

Sojan Joseph MP

Ashford, Hawkinge, and the Villages



Welcome to my monthly newsletter. I will be using this to keep you informed about my work in the constituency and Westminster.

This month began with us all paying our respects with Remembrance Commemorations. It is vitally important that we take time to reflect and remember those who gave so much so we can live in a free and democratic society today – allowing us to enjoy the values we hold so dear today.



At St. Mary's Church, Ashford on Remembrance Sunday.

The lessons we can take from Remembrance Day and the preceding services are growing increasingly important as the world is growing less stable and, at home, our communities are becoming more divided than ever.

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to meet veterans from the Second World War must pass their message along to future generations so we can remember their sacrifice and ensure that the lessons of the past are learnt so we do not repeat them.



Placing a cross to mark Ashford's fallen in the House of Commons's Garden of Remembrance.



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I will be holding more surgeries across the constituency – I have had discussions with constituents regarding the following:

- Local healthcare
- Pensions, benefits, or welfare concerns
- Council disputes
- Political Policy
- School issues

Please make an appointment!

Surgery Sign-Up:
<https://www.sojanjosephmp.com/surgeries/>



At a Gurkha Commemoration Event, hosted by my colleague Alex Baker MP outside the Ministry of Defence building. We have a large Gurkha Community living right across our constituency and it is incredibly important to remember the crucial roles they have played in our military for a very long time.



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Every month, I will update you on the progress I am making on your behalf in Ashford, Hawkinge, and the Villages – and in Westminster too.

I was fortunate enough to be drawn for Prime Minister's Questions twice in a row this month.

First, I decided to ask about the Government's plans to improve the housing situation for leaseholders and residential freeholders – many of whom are facing rising management fees, lack of transparency, and poor services. I know this is a big issue in our constituency and something I have organised chaired community meetings between FirstPort and residents.

The following week, I asked Keir Starmer for his views on the situation at Kent County Council and whether the recent suspensions could pose a risk to public safety in regards to the Fire Authority and Adult Social Care.



At Prime Minister's Questions



Finally, thank you to all of the schools who entered my Christmas card competition! It was great to see so many festive and creative designs as we look forward to the Christmas Season!



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Visit to National Grid's IFA1 interconnector to France site. A link which enables the flexible sharing of cleaner electricity with about one million homes and businesses.



Chairing a meeting with the Rail Regulator on the HS1 sub-committee, following their decision last month. Keeping an open dialogue between the Regulator, the operators, and all of the key stakeholders will be crucial in our campaign to restore international rail to Ashford.

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