



A report from your Member of Parliament

# Phil Sawford MP

## Dear Constituent

Since May 1997 it has been my privilege to represent you at Westminster and as we pass the halfway stage of this Parliament I want to tell you what I have been doing on your behalf - both locally and in Parliament.

### IN THE CONSTITUENCY

Constituency casework keeps me very busy. I have already held over 200 surgeries across the constituency and written over 20,000 letters on your behalf. All constituents are welcome to come and put their concerns to me.

I have met with many local organisations and made hundreds of visits to businesses, Trade Unions, schools, farms, hospitals, Parish Councils and constituents' homes. I have also supported and worked with many voluntary groups, sports clubs, local charities and community groups.

These contacts are a vital part of my job as they help me to see problems and successes first hand so that I can take your message back to the Government.

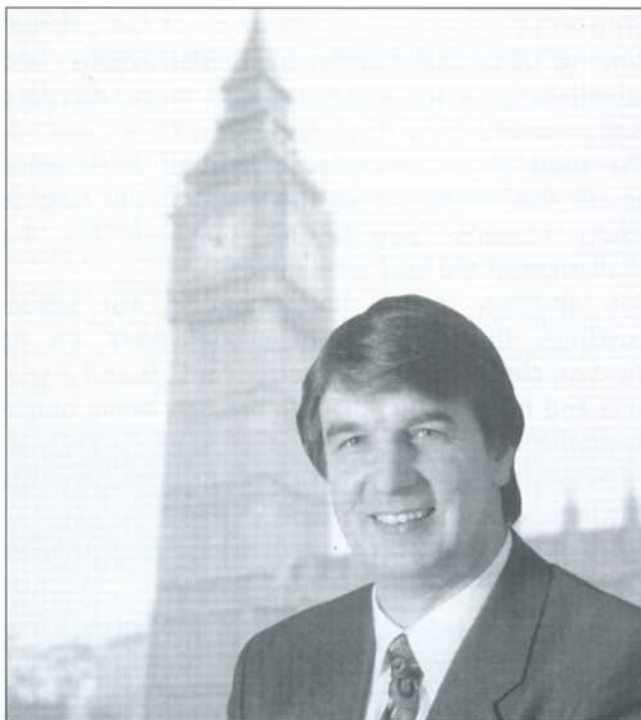
I have been campaigning on your behalf on local issues such as pressing for a Railway Station in Desborough, a new footbridge over the A14 to restore a link between Burton Latimer and Cranford, the Brampton Valley way campaign at Brixworth, free school transport and many other issues.

### AT WESTMINSTER

I have raised many subjects with Ministers through more than seventy written questions on a wide variety of concerns such as - education, traffic issues, farming, health services, the probation service, pensions, access to the countryside, controls on GM Foods and third world debt relief 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 animal experiments, disability issues, firework safety and treatment for ME sufferers.

I have also raised a large number of issues in the House of Commons through oral questions, back-bench Committees, meetings with Ministers and contributions to debates. In addition to this I have signed over 200 Early Day Motions covering a wide range of subjects.



In June 1999 I initiated an adjournment debate on the British Shoe Industry. I understand that this was the first debate on the shoe industry in the House of Commons for more than twenty years.

A number of constituents have accompanied me to Westminster and have had the opportunity to take their concerns direct to Ministers.

There simply isn't enough space to cover the wide range of issues which I have been involved in 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.

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