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ISLINGTON SOUTH AND FINSBURY

May Report



Local Election Victory!

Wow, what a few months it has been.

We have climbed hundreds of staircases, knocked on thousands of doors, and spoken to thousands of voters. Meeting constituents on their doorstep was a welcome change to the past few years under lockdown. Islington Council's support for residents was an invaluable lifeline for many.



Canvassing in Westminster

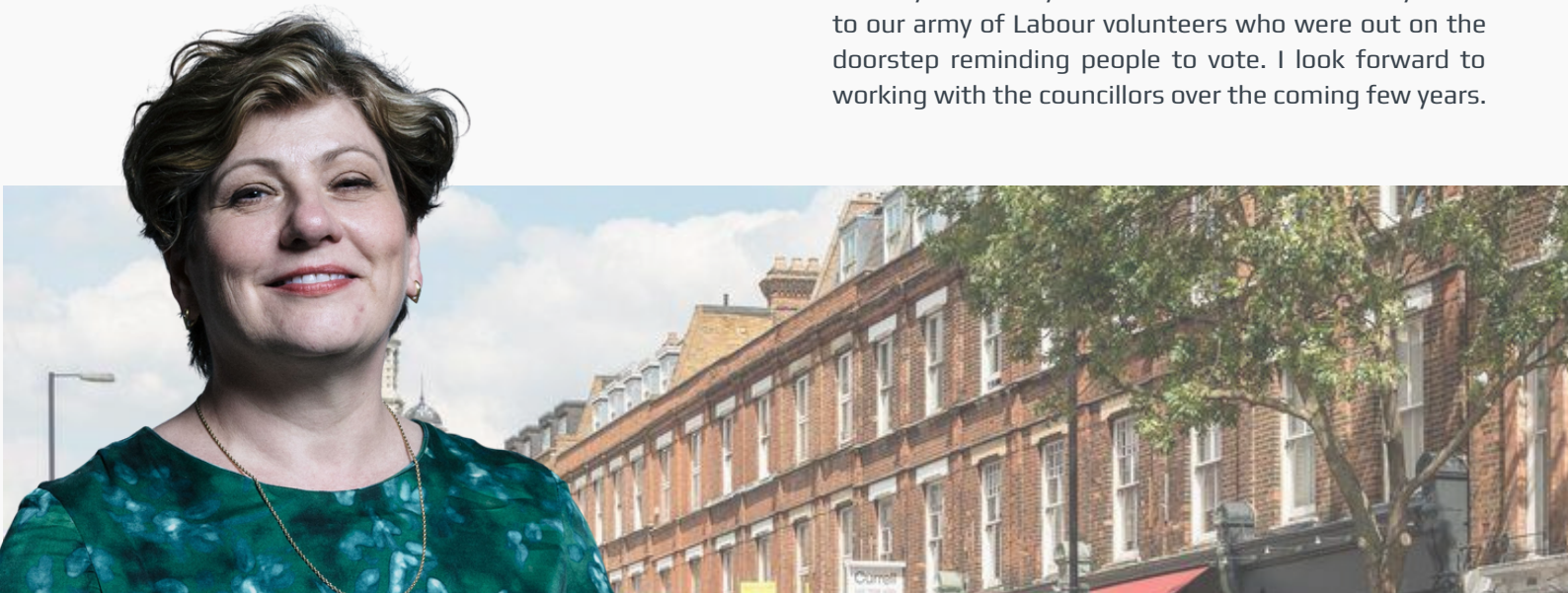


Canvassing in St Mary's & St James's

The hard work of Labour activists and this Labour council's ambitious plans for housing and the environment has won us the mandate for another term. Islington South and Finsbury remains 100% Labour!

Further afield, I have been canvassing residents in key London marginals. A recurring theme is that people are fed up with the liar Boris Johnson. Many dyed-in-the-wool Tories in Westminster and Wandsworth stayed at home rather than vote Tory. Many others were won over by a positive Labour vision for their borough's future. It is important that we remind people that politicians are not all the same, and that we present a positive vision of politics to guard against voter apathy.

Thank you to everyone who voted Labour on May 5 and to our army of Labour volunteers who were out on the doorstep reminding people to vote. I look forward to working with the councillors over the coming few years.



Violence Against Women & Girls

It has been two months since the tragic murder of Sabita Thanwani in her student halls. Violence against women and girls is at a crisis level in our society. Too little has changed to improve the safety of women and too little action has been taken by this government to secure justice for victims.

This Tory government has cut legal aid for domestic abuse survivors, overseen an appalling fall in rape convictions and have created a system where waits of more than 1,000 days have become the norm for survivors of rape.

As Shadow Attorney General, I have held this government to account on its abysmal record on protecting Women and Girls from violence. This government has presided over rape charges hitting a record low of only 1.3% rape cases being prosecuted. This Labour Shadow Justice team have been working hard on ensuring that the government cannot continue to fail women and girls.



Islington Together Walk

We need urgent reform of our legal aid system to avoid a second lost decade for the survivors of domestic abuse and their children. We cannot have another 10 years when those women desperately turning to the government for help against their abusers find the door slammed in their face.

The Tories are hellbent on another austerity programme and we cannot allow it to happen for the sake of women and girls everywhere.

Holding Johnson To Account

Over the past month I have been resolute in criticising Boris Johnson's lockdown-breaking parties, the culture of rule-breaking he has cultivated in Government, and most importantly his lies in the House of Commons.

I've been appearing in the media driving the message home that politicians are not all the same and that Boris Johnson must resign over his barefaced lies to the public.



