Get involved and have your say...

My clean-up campaign



I regularly join our fantastic litter picking groups. They're all volunteers and I want to say huge 'thank you' to them.

I'm also organising other 'grot spot' clean-ups across our area so if there's an eyesore near you just let me know and I'll plan for my team of Labour volunteers to come and blitz it. Everyone is welcome to join our litter picks.

Community funding forum

I know how tough it is for charities, community groups and sports clubs to find funding at the moment. So that's why I've organised a funding advice workshop on 2 July and I'll be arranging another one in the autumn. If you want to sign up, just email me.

Survey of residents' priorities

I want to know what matters to you, and any concerns you have about where you live. You can complete the form below and return it to me for free or, if you prefer, go online and fill in my survey **https://www.johnhealeymp.co.uk/2021survey/**

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to let me know your views.

Name

Address

Email address

As we recover from the pandemic, which issues do you think should be a priority locally?

- ☐ Support for local shops and businesses
- ☐ Protecting and improving green spaces
- ☐ Bringing down hospital waiting times
- ☐ Improving physical and mental health
- ☐ Investing in schools and facilities for young people
- ☐ Improving skills and training
- ☐ Other

What would you like to see improved in your area?

Please cut out, put in an envelope and return to
FREEPOST JOHN HEALEY
(no stamp or further information required)

From the rest of your Labour team...



"I thank all those who voted for me in the recent Police and Crime Commissioner election. This was the best result I have had in three elections. I stood as a Labour candidate but as Commissioner I have taken an oath to work for the good of everyone in South Yorkshire, whoever they are and wherever they live."

Alan Billings,
South Yorkshire PCC
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"Councillor Atkin and Councillor Cowen would like to thank all Wath residents for their fantastic support in electing them to office. We are here to support all of our community and will always endeavour to give our best."

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The last year has been so difficult for so many people.

Our way of life changed with the covid pandemic and people made huge sacrifices, while key workers and volunteers showed great dedication to helping us get through. Thank you to all of them.

I sent you my last report at the start of the covid crisis in April 2020. Since then, I've seen a big increase in the number of people asking me for help as MP.

Now as we emerge from the pandemic and look to the future, I'd really like to know what your priorities are for 2021 so please do complete my short survey. Thank you.

Like everyone else, I've had to do things differently over the last year but I have continued to work as your MP throughout.

- I campaigned to get cemeteries, dump-it sites, fishing and post offices back open
- I challenged employers and the Government on keeping workers safe
- I volunteered with local food banks to help get emergency deliveries to people who were housebound
- I made sure frontline care workers got help with family food costs
- I fought for student nurses – drafted into the covid frontline in hospitals – to get paid
- I spoke up for the many the Government left with no support, like self-employed people, childcare workers and some businesses
- I helped get thousands of pounds in grants to local businesses desperately in need of support
- I took up your concerns about restrictions on weddings, hair and beauty businesses, gyms, play centres and sports facilities directly in meetings with health ministers
- I did volunteer shifts in our vaccination centres in Goldthorpe, Rawmarsh, Wath and Bramley
- I worked closely with the organisations and authorities on the covid frontline – our local NHS, councils, job centre and police – checking on the impact and making sure they had the support they needed
- I fought for children to receive food through the holidays, because so many families are struggling with less income
- I tackled landlords to help students paying for accommodation they couldn't use

As your Member of Parliament, I work for you. So I hope this report is useful to you.

If you have any concerns or need my assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With good wishes.

John Healey

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Sign up to my newsletter

My work in numbers 2020-21

- ✔ **3,200** new cases
- ✔ **37** advice surgeries
- ✔ **200+** meetings on constituency matters
- ✔ **22** school classes
- ✔ **32** sessions helping food banks and delivering emergency parcels and hampers
- ✔ **8** shifts as a covid vaccine volunteer
- ✔ **319** Parliamentary Questions asked
- ✔ **108** times spoken in **42** Commons debates
- ✔ **243** Commons votes

I've been named the top MP – out of 650 – for constituency campaigning and ranked among the best for being a good MP – being open and responsive to constituents.

Tackling anti-social behaviour and getting more police on the streets

Crime and anti-social behaviour really worries people. I speak regularly to the borough commanders at Barnsley and Rotherham and I've been pressing them, and South Yorkshire's chief constable, for more officers on the beat in neighbourhoods.

