

November 2026

Welcome to the November edition of my monthly newsletter. I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely autumnal weather before the cold of winter fully kicks in!

This month I've been representing the UK Government at COP17 in Armenia – our lesser known "Nature COP", though no less important than its more famous sibling – Climate COP. I've also had my first outing at the dispatch box, and conducted my first DEFRA oral questions in the chamber – so I'm feeling like I'm now fully in the swing of ministerial life.

At home in the constituency, I've been tackling issues such as HGV parking in Felixstowe, and Anti-Social Behaviour in Woodbridge, and I've had the opportunity to bring people together, including local farmers and water organisations to discuss our local water resilience, and local residents at my latest coffee morning in Cratfield.

And this Remembrance Sunday I've been taking time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, joining beautiful and reflective services over the week in Felixstowe, Woodbridge, and Saxmundham

You can read more about these activities and more below.

As always, thank you to everyone who has taken the time to get in touch, share their experiences and support the work I do across Suffolk Coastal this month.

Jenny



Remembrance Sunday



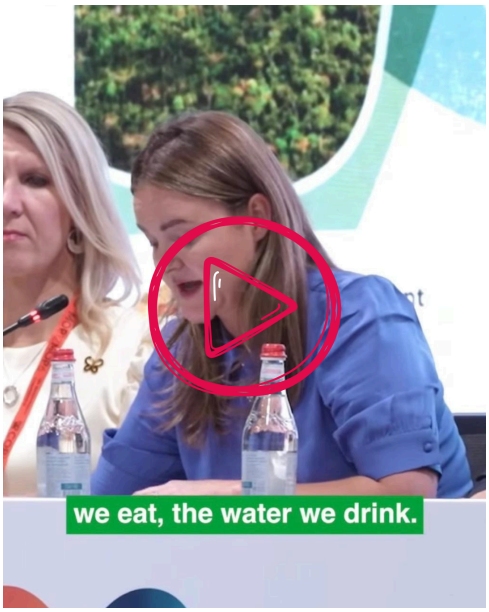
On Remembrance Sunday, I was honoured to join residents in Felixstowe in the morning and Saxmundham in the afternoon to pay my respects to all those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Earlier in the week I also joined the Children's Remembrance service in Woodbridge – which was just as special.

It is always moving to see so many people, across generations, coming together to remember. From veterans and serving personnel, to schools, young cadets, scouts and guides, the involvement of our whole community is vital in ensuring that the stories and sacrifices of those who came before us are never forgotten.

Remembrance is also an opportunity to recognise those serving today and the contribution they and their families make to our communities. With Rock Barracks at Sutton Heath as the home for 23 Parachute Engineer Regiment and 70 Gurkha Parachute Squadron, we have a particularly strong connection to our Armed Forces here in Suffolk Coastal.

I briefly served in the Territorial Army in my late teens and early 20s, so I have a personal appreciation of the commitment and sense of duty that military service demands. I am grateful to everyone who helps organise our services and supports the Poppy Appeal every year, ensuring we continue to remember those who gave so much.

COP17



I ended October in Yerevan, Armenia, representing the UK Government at COP17, a major international conference bringing together representative from governments from around the world to discuss how we can better protect nature and wildlife.

During my time there, I met with my international counterparts, took part in negotiations and worked to make sure the UK's voice was heard. One of my biggest takeaways was how important the UK's role is on the international stage. When we speak, we are listened to, and we are making progress.

A key focus of the conference was how we can turn promises into action to stop the loss of wildlife and natural habitats by 2030. Countries agreed a new plan, known as the Yerevan Pathway, to speed up progress, invest more in nature and do more to protect the environment.

Here at home, the Government is already taking steps towards these goals. We have committed £11.8 billion to sustainable farming and nature recovery over this Parliament, are working towards protecting 30% of our land and seas for nature by 2030, and have set targets to restore and create hundreds of thousands of hectares of wildlife-rich habitats in England.

