

# TWO YEAR REPORT 2024-2026

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Member of Parliament for South Cotswolds



**1,022**

Parliamentary  
actions

**18,258**

Cases handled

**88**

Speeches

**403**

Questions  
asked

**326**

Votes cast

**427**

Motions signed

**39,850**

Emails sent

Two years in, and the work continues. This report covers some of the issues I know matter most to people across the South Cotswolds. But it is only a snapshot. Alongside these campaigns, I have also been working on everything from potholes and school transport to flooding, farming, healthcare and the health of our democracy itself. The issues may be different, but the approach is always the same: listen carefully, work collaboratively, and focus on practical solutions that will stand the test of time.

I did not come into politics through the traditional route. My journey has taken me from rowing oceans to serving communities, but throughout it all I have been guided by the same values: integrity, fairness, resilience and long term thinking.

The numbers tell part of the story - more than 12,000 casework cases, over 400 parliamentary questions, contributions to more than 170 debates, and as many days as possible spent out and about across the constituency. I have visited schools, farms, businesses and community groups, helped residents navigate problems with public services, challenged the Prime Minister directly on Digital ID and political donations, and worked across party lines when that was the best way to get things done.

There is much more to do, particularly on the NHS, our rivers and waterways, and ensuring that planning decisions work for local communities. But progress is being made, and I remain determined to be a strong voice for the South Cotswolds. Thank you for your support, your ideas and your trust. It is a privilege to serve as your MP, and I will keep working every day to deserve that trust.

# WATER AND FLOODING

Cleaning up our rivers - flood protection - holding water companies to account

South Cotswolds has some of the most beautiful rivers in England. Right now, too many of them are being used as sewers, and too many homes are at risk of flooding. Water companies have failed their customers while paying dividends to foreign shareholders. That has to end.

**26**  
**Parliamentary questions on water**

**6**  
**Towns and villages with confirmed flood upgrades**

## CAMPAIGN WIN

Flood upgrades confirmed for Fairford, Cricklade, Cirencester, Ewen, Ampney St Peter and Down Ampney. Thames Water committed to Flood Wardens and Storm Impact Devices in high-risk areas.

## CASEWORK WIN

Development works drained Sudeley Lake, South Cerney, damaging wildlife. After sustained pressure from my office, pumps were switched off. The lake recovered to its highest level in over six years.

## ACTIONS

- Hosted two Flood Summits in Cirencester and one in Cricklade - reviewing investment progress and holding delivery partners to account
- Hosted screening of Dirty Business in Parliament - putting ministers face to face with the realities of sewage pollution
- Challenged ministers over the No Swimming sign at Daniel's Well, Malmesbury
- Wrote to Thames Water CEO and the Environment Agency on Ampney St Peter sewage discharges
- Campaigned for rejection of Thames Water's creditors' deal - which would have waived Ofwat fines until 2030
- Wrote to Gloucestershire County Council on South Cotswolds' under-representation in the flood programme



Many thanks to you and your team for the help you have given to our flooding problems in Lechlade

## VOTED:

- FOR Water fines ringfenced for river recovery
- FOR Fines to reduce customer bills
- FOR Creditors, not bill-payers, to fund bailouts
- FOR Urgent action to end the sewage scandal
- AGAINST Government self-congratulation on sewage

# NHS & HEALTH

Sherston Surgery - Cirencester Hospital - Dentistry - Fighting for rural healthcare

I have had to fight consistently for adequate healthcare provision in rural areas, which are too often treated as poor relations of cities. For an ageing population with limited transport and thousands of new homes planned, Community Hospitals like, Cirencester Hospital and Sherston Surgery are literally vital

**2000**

**Signatures on our petition**

**£88,000**

**Annual funding secured for Sherston Surgery**

## CAMPAIGN WIN

The Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board agreed in principle up to £88,000 per year revenue funding for a new Sherston Surgery - a major breakthrough after years of refusal.

