



A report from your Member of Parliament

# Phil Sawford MP

## Dear Constituent

It has been my privilege to be your Member of Parliament for over three years and once again I want to tell you what I have been doing on your behalf both locally and in Parliament.

### IN THE CONSTITUENCY

I have held 92 advice surgeries in the past twelve months across the constituency in Geddington, Burton Latimer, Wilbarston, Ashley, Loddington, Desborough, Barton Seagrave, Rushton, Rothwell, Brixworth, Moulton, Welford, Holcot, Spratton, Guilsborough, Clipston, Naseby, Cold Ashby, Maidwell, Walgrave & Overstone. I have also held regular surgeries in my Kettering office and in many of the wards in the town.

Constituency casework keeps me very busy, I receive, on average, over 100 items of correspondence a day and I write, on average, over 14,000 letters a year on your behalf.

I have visited businesses, schools, farms, hospitals and constituents' homes. I continue to support and work with local Councils, Trade Unions, voluntary and community groups, sports clubs and organisations for people with disabilities.

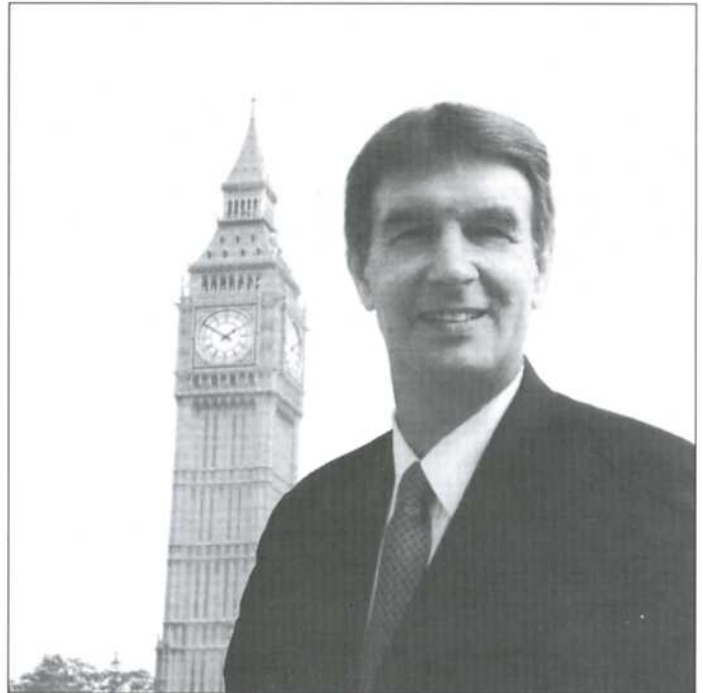
These contacts are vital as they help me to see problems and successes first hand so that I can take your message back to the Government. I see my role as your representative in Parliament not Parliament's representative in Kettering. Accessing available resources to meet the needs of the community is an important part of my work.

A number of Ministers have visited the constituency during the past year including the Home Secretary Jack Straw, Education Minister Michael Wills, Transport Minister Keith Hill, Claire Short the Minister for International Development and Stephen Byers the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry. These visits provide an opportunity for local people to gain direct contact with the government at the highest level.

### AT WESTMINSTER

I am a member of the Information Select Committee and I served on the committee stage of the Utilities Bill and the Local Government Bill. I have raised many subjects with Ministers through written and oral questions on a wide variety of concerns such as - education, transport, CSA, farming, health services, pensions, rural Post Offices, third world debt, animal welfare and police funding amongst many other issues.

Most of the subjects I have raised in Parliament are issues which affect the constituency or are matters of concern raised by constituents and include representations on Health



Trust mergers, the shoe industry/manufacturing, recycling, the environment, firework safety, and the Desborough/Rothwell bypass. I have been actively supporting campaigns to give a better deal for vaccine damaged children, on access to Beta Interferon treatment for MS sufferers, compensation for former Far East prisoners of war and widows SERPS entitlement.

I have also raised a large number of issues in the House of Commons through back-bench Committees and meetings with Ministers. In addition to this I have signed over 350 Early Day Motions covering a wide range of subjects.

There simply isn't enough space to cover the wide range of issues which I have been involved in and there is much more to do but I hope this report gives some idea of my work on your behalf.

### TO CONTACT ME

Remember I am here to help you. If there are issues which concern you please do not hesitate to call my office on 01536 411900 or write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Regards

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