Recently I've been campaigning for

More police stations – I want Goldthorpe and Rawmarsh police stations to be open to the public and a new police station for the north of Rotherham, in Wath or Swinton. In 2019 the chief constable assured me he would bring a permanent police base back to Wath. Sign my petition: **https://www.johnhealeymp.co.uk/police/**

Cortonwood anti-social behaviour – I am calling for tougher action, like an injunction, to stop boy racers meeting at Cortonwood retail park and keeping residents awake into the early hours. I organised a public meeting, got police to carry out more operations, secured more money for cameras on the Parkway through our police and crime commissioner and made sure the retail park gates got closed at night.

Quad and off-road bikes – I'm tackling problems with off-road bikes damaging wildlife and green space at Silverwood nature reserve, on the Trans Pennine Trail and on footpaths and the golf course at Manvers. Residents around the constituency tell me they're disturbed by these vehicles being driven anti-socially so I'm calling for stricter rules around ownership. I'm running a survey and will take the results and identified hot spots to police, councils and the Government: **https://www.johnhealeymp.co.uk/off-road-quad-bike-survey/**



I want to stop new HS2 route



I want the new HS2 route to be stopped. The rail line will have a big impact on South Yorkshire but won't benefit us – and I put this case for our community to the Secretary of State for Transport at a meeting this year. I'm also concerned we're being sold short on stations because the proposed stop at Goldthorpe will be on a loop, not the main line.
Visit my website for more and watch my video: **https://www.johnhealeymp.co.uk/tag/hs2/**

NHS dentist funding extended

Nearly 5,000 people in the constituency still have an NHS dentist after I secured a funding extension. The money has enabled practices in Wath, Swinton, Rawmarsh and Bramley to take on new patients.

The funding was due to stop in April so I talked to dentists, built a case for the scheme to continue then set this out at a meeting with NHS bosses.

Now I'm working hard to secure the funding we need permanently.

Seeking justice for CSE survivors

We have to seek justice for survivors of child sexual exploitation and I've been urging the Government to provide sufficient funding so investigations can continue.

I get regular updates from the National Crime Agency on Operation Stovewood, its investigation into historic child sexual abuse in Rotherham. It has 43 separate investigations with 273 suspects. 20 people have been convicted for 40 crimes, and 190 arrested. A significant number of trials are pending.

If you are a survivor or witness contact: **www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/Stovewood**

Fighting for support for steel



John at Liberty Steel's Thrybergh mill

I work closely with Liberty steel bosses and union reps, to try to get the support from Government the industry needs. I'm fighting for a long-term plan to protect and support UK steel, including a guarantee from the Government to use British steel in infrastructure projects. UK steel is vital for our economy and security. We produce some of the best steel in the world in South Yorkshire and it supports thousands of good jobs here.

"John is always fighting for steelmaking in Rotherham, and always on at the Government to back the UK steel industry."
Chris Williamson, Aldwarke steelworks

Campaigning for justice on miners' pensions

I've been campaigning for years for changes to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme, and its unfair arrangement where surpluses are shared 50-50 between members and the Government.

I called for an inquiry which reported this year and found the Government was negligent when setting up the scheme. It said it should make the scheme more generous to miners and give them an extra £14 a week immediately.

I'll be doing all I can with other MPs to make sure Ministers act on the recommendations.

The Government has taken billions out without putting anything in, while half of ex-miners get less than £65 a week.

Thousands are dying every year and those still with us suffer with poor health and struggle to get by.

Challenging cuts to our Armed Forces



John with Labour leader Keir Starmer meeting service personnel on the Joint Covid Support Force at HQ Standing Joint Command in Aldershot

As you may know, as well as being your MP I lead for Labour on defence. Recently I've been challenging the Prime Minister on breaking his 2019 promise not to cut the Armed Forces "in any form". In the face of growing threats, he's cutting the Forces by 10,000 – making the British Army the smallest for 300 years – and this comes on top of 45,000 full timers already cut since 2010.

I'm also urging the Government to buy British whenever possible, to create jobs and support industries like steel.

What have I done in your area?

