Ellie had a positive and productive meeting with local NHS leaders

Ellie has called for more investment in primary and community care, especially in social care, to help repair our NHS.

Ellie has met with senior NHS leaders to discuss the local healthcare situation, and has been active in parliamentary debates on health and social care.

Ellie has asked the government to exempt non-profit social care providers and other charities, like the hospice and Herefordshire Mind, from the increase in Employer NI Contributions. She has also written to the Minister on behalf of local GPs.

“ Health and social care should be fully joined up so that no-one gets stuck in hospital due to lack of care available outside. I want to see a faster shift towards local primary care services so that everyone can get the care they need, when and where they need it. ”



Ellie speaking in the Commons on health and social care

New voices in politics

Ellie believes politics is better when more people are involved – especially those whose voices aren't usually heard. Ellie is running an informal 'new voices in politics' programme for anyone who'd like to learn more about what politics involves and why standing for election is a great thing to do! For more details, please email Ellie.

Get involved

We can only deliver leaflets like this across North Herefordshire because 100s of amazing volunteers spend an hour every few months delivering leaflets locally.

Can you join the team delivering leaflets?

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News for North Herefordshire from your MP Ellie Chowns

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Ellie's work to improve NHS and primary care



Speaking up for Herefordshire

Ellie calls for urgent action on flooding and river pollution



**Right (top): Ellie on the BBC after speaking in Parliament about flooding
Left & right (bottom): Ellie has set up a cross-party water pollution group**

Ellie has been speaking out on flooding on behalf of local residents.

On 17th October, Ellie raised the issue in Parliament and called for a debate on flood resilience. On the same day she wrote to the Secretary of State urging action.

Ellie is calling for:

- Regular preventive drain clearance and repair
- All new housing and infrastructure to take flood risk into account
- Greater investment in natural flood management.

Tackling river pollution is also one of Ellie's key priorities.

She has raised the issue repeatedly in Parliament, and has set up a new 'All Party Parliamentary Group on Water Pollution', which has 58 members already, to coordinate cross-party work on the issue.

Key issues for Ellie include:

- Amending the Water (Special Measures) Bill
- Pressing for the Water Commission to address agricultural pollution
- Continuing the campaign for a Water Protection Zone for the River Wye.

“ Climate change is making flooding worse, increasing frequency and severity. We need government support for those affected – and we need investment to reduce the impact of future flooding. ”

Inside: Ellie calls for solar panels on new buildings

Ellie always working hard for North Herefordshire

— Ellie calls for — Solar panels on newbuilds



Ellie calling for solar panels on every new house

Ellie has long been campaigning for better building standards. Ellie says:

“If we’re building new homes, it’s essential that they are fit for the future. That means they need super high levels of insulation, heat pumps and solar panels as standard.”

Ellie led a debate on environmental building standards in September where she called on the Government to speed up and strengthen the Future Homes Standard. Ellie is also a co-sponsor of the ‘Sunshine Bill’ which would ensure that every new home is fitted with solar panels – cutting bills and saving the planet at the same time!



Ellie listens to local community campaigners’ concerns

In September Ellie met with Herefordshire Mencap and Our News Our Views to learn about the key issues that local people with learning disabilities want her to work on.

Ellie listened to their concerns about buses, benefits & the cost of living, and has been campaigning on affordable transport as a result.

Supporting Westfield School

Ellie campaigning for better SEND provision in Herefordshire

Many constituents have got in touch with Ellie about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision. Ellie was pleased to be able to raise the case of Westfield School in Leominster in a debate on SEND in the House of Commons.

Westfield has been waiting for a previously promised school rebuilding programme to begin. Ellie has written to the Schools Minister to press for this much-needed investment to be prioritised.



Herefordshire Beekeepers Association



Kingsland Apple Festival



Ledbury Fire Station Open Day



In London with cadets from Herefordshire



Apples and Borscht event in Leominster



Marches Counselling Service in Bromyard



Eardisland Craft & Produce Fair



Herefordshire Armed Forces Covenant



Small Breeds Farm Park near Kington

Ellie spends every Friday, and most of each weekend, out and about in the constituency.

“When I’m not in Parliament I’m out and about in Herefordshire, helping residents at weekly surgeries and visiting as many local groups, people and events as I can! I absolutely love working to solve concerns you bring to me and meeting so many local people doing wonderful things for our community.”

Friday mornings are dedicated to constituency surgeries where you can book an appointment to come and discuss any issue face to face with Ellie. Surgeries are held all over the constituency, and you can book an appointment by sending Ellie an email.

At each surgery we’re able to see 9 people face to face. But every week there are many, many, many more who contact us, and who we can help via email or telephone. (Ellie gets about a thousand emails every week!)

Ellie’s always delighted to be invited to visit local groups, schools, businesses, farms, events etc. If you’d like to invite Ellie to visit your community, charity, or business, do get in touch. Please remember that Ellie’s diary gets booked up a long time in advance, so the more notice you can give, the better!