## CASEWORK WIN

A dentist with overseas qualifications faced years of delays. I escalated with the General Dental Council, Department of Health and Social Care and the Home Office - progress secured toward registration and employment.

## ACTIONS

- Presented the Sherston Surgery petition to Parliament (2000 signatures)
- Presented the Cirencester Hospital petition to Number 10 Downing Street (3,100 signatures)
- Held Westminster Hall debate on community hospitals like Cirencester Hospital
- Secured ministerial meeting with Minister to ensure ICB commitment to fund Sherston Surgery
- Held regular meetings with NHS Gloucestershire to raise constituent concerns
- Spoke on defibrillators and ambulance wait times, inspired by Lechlade Lions after visiting Lechlade
- Wrote to the Secretary of State urging action on the NHS dental crisis
- Co-signed a letter on NHS mental health funding
- Joined South West Ambulance Trust for a day shift to witness frontline pressures first-hand

## VOTED:

- FOR Lib Dem motion on access to primary healthcare
- FOR Lib Dem motion on crumbling hospitals
- FOR Dedicated carer support for detained patients



Well done Roz Savage MP. Those months of campaigning for meetings are a great sign of determination to help towards the Care system. Keep up with the great work.

# CLIMATE & NATURE

## Climate and Nature Bill wins - oceans - holding Government to account

This is the issue that brought me into public life. The Climate and Nature Bill was my first piece of legislation as an MP. This year, its commitments made by Government started to become a reality.

**5**

**All Party Parliamentary Groups joined on climate and nature**

**26**

**Environmental Audit Committee sessions**

### CAMPAIGN WIN

Climate and Nature Bill commitments delivered: first-ever annual Climate and Nature Statement made to Parliament. Global Oceans Treaty ratification. Closer working relationship between Climate Change Committee and Nature Conservation Committee  
New Climate and Nature Crisis Caucus formed.

### CASEWORK WIN

Escalated 22 cases on agriculture, food, climate and nature to the Secretary of State.

### ACTIONS

- Sit on the Environmental Audit Committee - questions ministers directly on climate and environment
- Vice Chair of the Climate and Nature Crisis Caucus
- Spoke at King's Speech 2026 debate on nature, rewilding and biodiversity
- Attended the Climate Coalition Mass Lobby in Westminster
- Joined APPGs on International Conservation, Local Nature Recovery, Environment, Ocean, and Woods and Trees
- Saw commitments from the Climate and Nature Bill come to fruition
- Attended the landmark National Emergency Briefing

### VOTED:

- AGAINST Government attempts to strip nature protections from the Planning and Infrastructure Bill - including chalk stream safeguards, protection for threatened species, and brownfield-first planning
- FOR linking the UK Emissions Trading Scheme with the EU ETS and introducing a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- FOR greater transparency and accountability on sustainable aviation fuel



My thanks to Roz for so eloquently standing up for nature and making the asks of the Government that the majority of the British public are desperate for.

# ENERGY

Opposing Lime Down Solar Farm · community energy · heating oil households

I support renewable energy. I do not support a 2,200-acre solar farm owned by the same company that ran Thames Water into the ground, with profits flowing to Australia. There is a better way.

199

Mentions of energy in Parliament

8

Mentions of Lime Down in Parliament

## CAMPAIGN WIN

Led Lib Dem letter to the Energy Minister on community energy - calling for profits to stay local, not go to foreign infrastructure funds.

## CASEWORK WIN

A 73-year-old with severe arthritis couldn't afford to heat her home. We secured Pension Credit and Winter Fuel Allowance - so she could finally turn the heating on.

## ACTIONS

- Opposed Lime Down Solar Farm - a 2,200-acre development owned by Macquarie, who also ran Thames Water into the ground. Profits would go to Australia, not local people
- Submitted a formal Written Representation to the Planning Inspectorate (EN010168)
- Spoke in Parliament for rooftop and community solar - solar on rooftops, not fields
- Called for a ban on fossil fuel advertising
- Challenged the Energy Secretary on heating oil prices - 20% of South Cotswolds households rely on it
- Secured Ministerial meeting to express opposition to Lime Down



If you hadn't acted on my behalf I am sure I would still be waiting, none the wiser. I can now enjoy putting my heating on without worrying. That is such a relief.

