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Working hard for West Worcestershire

Harriett Baldwin has been working hard for communities across West Worcestershire since she was selected as parliamentary candidate for the Conservatives in 2006.

She joined Sir Michael Spicer MP campaigning for a new hospital in Malvern. "I was thrilled when it was announced that a new hospital would be built on the Worcester Road by 2010," says Harriett.

After 2007's severe floods, she arranged David Cameron's visit to Upton-upon-Severn. Now the Environment Agency has announced funding for permanent flood defences for the town. Flood schemes for Pershore's Defford Road, Powick and Uckinghall are also on track.

Other successful campaigns included saving our GP dispensaries in Upton and Pershore and planning a radiotherapy unit for Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Some 2009 priorities are:

- Scrutinising ambulance performance following the closure of the Bransford 999 call centre
- Keeping up the pressure for flood mitigation schemes in Kempsey and Tenbury Wells
- Stopping the Labour Government's 'Regional Spatial Strategy' from imposing houses on the green fields of Malvern Hills, Pershore and Bredon Hill
- Working with local businesses to bring better broadband to rural areas to support the local economy

Harriett's busy life also includes work for a charity board and for local charities. She's a local school governor. In addition to her business work, she enjoys walking Poppy the dog near the family's home in the Teme Valley.

A day in the life of: Harriett Baldwin

Most days involve e-mails and letters from local people asking for help. However, no two days are ever the same for Harriett.

Often there's a visit to a village knocking on doors and a meeting at a local business, school or charity. Press releases must go to a range of local media. There's lots of driving around a big constituency. Poppy the dog usually comes too.

Public events include speeches and meeting local people. In between there's earning a living, checking homework gets done, shopping for groceries and the occasional quiet night in with husband Jim.



Above: Harriett at her local farm shop in Holt Heath



Enjoying the Redmarley Hill climb in Great Witley on Easter Monday



Visiting Beckford Open Gardens with friends on a rainy day.



walking the Worcestershire Way



Jim and Harriett at their home in the Teme valley

60 seconds with Harriett Baldwin

Why do you want to be an MP? I got involved in politics when Gordon Brown began to destroy a pension fund system that used to be the envy of the world. I felt compelled to leave my job as a pension fund manager to do what I can through public service to help our children enjoy every opportunity and a better financial future.

What was the last concert you went to? The Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain. It was a birthday treat for my mother.

What book are you reading? I usually have two or three books on the go. At the moment these are "Madresfield – the Real Brideshead" and "Black Swan" – which is about being prepared for the unexpected.

Has the credit crunch affected you? Of course. Like many people who've worked in business, I don't have a final salary pension. What I have saved has shrunk dramatically. I am lucky because I am young enough to hope that things will recover.

I feel badly for the many pensioners who have done the right thing and lived within their means and now they are really struggling to make ends meet. They are the innocent victims of this financial crisis.

In the community



2007 – Harriett helps the successful campaign to re-open Upton's toilets.



2008 – Harriett listens to countryside concerns at Sheepcote Farm.



Right: Harriett meets Rwanda's foreign minister.



2008 – Harriett helped these Malvern residents get a Warmfront grant that has reduced their heating bills this winter.



Right: 2008 – Making a donation to St. Richard's hospice instead of sending out Christmas cards.



Dad's Nose. Mum's Eyes. Gordon Brown's Debt.

Labour's Debt Crisis: Every child in Britain is born owing £17,000. They deserve better.