

# Emily Thornberry MP

ISLINGTON SOUTH AND FINSBURY

December Report



## Christmas CLP Party

I hope you all had a restful Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2022 was a challenging year for many in Islington South & Finsbury, so it was a pleasure to host a CLP Winter Warmer at the Islington Ecology Centre.

Thank you to Jacky, Al, Tito and Andrew for organising it and to everyone who came.

It was great to speak to everyone, with a raffle and terrific Irish band including a member of The Pogues! It was great to celebrate Christmas with constituents and fellow party members.

Happy New Year to everybody.



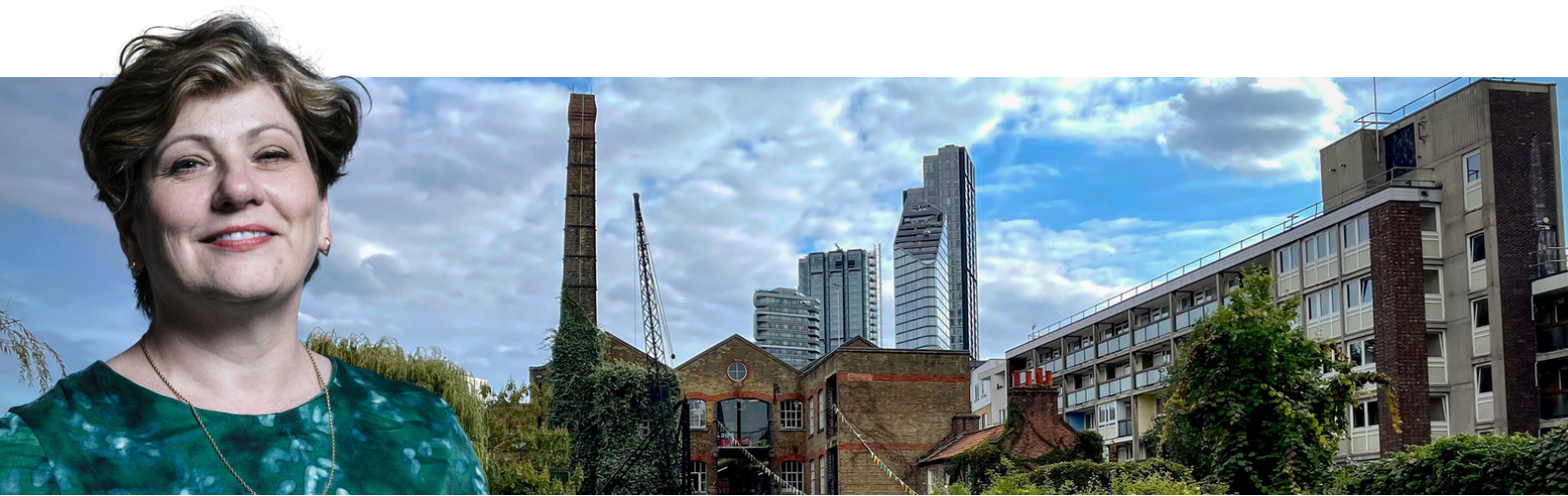
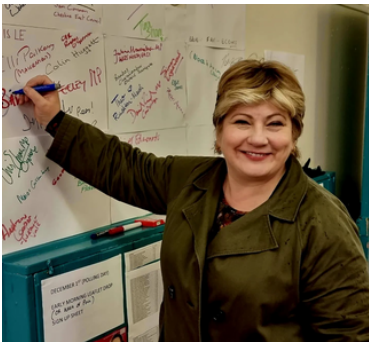
Speaking at the CLP Social at the Islington Ecology Centre

## City of Chester by-election win

The by-election result in the City of Chester on 1st December was a great success. The new Labour MP, Samantha Dixon, was a very impressive candidate and will make a great MP.

The response on the doorstep was fantastic when out campaigning for her, with even lifelong Tory voters saying they were giving Labour a fresh look.

The 14-point swing was Labour's best-ever result in the seat, and the worst result for the Conservative Party in Chester since 1832. It was a historical result and should be celebrated. But no complacency, the fight to overturn this woeful Conservative government must continue!



# Attorney General Oral Questions

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At the Despatch Box during Attorney General Oral Questions

During Attorney General Oral Questions on 7th December, I outlined the severity of stalking cases alongside an appalling low charge rate.

It's shocking that an estimated one in five women in this country have experienced being stalked. In the year ending March 2022, almost 120,000 stalking offences were reported to the police, but less than 6,000 of those reports resulted in a charge. The charge rate, therefore, was just 5%, compared with 7% the year before. It's really worrying that rather than making progress, we're actually going backwards.

A formal complaint has been submitted by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and 20 other members of the National Stalking Consortium asking for an investigation into the overall handling of stalking cases. I therefore asked if the Attorney General and Solicitor General will take onboard the recommendations of the investigation and asked for assurance that stalking is to be treated with the seriousness that it deserves.