Sky News, 19 May



Diary

Constituency

April

23 – Canvassing in Clerkenwell

27 – Meeting with Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime on Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy

May

3 – Canvassing in Canonbury

5 – Local Elections Get Out The Vote in Islington

6 – Local Elections Vote Count

6 – Speaking at Local Village Network Awards

9 – Chief Executive's Leaving Coffee at the Whittington Hospital

13 – Constituency surgery at St Luke's Community Centre

14 – Constituency surgery at Islington Town Hall

24 – Q&A with Elizabeth Garret Anderson & Central Foundation for Boys Schools



PETA Drop-In



Canvassing in Canonbury

Parliament and Shadow Attorney General

April

22 – Talk at the University of Edinburgh Labour Students Club

24 – Harrow Manifesto Launch

25 – PETA Drop-In Event on a Fur-Free MOD

25 – Canvassing with Kingston Labour

28 – Canvassing in Reading

28 – Talk at the University of Reading

May

4 – Canvassing in Vincent Square, Westminster

4 – Canvassing in Wandsworth Town

5 – Canvassing in Lancaster Gate, Westminster

11 – Talk on Greening The Urban Landscape

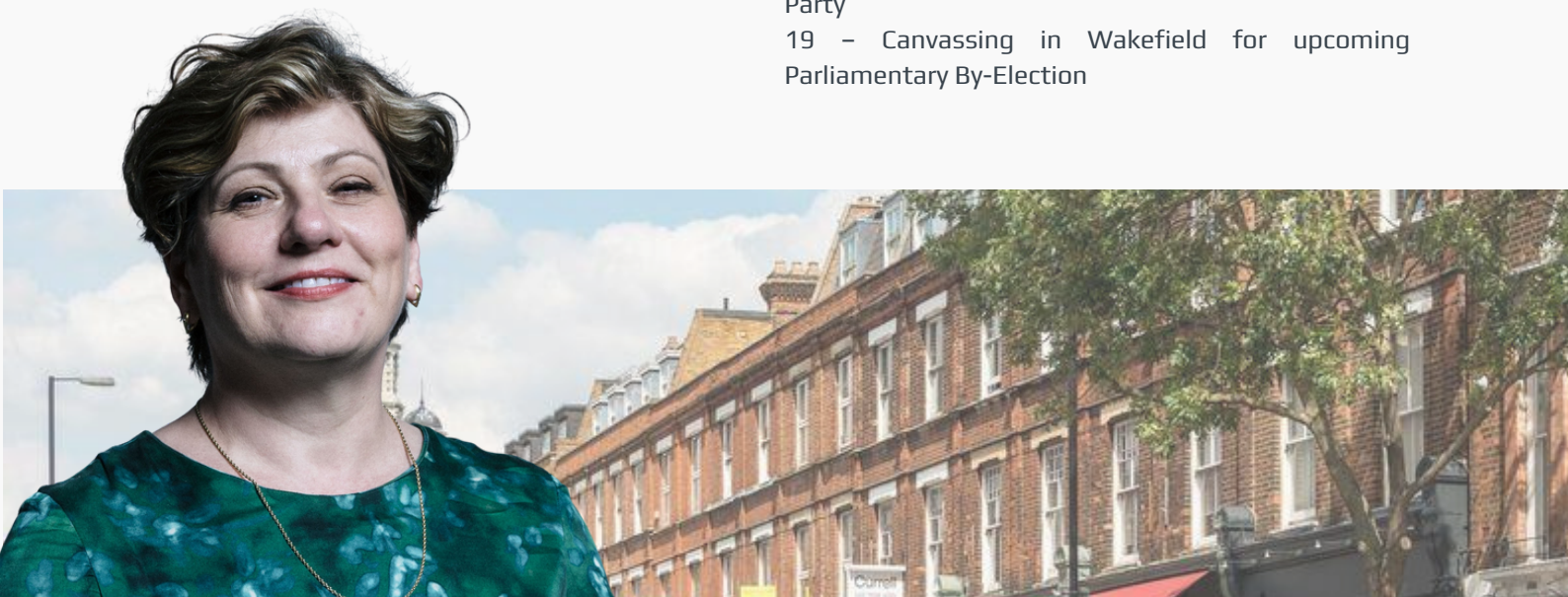
11 – Meeting with Society of Labour Lawyers

12 – Letter to government Attorney General, Suella Braverman, requesting she explain her legal advice on the government's planned actions on the NI Protocol

17 – Parliamentary Labour Party Women's Group meeting and election of Chair

17 – Photograph of the full Parliamentary Labour Party

19 – Canvassing in Wakefield for upcoming Parliamentary By-Election



Diary

Media

April

27 – Peston on ITV

29 – Islington Tribune

May

6 – Sky News Post-Election Coverage

6 – Times Radio

6 – BBC Election

6 – Radio 5Live

6 – BBC Radio 4

8 – BBC Politics London

9 – LBC Andrew Marr

9 – BBC Radio 4 PM

9 – BBC News

9 – Sky News

9 – Times Radio

9 – LBC with Andrew Marr

9 – 5 Live

9 – BBC Newsnight

9 – Channel 4 News

11 – Politics Live

11 – LBC with Iain Dale

19 – BBC Radio 4 The World at One

19 – Times Radio

19 – LBC with Eddie Marr

19 – Sky News

19 – BBC Newsnight

20 – Good Morning Britain

25 – 5Live Panel

25 – Times Radio

25 – Sky News PMQs Panel



Times Radio

Personal

May

14 - Eurovision Song Contest Final



My Family's Eurovision Spread

