

Emily Thornberry MP

ISLINGTON SOUTH AND FINSBURY

July 2024 Report



A personal thank you

The Labour Party is a movement of people, and all too often the unsung heroes are those who give up their precious free time to get out there, knock on doors, and spread our message that change can only happen if people vote for it.

So I want to say a huge thank you to everyone from our local party who knocked on doors, delivered leaflets, or who travelled back and forth to our twinned seat in Dover and Deal or elsewhere in the country to help secure this historic general election victory. We now have 412 Labour MPs, and I'm delighted to have a new majority in Islington South and Finsbury of 15,455 votes, something I could not have achieved without the hard work of so many local activists. This stunning victory belongs to all of us.

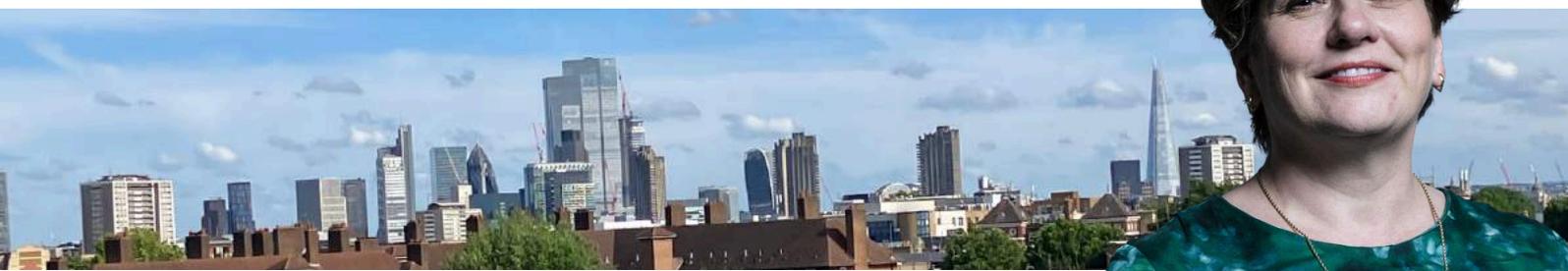
But with the Green Party leapfrogging into second place in our constituency, from fourth in 2019, we simply cannot afford to be complacent over the next five years. So I am hoping that after a short breather I will be seeing many of you back out on the doorstep before too long, ensuring voters across Islington South and Finsbury know how hard I and their newly elected Labour Government are working to tackle the issues they care about, such as the climate emergency, the housing crisis and the cost-of-living, which have been neglected by the Tories for far too long.

Vote share and change

Party	Vote share
Labour	53.7%
Green	17.5%
Liberal Democrat	9.5%
Conservative	8.4%
Reform UK	7.9%



Vote share in Islington South and Finsbury





**THANK
YOU!**



Historic general election win

After fourteen gruelling years of Tory rule, you don't need me to tell you how incredible it is to finally see a Labour Government elected - and with a landslide majority. After crushing defeat in 2019, many said that Labour couldn't get back in for a generation, but I knew that if we picked ourselves up and got ourselves organised, anything was possible - as I said at the time!

Over the five week campaign I visited marginal constituencies from Central Ayrshire in Scotland (where Labour came third in 2019) to seats in the Midlands with Tory majorities of 20,000 votes or more. But we won every single seat I visited - a testament to the public's desire for change up and down the country.

I'm particularly delighted that Labour's candidate Mike Tapp won in Dover and Deal - our twinned seat - where so many from the constituency took time out of their busy lives to travel down there and help out.

I know many of you will have seen my own personally disappointing news that I won't be serving in Keir Starmer's government. Instead, after eight-and-a-half unbroken years in the Shadow Cabinet I will now be returning to the backbenches where I have already launched my campaign to become Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee. Should I be successfully elected by my parliamentary colleagues, I am looking forward to drawing upon my experience as Shadow Foreign Secretary, Shadow Defence Secretary, and Shadow International Trade Secretary to champion a policy area I love.



