

Do local older people have a voice? - MP Question time

Dear supporter,

As you may be aware we are a non-political forum that acts as the 'ears and voice' for older people in our district.

What are you, or what do you think, older people in our Horsham district are talking or worried about?

Do you, if you are an older person (I know it's other people that are 'old' and not you) know there is a simple way to enjoy raising, talking about and often getting answers about these?

Would it be useful to know or to be kept up to date, such as hearing the latest guest speaker from the NHS on Covid boosters, access to GP's etc?

What about nationally? **Not that there is anything going on politically**, but would it be enlightening to be able to put or listen to questions to our local MP's and hear the answers?

You may be a local Councillor or health professional who can consult, learn, contribute and share your knowledge or initiatives.

Would you like to hear the answer from your MP to questions such as why the government has cancelled the state pension triple lock meaning that whilst it will rise by 3.1%, the cost of living is rising to around 8% without taking into account the rising cost of electricity & gas?

or are we too well off and comfortable in our district to worry about that or anything or anybody else?

We have public meetings coming up that you may wish to attend either in person or via zoom to speak, see and hear others:

All 10.30 start and finish by lunchtime. **All at Age UK, Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Denne Road, Horsham and via Zoom. Limited parking at Lavinia House or plenty of HDC car parking a short walk away and in the town centre. Tea & coffee are available.**

Tuesday 1st March

Guest speakers Cllr Amanda Jupp, WSCC Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Lorna Robertson NHS Commissioners & Stewart Luke, NHS Social Prescriber (come along and find out).

To see and speak to our MP's we have 2 MP Question Time meetings coming up, same times & venue

Friday 1st April with Andrew Griffith MP for Arundel & South Downs. [Mr Griffith has just been made the Prime Ministers Director of Policy](#) which should mean he has his finger on the pulse direct to PM Boris Johnson. Please **send in to me any questions** you'd like to be put to and answered by Mr Griffith.

The second MP Question Time is **Friday 25th November** with Jeremy Quin MP who a government minister is also.

The next public meeting after 1st March is Tuesday 7th June

If you would like to attend all or any of these meetings, please email hdopforum@gmail.com to reserve your place or to ask for the Zoom joining information.

Thank you for your active ongoing interest and support.

Martin Bruton

Chairman

[Horsham District Older Peoples Forum](#)

The Forum is actively working towards an 'Age-Friendly' and 'Dementia Friendly' Horsham.