## VOTED:

- FOR Great British Energy Bill - public energy ownership
- FOR Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme extension to maritime
- FOR Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme amendments
- FOR Energy Prices Act extension
- FOR Ecodesign and energy efficiency regulations

# COST OF LIVING

Two-child limit reversed - casework wins - fighting rural poverty

Behind every case that comes through my office is a real person - confused, stressed, and often at the end of their tether. Sorting it out is one of the most important things my office does.

**12,856**

Cases handled since July 2024

**450,000**

Children expected out of poverty by 2030

## CAMPAIGN WIN

Two-child benefit limit removed - a law I voted for at every stage. Up to 450,000 children expected out of poverty by 2030.

## CASEWORK WIN

Restaurant owner, Cirencester: £37,700 wrongly taken by Uber Eats - recovered in full. Eight employees kept in work. "My faith in the system has been restored."

## ACTIONS

- Patron of The Churn Community Hub, Cirencester
- Visited Cirencester Foodbank and Pantry
- Campaigned for WASPI women and student loan reform
- Malmesbury resident: National Insurance payment lost by HMRC for 18 months - office intervened, record corrected, refund secured
- Attendance Allowance wrongly stopped when constituent entered care home - office challenged DWP, £652.30 repaid, formal apology, £75 consolatory payment
- Cirencester constituent: Universal Credit and council tax benefit wrongly assessed - benefits reinstated, arrears recovered

## VOTED:

- AGAINST NI rises on working people
- AGAINST Winter Fuel cuts for pensioners
- FOR Two-child limit removal



Beyond her support for me, Dr Roz's dedication to serving her constituency is truly inspiring. She works tirelessly to make a meaningful impact in the lives of so many, and I am incredibly grateful for her kindness and advocacy throughout this process.

# FARMING

Standing up for farmers - food security - protecting the countryside

Food security is national security. South Cotswolds is farming country - and the people who work this land deserve an MP who understands what they are up against and shows up for them.

**70**

**Farms in the Fosse Farm Cluster (funding secured)**

**147**

**Mentions of farming in the House of Commons**

## CAMPAIGN WIN

Partnered with the Nature Friendly Farming Network to host a webinar on nature based solutions to flooding for South Cotswolds farmers.

## CASEWORK WIN

Letter of support for the South Cotswold Fosse Farm Cluster's FiPL application was successful. Nearly 70 farms covering 21,000 hectares secured three more years of nature recovery funding.

## ACTIONS

- Visited farms and completed the NFU Parliamentary Fellowship
- Spoke in Parliament on land use and food security
- Tabled questions on rising farm fuel costs - called for targeted relief for spring planting and silage
- Co-signed letter with RSPB, Soil Association, WWF-UK, Rivers Trust and Surfers Against Sewage on agricultural water pollution
- Wrote to DEFRA and Education Secretary backing Food, Farming and Education campaign (14,480 signatures)
- Attended Flooding, Finance and Farming event in Cirencester - farmers, flood groups and community around the same table
- Ongoing campaigning for a Good Food Bill -



## VOTED:

- AGAINST Cuts to Agricultural Property Relief to protect working farms

Our funding has been approved! I just wanted to thank you once again for your support, as it would have given the application the sufficient umph to get across the line. - South Cotswolds Farming Cluster

# EDUCATION

## SEND - school funding - securing investment for local schools

Every child in South Cotswolds deserves the same chances as children anywhere else in the country. Right now, rural schools are underfunded, SEND waiting lists are too long, and families are being failed. I am pressing for change.

**31**

**Schools and colleges visited in the last year**

**122,000**

**Signatures on the SEND petition debate I led in Parliament**

### CAMPAIGN WIN

Led a debate on making play compulsory for Key Stage 1 children, further to a petition signed by 106,082 people.

