

Supporting nature-friendly farming



Ellie speaking up for our Herefordshire farmers

Ellie has been speaking up for our nature-friendly and family farms after government decisions have put significant strain on them.

In March, the government abruptly cancelled the Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme for farmers with no warning at all. On top of National Insurance increases and inheritance tax changes, many farmers have been left worrying about the future.

Ellie is calling on the government to support farmers better, and to listen to farmers when making decisions.

A sustainable future for farming is vital: for healthy local food, for secure jobs, and for nature protection and climate action.

Campaigning for better transport

Ellie has been focusing on improving our rural train and bus services:

- Ellie has pressed Ministers for fairer funding for Herefordshire's buses.
- She has called on the government to extend free bus travel to young people, a concession pensioners rightly receive.
- She met with the Transport Minister to discuss the problems faced by local students due to expensive and unreliable transport.
- Ellie has invited constituents to meet train company managers to share their concerns directly.
- She is also supporting Herefordshire Mencap's campaign to remove time restrictions on disabled people's bus passes.



Ellie calling for better student transport

Get involved Keep in touch

Can you spend an hour every few months delivering Ellie's MP update leaflet near you?

Let us know you can help your local team and for other ways to get involved:

elliechowns.org.uk/get-involved



Contact Ellie to raise a concern or request a slot at her regular constituency surgery:

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Ellie working her socks off, as promised



Supporting our NHS



Holding constituency surgeries



Supporting community events



Campaigning for affordable housing



Listening to the next generation



Pushing for better bus & train services



Backing nature friendly farming



Promoting local industries



Speaking at public meetings



Valuing our posties



Protecting our countryside

What a year it's been! Ellie has been working tirelessly as your MP over the last year.

In the constituency, she's held regular surgeries, hosted public meetings, and been out and about nearly every week visiting local businesses, schools, & charities. Together with her team she's responded to thousands of local people who have got in touch to ask for her support.

In Westminster, Ellie has been speaking up for Herefordshire week in, week out, making 145 speeches as of mid-June. Ellie has challenged the government on fuel poverty, flooding, social care, buses, nature protection, and much much more. She's stood up for our rivers, supported our farmers, defended our NHS, and called for more rural funding. She's been a true champion for Herefordshire!

INSIDE: Ellie's work on the economy, NHS and rivers

Promises made. Promises kept.

Renew our economy: homes fit for the future

Ellie is working hard to boost Herefordshire's economy and tackle the cost of living.

Ellie is a passionate champion for warm, affordable homes. She's campaigned hard for every new house to be fitted with solar panels, and is delighted the government have listened and made this their policy! Rooftop solar will reduce electricity bills, create jobs and cut carbon.

She's campaigning hard for more investment in home insulation, so that every home is a warm home and affordable to heat.

Ellie spoke out strongly against the cuts to Winter Fuel Allowance, and welcomes the government's recent U-turn on this.

Ellie has also spoken out against the cuts in Personal Independence Payment (PIP). Benefits like PIP are vital to ensure fairness and dignity in our society.



Ellie campaigning for homes that are fit for the future



Ellie supporting local Herefordshire businesses



Ellie meeting local NHS leaders



Ellie at Hereford Community Diagnostic Centre

Repair our NHS: ensure care for all

Improving health and social care is a top priority for Ellie. Her actions include:

- Supporting constituents to raise issues with local providers, NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire, and to Ministers - and getting things changed as a result.
- Meeting senior leaders at Hereford Hospital and in local GP surgeries.
- Successfully campaigning for funding for new facilities including the Hereford Community Diagnostic Centre, which aims to reduce pressure on hospitals and provide quicker access to tests.
- Supporting the project to construct a new Leominster Health Centre.
- Pressing Ministers for more and better government support for local health services.

Ellie is passionate about tackling the care crisis, and has repeatedly challenged the Health Secretary to start long-promised cross-party talks on reforming social care.

Restore our rivers: tackle water pollution

Ellie is speaking up for Herefordshire's rivers:

- Ellie founded and co-chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Water Pollution, driving cross-party work to tackle the problem.
- She's met with the Minister for Water & Flooding and other stakeholders to press for action to protect the Rivers Lugg and Wye.
- She's repeatedly challenged the government in the House of Commons to do more to tackle water pollution, from both sewage and agricultural run-off.
- She's met with Ofwat, the Environment Agency, local farmers, campaigners and the Water Commission to press for more action to protect rivers.

Ellie's also campaigning for water companies to be taken back into public hands so that they work for public benefit, not private profit.



Ellie speaking up for Herefordshire rivers in Parliament



Ellie with water campaigners in Leintwardine

Ellie's always working hard for North Herefordshire.