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Annual Report 2021

Labour Member of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green

Fighting for a fairer future

In May I visited the Covid Memorial Wall with Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice UK



The COVID pandemic has brought home the scale of injustice in our society. Too many people in Hornsey & Wood Green are struggling in overcrowded homes, insecure jobs and poor health made worse by eleven years of Tory austerity.

I'm angry that the Tories have wasted billions on Serco's botched

Test & Trace system and handed lucrative COVID contracts to their mates whilst our local services suffer.

We need a Labour Government that builds more council homes, creates decent green jobs, tackles the social care crisis and properly funds our NHS, schools and Police so they're there when we need them.

NHS waiting list crisis

Our brilliant NHS has led the successful vaccine rollout but it is on its knees. Hundreds of thousands of people are waiting over a year to start vital hospital treatment, and mental health services still don't meet demand. In Parliament, Labour is calling for an NHS rescue plan that brings waiting lists down, delivers the best cancer and mental health care, and rewards the incredible health and care staff who have kept us going - starting with a proper pay rise for our nurses.



Have the vaccine when it's offered. It's safe, effective and protects you and your loved ones. Visit [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more.

As your voice in Westminster I've been fighting for:

DECENT HOMES FOR ALL

I've backed Mayor Sadiq Khan's rent control plans, pushed for more new council housing and defended leaseholders affected by the cladding scandal.

FAIR PAY & CONDITIONS AT WORK

I've called for a living wage for all, better statutory sick pay, an end to "fire and rehire" and support for the excluded and small businesses who've been hit so hard by the pandemic.

A GREEN RECOVERY

I chair the Ethical & Sustainable Fashion All-Party Group in Parliament. We need massive investment in green, sustainable jobs for the future and tough action to clean up our toxic air ahead of the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (COP26).

BETTER TREATMENT FOR REFUGEES

I've led calls to lift the ban on asylum seekers working, and opposed the Tories' inhumane asylum reforms.

CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE

I've stood up for businesses and EU citizens let down by Boris Johnson's Brexit failures. As Shadow Foreign Minister I've been meeting with European partners because cooperation is key to our post-Brexit future.

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Making our streets safer



Catalytic converter theft is a growing problem in Hornsey & Wood Green. I met British Transport Police to hear what they're doing to keep cars safe.

Ten years of Tory cuts to our courts, police, vital youth services and mental health support has seen violent crime rise and victims left waiting far too long for justice.

I meet regularly with Haringey's Borough Commander to raise policing issues, and in Parliament I've called for a special fund to help children at risk of school exclusion.

'Thank you for your trust'

A message from Mayor Sadiq Khan and Joanne McCartney AM:

"Thank you for putting your trust in us to deliver a fairer, greener and safer London. We will work tirelessly to deliver a better, brighter future for the capital.

We pledged to lead London's recovery from the pandemic. The work to revitalise our economy, to deliver better jobs, support arts and culture, and tackle economic inequality is already under way.

We've already delivered more



police and record funding for young Londoners. Now we'll build on that work to keep Londoners safe.

We've delivered record levels of affordable housing. Now we'll go further to build the homes Londoners need and deserve.

We've reduced toxic air pollution by a third. Now we'll continue to take bold action to address the climate emergency.

There's a lot of work to do, but we promise to do our utmost to repay your trust and deliver a fairer, more prosperous London for all."

Education 'stealth cuts'

The Tories had to be forced into providing free school meals for hungry kids during the pandemic. Now they're cutting funding to support them in school. In Haringey, stealth Tory cuts risk seeing our schools miss out on £648,600 in funding that should be helping kids on free school meals recover learning and wellbeing post-pandemic.

We need to put children and young people at the heart of the recovery. Not just catch-up classes, but mental health support for those who've found this year so tough, a better deal for university students and a jobs promise for every young person if they become unemployed.



I'm running my popular Politics Summer School for 16-19 year olds again in July. At the last one, young people loved visiting City Hall and meeting Mayor Sadiq Khan and Assembly Members.

GET IN TOUCH WITH CATHERINE:

What one thing could the Government do to improve life for your family?

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What is the issue you worry about the most?

- Housing Environment Jobs Crime
 Health & social care Other _____

If there was a General Election tomorrow, who would you vote for?

- Labour Conservative Lib Dem
 Green Other _____