

Angela Smith MP



Constituency Report Update Winter 2009

Local MP Angela Smith - on your side in Parliament

Coastal access and marine protection

Angela has worked to give us, for the first time ever, the right to walk along England's coastline.

Minimum wage

Angela welcomes the help the minimum wage gives the lowest paid and argues for stronger enforcement and action on paid holidays, sick pay, and maternity pay.

Buses and trains

Angela is campaigning for better and cheaper train services for our region, and for the Woodhead line to be re-opened. Angela has worked to give local areas more control over their bus services.

Energy prices

Angela has worked for more controls to be put on energy prices and more help for those who find themselves in difficulty.

Corus Steels

Angela has made sure Corus locally has been put at the top of the agenda, making sure both workers and the company get all the help that can be given.

Dangerous dogs

Angela has campaigned for better protection from dangerous dogs.

On your side ...

in Sheffield Hillsborough



Angela on your side in Sheffield Hillsborough

There is always a special feeling in the air around this time of year. With Christmas and New Year around the corner and Bonfire Night already gone this is a time for families and communities to come together and enjoy what sets our area apart from others.

However, winter and Christmas are not always the easiest times of year

for many people, especially in a time of financial struggle. I want you to know that I will be doing my utmost to help all those who find themselves in difficulty.

If you need my help please don't hesitate to contact me. Don't forget I'm on your side.

Angela Smith

On your side helping Corus

Angela Smith has been busy making sure any Corus worker who is due to leave the company gets any training they need. As part of Job Centre's 'Rapid Response', workers get extra help to find a new job. In some cases where people have needed help to get the right training for them, Angela has ensured this happens.

She is also working to make sure the £5 million training grant awarded to Corus is

finalised and made available to the company. She is still talking to Sheffield City Council to make sure they do much more to help Stocksbridge get through these difficult times.

Angela said, 'These job losses are very bad news to local families concerned and the steel town of Stocksbridge. We must support those who have lost their jobs and Corus itself. I am continuing to do all I can to help those affected.'



Angela with Corus workers

Helping local schools

Angela Smith recently helped Lound School with their new garden, being created to grow an array of fruit and vegetables to be used in the school's new working kitchen.

The development of the garden is part of Yorkshire Water's 'One Million Hands' project, which is helping many schools create their own gardens. Wildlife will be encouraged to set up home in the school grounds, where wildflowers and a variety of different bulbs have been planted.

'I was delighted to be invited by Lound School in Chapeltown to see for myself the progress being made to create a sustainable garden for the children,' said Angela during a recent visit. 'I am sure they will benefit tremendously from the garden.'



Angela Smith MP ... On Your Side ...

Listening to your views

Local MP Angela Smith recently held a series of well-attended meetings with local people to learn what you think about the city's housing policy and how it could be improved.

Your comments and suggestions have helped her contribute to a government examination of home-rental policy. The results should allow for local discretion in how social houses are let, for example allowing for a local preference to be put into a policy.

Commenting, Angela said, 'I believe these consultations are vital if I am to do my job of representing your views. It's always great when people come along and give their opinion. They help me understand local people's views and they also make sure their views are put forward in the corridors of power.'



Angela discussing new draft guidance on housing policy with local people

In brief ...

Angela meets local > young people, who after helping to clean up Stocksbridge were rewarded with tickets to watch Sheffield Wednesday.



< Working with Bradfield School children to get the boat house improved at Dam Flask.

At the opening of the new Penistone Fire station with neighbouring MP Mick Clapham and Fire Authority members. v



^ Celebrating 10 years of Walking the Way to Health with walkers from north Sheffield. A walk around Morehall reservoir is certainly a good way of keeping fit.

Backing local regeneration

Angela recently turned the first sod (right) on the new homes that will be built to replace the Foster flats in High Green.



The first phase will see the construction of 15 apartments for rent. Once completed, the old flats will be demolished and 7 to 8 new houses will be built. Just as important, all remaining tenants in the flats will be re-housed in the buildings.

Angela said, 'I was delighted to be in at the start of this development, for I know local residents will be pleased with their new homes when they are complete. Everyone will welcome this improvement to the whole area. The project so far has been a model of co-operation between all those concerned and just shows what can be achieved if everyone works together.'

Are there any issues you would like to raise with Angela?

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Angela Smith working hard for individual constituents

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