- Secured dentist funding in **Wath, Rawmarsh, Swinton** and **Bramley**
- Won a cut in the speed limit from 40 to 30mph in **Ravenfield** and **Thrybergh**
- Tackling damage and anti-social behaviour caused by quad bikers near **Manvers**
- Fighting for better protection for **Silverwood nature reserve** – sign my petition at **https://www.johnhealeymp.co.uk/protect-silverwood-nature-reserve/**
- Brought Network Rail and Barnsley Council together to help get Straight Lane bridge in **Goldthorpe** reopened
- Campaigning for 20mph zones outside all schools in the **Dearne.** Sign my petition at **https://www.johnhealeymp.co.uk/safer-streets/**
- Made sure a Christmas charity event could go ahead in **Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe** and **Bolton**
- Helped residents dealing with flooding in **Kilnhurst**, and am still working with the Environment Agency and pressing Ministers to better protect the school
- Got the **Woodlaithes** developer to accept responsibility for maintaining the pond
- Helped sort out problems with buses in **Swinton**
- Tackled problem parking in **Rawmarsh**
- Donated to and volunteered at food banks in **Wath**, **Cortonwood, Swinton, Goldthorpe** and **Sunnyside**
- Made sure police patrolled **Harley** and **Wentworth** to deter visitors during covid lockdowns
- Pressed to get post offices back open in **Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe** and **Rawmarsh** at the start of the pandemic
- Delivered Christmas gifts and hampers to people in **Thurnscoe, Wath** and **Sunnyside**
- Litter picks in **Swinton, Rawmarsh, Wickersley, Bolton** and **Goldthorpe**
- Working on plans to regenerate **Goldthorpe** as part of the Town Board
- Tackling anti-social behaviour by drivers in **Brampton**
- Fighting for a new police station for **Wath** or **Swinton,** and for those in **Rawmarsh** and **Goldthorpe** to open to the public – sign my petition: **https://www.johnhealeymp.co.uk/police/**

How John helped me

"I contacted John at the start of the pandemic about Rawmarsh cemetery being closed. He got it reopened so I could go and visit my dad's grave. It meant so much to me and other families. I thank him from the bottom of my heart."
Lisa Roebuck, Rawmarsh

"John has been campaigning for student nurses to get paid when working on the frontline in hospitals during the pandemic. He genuinely cares and really listened to us. Having his support gave me and my colleagues a big boost when we were flat out fighting covid."
Amanda Dewes, student paediatric nurse and RCN ambassador, Thurnscoe

"John has been a valuable asset to Montgomery Hall's efforts to feed our community during the COVID-19 pandemic – not only packing and delivering food parcels but also donating funds for Christmas hampers. He was also an NHS volunteer helping in the delivery of the vaccine programme."
Lynn Cadman, Wath Montgomery Hall

"I contacted John after my business was turned down for a covid grant. He got an urgent review and the decision changed. We take great pride in Wath and this means we can continue to invest in the town."
Adrian Harris, Adrian Allen Hair, Wath

"John is an honest, down-to-earth man with a lot of heart. He stands up for the little guys and fights for the community. He went above and beyond to make sure we could cheer up families at Christmas."
Stacey Richardson, Bolton-on-Dearne

"We approached John after the council said they wanted to demolish our outhouse. He came to look for himself, then contacted the council and they agreed to fund repairs instead. John was courteous and helpful and does a good job as our MP."
Tina Dowdall, Wickersley

"When I was refused a covid grant, I thought I'd have to close the business I'd worked so hard to build up and I wouldn't be able to feed my family. But John got everything sorted and now our company is going from strength to strength. I don't know where we would have been without him, I can't thank him enough."
Dominic Francis, South Yorkshire Windows, Thurnscoe

"John helped us get a grant that kept our brewery going through the pandemic. He's a big supporter of pubs and the brewing industry, especially small brewers."
Dale Palmer, brewery owner, Thurnscoe

"I have a number of health conditions but was told I didn't qualify for a blue badge. John helped me get the decision overturned which has made my life easier to cope with."
Jayne Shakespeare, Ravenfield

"We are very fortunate to have an MP like John. I am a wheelchair user and was experiencing problems in getting an accessible ramp installed at my property. John provided invaluable help."
Sandy Smith, Bolton-on-Dearne