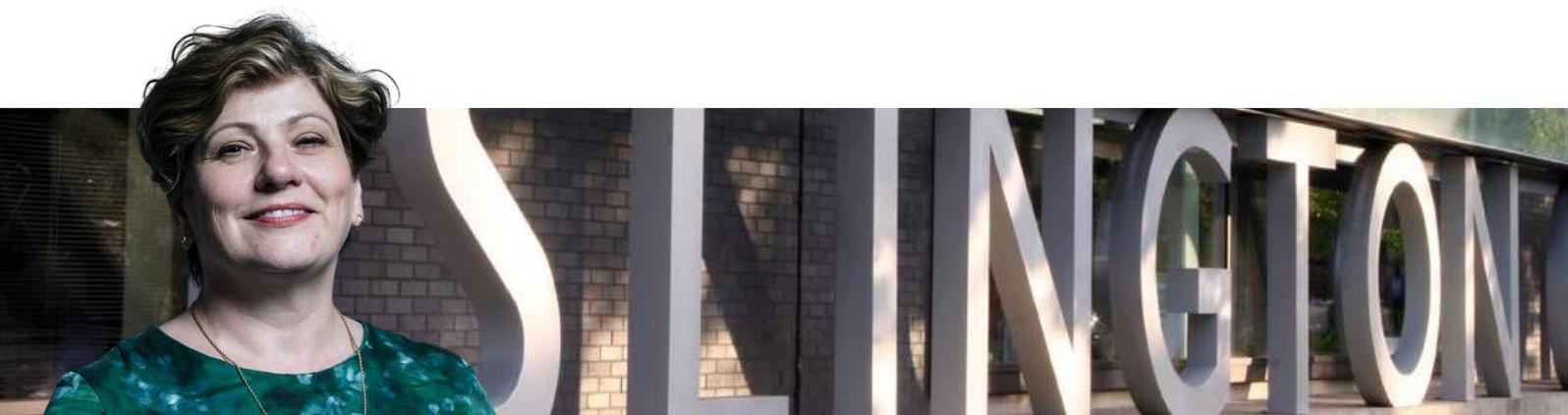
Taking a selfie with Samantha Niblett in South Derbyshire



Campaigning with Dr Lauren Sullivan in Gravesham



On the battle bus with candidates Michael Payne (Gedling) and Michelle Welsh (Sherwood Forest)



I campaigned in **19 constituencies** during the short campaign



(and dozens more before that!)



Campaigning around the country



With Allison Gardner in Stoke-on-Trent South

Launching Matt Turmaine's campaign in Watford



Knocking on doors with Adam Jogie in Newcastle-Under-Lyme

Battle bus stop in East Thanet with Polly Billington



Doing my best impersonation of John Prescott



Marching in London Pride with LGBT+ Labour

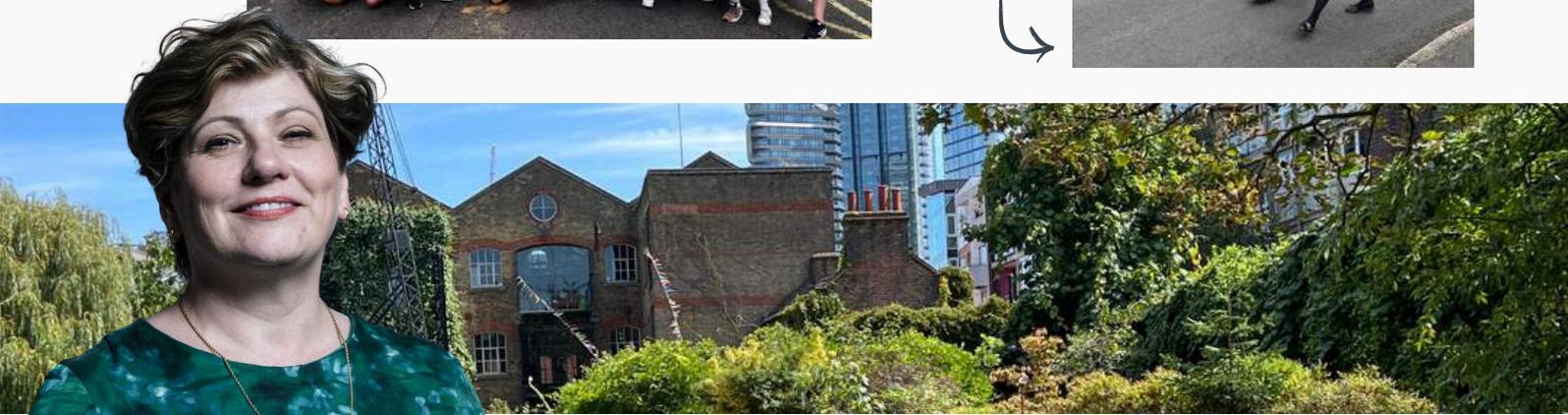
Braving the Scottish weather with Alan Gemmell in Central Ayrshire



All aboard the battle bus with Abena Opong-Asare MP



In Dudley with Sonia Kumar



CLP summer garden party

Culpeper Community Garden is the ideal place for a July garden party – an amazing oasis of exotic plants and shady trees just behind Chapel Market.

It's fabulous to spend one afternoon every July, celebrating the end of another Parliamentary year and the start of the summer recess with some of my friends and neighbours from Islington. It's a chance to say thank you to those who have helped and supported me, and also to invite a wider group of Islington residents who have been in touch over the year.

But this year was very strange – the garden had been booked many months ago for 14th July - because no-one knew that the Tories would throw a spanner into the works by calling a surprise general election. So it was also an opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me and everyone who campaigned for me in this election.

We had a lovely afternoon – the food was wonderful and the jazz band was perfect. So I want to also thank the garden staff and everyone who helped out, in particular Adrianne, who managed to get us all organised at such incredibly short notice, and to Jackie, Buffy, and Janice for the food.

I was really pleased that so many people were able to join us, and in spite of previous forecasts the weather was, in fact, beautiful. What a lovely afternoon – and what a hopeful sign for the change Labour can and will deliver over the next five years.

