

It is a huge honour to represent the diverse area of South East Cambridgeshire in Parliament, and I was thrilled to be able to meet more of you at local events and meetings this year.

This has been a busy year locally and in Westminster, and I was delighted to meet staff and pupils during my visit to Isleham Primary School in January.

A bit about myself: after graduating from Newnham College in Cambridge I spent many years as a barrister specialising in business law. The skills I learnt as a barrister have been invaluable in Westminster – whether I am debating in Parliament, scrutinising legislation, or finding the right argument to persuade Ministers to fund various local infrastructure projects.

I am progressing a number of infrastructure projects across the constituency including the A10, the Ely bypass, and the A142. Significant progress has been made on the Ely bypass. Last month I had a meeting with the Rail Minister to press the case for a station in Soham and raised the importance of improving the A10 with the Chancellor. I am also campaigning to get better broadband and have regular meetings with BT and Connecting Cambridgeshire.

Together with my neighbouring MP Steve Barclay, Councillors and local residents I am working to ensure our local services are retained at the Princess of Wales Hospital, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to raise the importance of our local unit directly with Theresa May at Prime Minister's Question time.

I am continuing to campaign on fairer funding for our schools, and in October I brought a delegation of headteachers from our local secondary schools to Westminster to put the case directly to the Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening, to explain why it is essential we get better funding for Cambridgeshire. I later joined other Cambridgeshire MPs at a meeting with the Junior Education Minister, Nick Gibb, to make the case further.

This year is also the third year of my inter-school debating competition. The competition kicked off with a day's training by the charity Debate Mate, kindly sponsored by Marshall Aerospace. An internal school round is followed by the final in Westminster, and I am delighted to announce that this year's final is being judged by Lord Finkelstein.

Finally, I'm running a Christmas card competition for local primary school children, and the winner's design will appear on my Christmas card this year. Invitations to enter were sent out to primary schools in September, and I'm looking forward to receiving many fantastic festive entries!

If you have any issues you would like to raise with me, any local events you would like me to attend, or if you would like to arrange a tour of the Houses of Parliament please do contact me by email on lucy@lucyfrazer.org. If you'd like to follow what I am up to, do look at my website www.lucyfrazer.org.uk or follow me on Facebook @FrazerLucy.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year!

Best wishes,

Lucy