



# Judith Cummins MP

## Parliamentary Report



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## Bradford Bulls saved

I worked tirelessly to save the Bradford Bulls and make sure that rugby would continue at Odsal. I raised the club's plight with ministers and called a special debate in the House of Commons to discuss it.

I am delighted that by working in Parliament and alongside fans, the club and the council that we could save the Bulls.

Bradford came close to losing the most important and historic rugby league club in the country and beyond doubt one of its most important institutions.



The way our club was plunged into dire straits must be investigated fully, we need answers and to

know how this happened. Those who govern our sports need to be far more vigilant to protect our clubs.

## Protecting the NHS

Protecting and improving our National Health Service is my number one priority.

Every day I am working on something to do with the NHS, most often I am helping people to access health services that are becoming more and more stretched. I have been running a

campaign in Parliament on increased access to NHS dentists, something I have raised with the Prime Minister as well as in meetings with health ministers.

The Government has agreed with me that we need more access to NHS dentists in



Bradford. I will continue to press them on this.

I will fight against the Government's privatisation of our health service.

# Getting Bradford South moving



*Above: Working closely with local industry and celebrating the reopening of Low Moor station*

**The Northern Powerhouse must deliver better jobs and infrastructure for Bradford South and for Bradford as a whole.**

Warm words from the Government is not going to get Bradford moving. We desperately need better investment.

Improved road networks and better rail connections are vital. I am pressing the Government for better rail services and to get Bradford on a mainline. We're the biggest city in the country on a branch

line and that's simply not good enough.

Reopening the railway station at Low Moor is a welcome investment for Bradford South and a real boost for our area. It connects us directly with Bradford, Leeds, Halifax and Huddersfield.

I am working closely with local industry and businesses to make sure Bradford South is fighting fit and we have the right environment and tools to create the jobs and prosperity we need.

## Schools must have more money

**Cuts to school funding are making it harder for teachers to give our children the best start in life.**

I want more money for our schools. Bradford schools are facing more budget cuts and I am worried about how this will impact on standards and children's results.

I spoke out in Parliament

against damaging Government cuts that harm our children's life chances.

I have called for more funding for school places, fought to scrap the plan to force schools to become academies and argued for fair funding for all our schools.

I will keep battling for Bradford's schools.



# A strong voice for you in Parliament

**I am determined to use my position as your MP in Parliament to help people and communities in Bradford South.**

There are many ways to do this. One is to raise questions directly with the Prime Minister, which I have done on many occasions.

Among the issues I have

raised with the Prime Minister are:

- Better transport links and connectivity for Bradford, to boost our economy.
- Improved health services and securing more NHS dentists.
- Tackling rising crime in Bradford South.



*Above: Asking questions in Parliament. In this case pressing for better transport links and connectivity for Bradford.*



## Stop dangerous drivers

**I am working hard to make the people of Bradford South safer from dangerous drivers.**

There has been a welcome crackdown in Bradford against those who endanger the lives of other motorists and pedestrians.

I am keeping up

pressure on the Government to act to allow courts to impose even stronger sentences on those who flout the rules of our roads in a reckless manner.

The law must keep up and reflect the seriousness of these crimes. I support tougher sentences for dangerous drivers.

## Getting guns off our streets

**The police need more funding to fight crime and get firearms off the streets of our city. They need to be fighting crime, not fighting for funding.**

I continue to push government to give the police the funding they need. I also called for a debate on the issue.

Since 2010 West Yorkshire Police has seen budget cuts of nearly a third, which is £147 million. It also has 2,000 fewer officers and support staff.

They are under-resourced and understaffed. Neighbourhood policing is vital but it has been hit the hardest. Fewer police officers means that people feel less safe.

I will keep fighting for more funding and for more police on our streets.

## CONTACTING JUDITH

I live in Bradford South with my husband and our two children. I have represented Bradford South since the general election in 2015. It is an honour to represent my home constituency and I am always happy to help if I can.

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You can also arrange to meet me at one of the regular advice surgeries I hold.