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## Nuclear Test Veterans Tribute

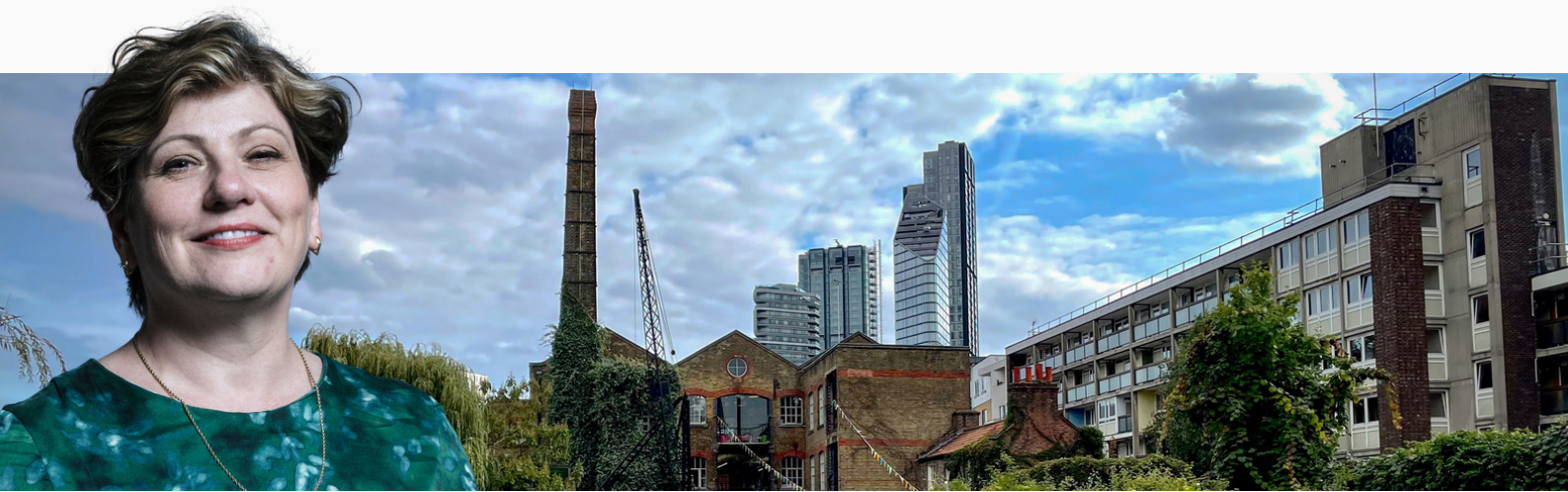
Around 28,000 members of the UK Armed Forces were involved in the military nuclear test programme during the 1950s and 60s with many veterans left with lifelong health complications as a result of exposure to radiation.

I was honoured to attend the Nuclear Test Veteran Commemoration ceremony in Staffordshire at the National Memorial Arboretum on the 21st November. It was devastating to hear the impact and testimonies, and I was honoured to be able to pay my respects to those who were impacted by this miscarriage of justice.

At last the government has decided that nuclear veterans will receive a medal. They have been campaigning for years and I'm glad to have played my part in that campaign. The veterans' dedication to our country will never be forgotten. I hope the nuclear test veterans, families and descendants feel that this historical wrong has now been acknowledged.



Campaigning for Nuclear Test Veterans





# Diary

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## Constituency

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### December

1 Dec - Heritage Mural Unveiling  
2 Dec - St Luke's Surgery  
2 Dec - Parent Zone Assembly at New North Academy on online safety  
5 Dec - Meeting with President of City University  
6 Dec - Charterhouse Carol Service  
9 Dec - CLP Winter Warmer at Islington Ecology Centre  
10 Dec - Surgery at Town Hall

### January

13 Jan - St Luke's Surgery  
14 Jan - Surgery at Town Hall

## Media

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### December

14 Dec - Media round with Times Radio, Sky News, GB News, Bauer, LBC, ITN, BBC News  
19 Dec - Podcast: The Political Party Christmas Special with Matt Forde and Yvette Cooper  
29 Dec - Guest hosting James O'Brien's LBC show

### January

8 Jan - Radio 4 Westminster Hour

## Parliament and Shadow Attorney General

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### December

3 Dec - Campaigning in Hastings and Rye with Labour Candidate Helena Dollimore on Small Business Saturday  
5 Dec - Parliamentary Christmas Party for Islington South & Finsbury  
7 Dec - Attorney General Oral Questions  
8 Dec - Labour Business Engagement Conference  
13 Dec - Christmas Party at the Irish Embassy  
15 Dec - Hornsey & Wood Green CLP Christmas Fundraiser

### January

10 Jan - Bar Council Chair Inaugural Address