I returned from Armenia with a clear message: we cannot afford to lose momentum. The focus now must be on making sure the agreements reached at COP17 lead to real action, both internationally and here at home, protecting nature for future generations.

Felixstowe Sixth Form Announcement



I'm really pleased to share that today, Unity Schools Partnership has listened to my concerns, and they've agreed that Felixstowe DOES need a post 16 education offer.

I was really unhappy and concerned when I heard that the school was removing its sixth form offer - with no consultation. That's why I pushed back, engaged government and secured a consultation, so that parents and young people could have a say about the future of education in our town.

So many of you fed into the consultation and made the case for why Felixstowe's young people deserve these post-16 opportunities. And I'm so happy that Unity have listened.

The proposals include two pathways for September 2027 – one pathway for technical skills, and one pathway for A levels - with the ambition to develop a fuller, and longer-term partnership with a local college and local employers.

I know it's not a full 6th form offer, but if we work together as a town it will mean we can bring much MORE options in the future – with real technical skills alongside A level options. Local businesses too can play a part in helping shape the technical skills programme.

This means that more young people will be able to complete their education and training in our town.

There's still work to do, and each pathway will need enough interest to go ahead, but I'm really pleased we've reached this point.

Read more about it here -
https://www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org/felixstowesixthform

Orwell Hotel



When I was elected, I received a shocking number of emails from former employees and suppliers of the Orwell Hotel in Felixstowe who had not been paid the money they were owed by those operating the hotel.

I have continued supporting former employees, some of whom are still waiting for wages several years after leaving their jobs. Despite securing Employment Tribunal judgments confirming the money owed, many have still not been paid.

I have raised their case in Parliament, met with the Minister for Employment Rights and raised concerns with the Insolvency Service about potential abusive 'phoenixism' involving the hotel's former operating company, Noordzee Holding Ltd.

When the operating company subsequently applied to be struck off despite outstanding debts to former staff, I raised further concerns with the relevant authorities. Companies House has now agreed to suspend the strike-off, recognising the outstanding money owed.

I will continue pushing for answers and, most importantly, for former employees to receive the wages they are legally entitled to. You can support the campaign by adding your name to my campaign here: https://getcampaigning.co.uk/suffolk-coastal/c/unpaidwages

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Anti- Social Driving in Woodbridge



Over the summer, I launched a survey on anti-social vehicle driving in Woodbridge after hearing from so many residents about the impact it was having on their lives. From motorbikes and cars speeding through the town to excessive engine noise and late-night disruption, it was clear that people had had enough.

The response was huge, with 234 residents taking the time to share their experiences. I wanted to make sure those concerns were heard, so I brought residents together with East Suffolk Council, Suffolk Police, Woodbridge Town Council and Suffolk Highways at a public forum to discuss these issues, hear people's concerns first-hand and, importantly, talk about what can be done to tackle the problem.

The public meeting was really well attended, and we had some important discussions about this issue as well as many other issues impacting the people who live in Woodbridge.

It was great to hear about what the police have done so far and plan to do going forward and I'm hoping that we'll continue to see progress made to resolve this issue. I'll be keeping a close eye on this and will do another survey in 6 months time to check on progress and take further steps where needed. Thanks to everyone who fed into the survey and attended the meeting.

Banking provision in Felixstowe



Since summer 2025, Felixstowe has been left without a high street bank, despite being home to more than 24,000 people and thousands of local businesses. I have been campaigning for better banking provision ever since, including calling on LINK to recommend a Banking Hub to fill the gap left.

I applied a second time for Felixstowe to have a banking hub – and that application got rejected a second time. I appealed it again – but to no avail.

So, what happens now? We keep fighting – as I always say, if it was easy, it would have already been done. But if we believe it impossible, then why would we try? So we keep fighting.

And in the meantime, I'm pushing the banks to act – and not wait for a banking hub for them to serve our community.

So I've secured agreements from Santander and HSBC that they will act to improve services. HSBC have agreed to revisit the possibility of providing a community banking service in Felixstowe, while Santander agreed to look at moving its regular community banking sessions to a more accessible location, such as Felixstowe Library. Both banks also agreed to raise the issue of banking provision in Felixstowe with LINK. So this is a little win along the way, as we keep fighting for the hub.