### CASEWORK WIN

A child had ADHD medication withdrawn by their GP. My office raised a formal complaint. The GP apologised, reinstated the medication, and the practice manager wrote a letter of apology.

## ACTIONS

- Led Westminster Hall debate on SEND - called for faster EHCP system, early intervention for under-fives, more specialist school places
- Campaigned to make play compulsory in Key Stage 1
- Tabled amendment to the Buses Bill to give SEND families a say in local transport
- Wrote to Education Secretary on school funding gap - rural Gloucestershire schools receive around £1,000 less per pupil than urban schools like Bristol
- Attended cross-party parliamentary briefing on the SEND crisis
- Attended a constituent's SEND Tribunal to witness firsthand the challenges families face

## VOTED:

- AGAINST University fee increases



Thank you so much for your support during the past 12 months. It kept us going at times when things got difficult and stressful.

Here's hoping the system works better for people with invisible disabilities in the future.

# HOUSING AND PLANNING

Protecting communities - challenging housing targets - standing up for residents

We need more homes. We also need the roads, surgeries, schools, flood defences, and sewage infrastructure to go with them. Growth without investment is not a plan - it is a problem passed on to communities.

**404**

**Times raising housing in Parliament**

**78**

**Liberal Democrat amendments tabled to the Planning and Infrastructure Bill**

**CAMPAIGN WIN**

Challenged the Housing Minister directly on the lack of affordable and social housing in the constituency through an Adjournment debate.

**CASEWORK WIN**

A Cirencester resident faced unexplained service charge increases and months of silence from their managing agent. After my office intervened, the company acknowledged the errors and agreed to issue a refund.

## ACTIONS

- Co-signed cross-party letter urging Housing Secretary to rethink housing targets - Cotswold District plan for 18,650 new homes by 2043 more than doubles previous targets
- Spoke on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill - pressed for neighbourhood plans to be respected and flood risk taken seriously
- Raised housing targets directly with Housing Minister
- Called for a ban on political donations from big developers
- Launched petition for Housing Management Company accountability - rising charges, absent maintenance, no way to complain



Thank you Roz. We can do so, so much better and still house everyone. Please go on fighting for all of us.

## VOTED:

- **AGAINST** Removing Lords' protections for community assets



# STRONGER SOUTH COTSWOLDS

Powered by People. Backed by Roz.

The South Cotswolds is full of people doing remarkable things - running community groups, supporting neighbours, growing food, protecting green spaces. But too often, that work happens in isolation. Stronger South Cotswolds is a free community platform I founded to help local organisations, volunteers, and residents find each other, share resources, and make more happen together.

## LAUNCH EVENT - 6 JUNE 2026

Over 100 community groups, charities and residents came together at Cirencester Baptist Church to share what they do, connect with others, and help build something bigger. It was an extraordinary event - proof that the will to work together is already there.

## WHAT'S ON THE PLATFORM

- Find local community groups and organisations
- Discover grants and funding opportunities
- Offer or find volunteering roles
- Share and find local events
- Celebrate good news from across the constituency

## Get involved

Visit [strongersouthcotswolds.co.uk](https://strongersouthcotswolds.co.uk) to explore the platform, list your group, or sign up as a volunteer.



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**35**  
Local Legends

**9**  
Community  
Friends

**135**  
Attendees at  
Launch Event



# GET INVOLVED:

Good on you, Roz Savage.

In 2024, you came to my door, in that yellow hat, looking to win my vote. I told you I would be voting for you, not because I liked your policies or wanted a liberal democrat MP but because I wanted you to block out the Tories. You did win. But since then I've been impressed with the way you have stood up on many issues, local, national and international. You have represented our interests and done so with grace.

I'm sure you will be with the Lib Dems at the next election. But for the first time in 3 decades, I'll be voting again for my current MP at the next election, not just for the party they belong to.

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