More than 1,000 of you have now supported my campaign for better banking in Felixstowe, and I want to thank everyone who has signed so far.

You can still support my campaign by signing the petition here: https://getcampaigning.co.uk/suffolk-coastal/p/felixstowebankinghub or by visiting my constituency office to sign a paper copy.

HGV Parking on Langer Road

Last month, I launched a new campaign to tackle inappropriate overnight HGV parking in residential areas of Felixstowe, following concerns raised by local residents.

Residents have told me about lorries parking on double yellow lines, obstructing visibility at junctions and creating risks for pedestrians and other road users. There have also been deeply concerning reports of litter, bottles of urine and bags containing human waste being left near people's homes. This is completely unacceptable, and local residents should not have to put up with it.

I'm looking at what action can be taken immediately and, importantly, work together towards a longer-term solution to HGV parking in Felixstowe.

I have also launched a survey to build a clearer picture of how the issue is affecting local residents. I would encourage anyone living in the area to take a few minutes to complete it, so that their experiences can help shape the discussions and ensure residents' concerns are heard.

You can complete the survey at https://getcampaigning.co.uk/suffolk-coastal/s/hgvparking

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A parliamentary first for me



In October I took to the Dispatch Box for the first time - to respond to a debate on support for farmers.

The debate covered some of the biggest challenges facing British farming, including rising fuel and fertiliser costs, the impact of this year's drought, pressure on farm incomes and the latest Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) application window.

I was able to set out what steps the Government is doing to overhaul SFI and scrap the “first come first served” application process that we inherited from the last Government, and has left many farmers frustrated. The farming minister is now working directly with sector to bring those changes in for the next SFI programme in 2027.

I also set out the support being provided to farmers including the £11.8 billion of funding for sustainable farming and food production over this Parliament, and the further £15 million that was announced for farm reservoirs and water management this summer.

Farming is such an important part of life here in Suffolk Coastal, and it was a privilege to have my first ministerial outing in the Chamber opening the debate.

Door Knocking in Felixstowe



As part of my regular weekend door knocking sessions, last week I was joined by local Labour activists to speak to residents in Walton, where repeated flooding has caused damage, disruption and costly clean-ups for households and businesses.

I know that residents have faced ongoing frustrations over drainage, road closures and getting the right organisations to take action. I have continued to raise these concerns with Suffolk County Council and bring together the relevant organisations to push for improvements.

As part of our visit, we shared a new flooding information leaflet and highlighted a dedicated page on my website, bringing together useful emergency contact numbers, advice on preparing for flooding and information about the support available afterwards, including help with flood insurance.

I hope this will give residents a useful resource to keep to hand when flooding occurs. If you have experienced flooding or are still struggling to get answers about recurring problems, please do get in touch. I will continue pressing for practical action to better protect our community here in Walton and those accross Suffolk Coastal.

Coffee Morning



This weekend I hosted my monthly coffee morning in Cratfield, bringing together residents from Cratfield, Walpole and the surrounding villages to discuss the issues affecting their communities and share updates on the work I have been doing locally and in Parliament.

We had some really insightful conversations covering a range of topics, from farming, the state of the local roads, and rural transport.

These coffee mornings are a valuable opportunity for me to hear directly from residents across the constituency in an informal and hopefully informative setting, while also keeping people up to date with my work.

My final coffee morning of 2026 will be held in Sutton. Residents should be receiving invitations in the post over the coming days, if they haven't already.

Surgeries



Another regular part of my work is holding advice surgeries throughout the constituency over the course of the year.

These give residents the opportunity to speak with me about any issues or concerns they may have, so that my team and I can work out the best way to support them.

Surgeries are held by appointment, with 20-minute slots. Appointments are often in high demand, so I will always prioritise urgent cases.

If you would like to speak with me directly about an issue or concern, you can request a surgery here: https://www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org/request-a-surgery

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