



# LATEST NEWS FROM REHMAN CHISHTI

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GILLINGHAM & RAINHAM

May 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to my May 2018 newsletter!

Thank you for your interest in the work I do on behalf of constituents. Please see below for a summary of my commitments in the constituency and in Parliament.

If you would like further details on my work or would like to contact me, please [visit my website](#).

Best wishes, Rehman.

## In the constituency



Rehman held his regular MP Street Surgery, listening to residents views on all issues and taking up matters on their behalf.



As part of National Stroke Awareness Month, Rehman visited the Medway Hospital Stroke Unit and met with consultant David Sulch to look at possible signs of a stroke.



Rehman met the medical team at Medway Hospital to discuss the Medway Surgery Patient Education Programme, which helps patients to be in charge of their well being.



Rehman officially opened Hubscher, a tailoring lounge in Rainham which will be a benefit to the local economy.



Rehman attended Hempstead Summer Fayre and met stall holders from the community.



Rehman attended and spoke at the Focus on Rainham festival event at Cozenton Park, organised by Medway Council.



Rehman visited Rainham Cricket Club to meet with Rev Saju and wish St Marks Church Gillingham cricket team well in their match against St Albans and Guildford Dioceses. Rehman also visited the Club to see the under 15s start their season and wish them every success.



**Rehman visited MidKent college to speak at their Student Conference, which focused on youth engagement and politics.**



**Rehman visited the Family Trust Gillingham after encouraging people to vote for them in the ITV Meridian's People's Project. The charity subsequently won over £18,000 for their voluntary work and CAP Money Courses in local schools.**



**Rehman welcomed the Rt Hon Dr Julian Lewis MP (Chair of the Defence Select Committee) to the Royal School of Military Engineering along with his colleague Kelly Tolhurst and hear about their work, in addition to paying respect to Major McCudden, a local Victoria Cross recipient.**



**Rehman volunteered at the Great Lines Park Run. There were a record 537 runners.**



Rehman met the team for the Medway Multiple Sclerosis Society in Hempstead Valley Gillingham and thank them for their work.

## Rehman's Parliamentary Work



As a Member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Rehman questioned experts on the committee's inquiry into policing on mental health, missing persons and terrorism. Rehman also questioned the new Home Secretary Savid Javid in a separate session.



At Prime Minister's Questions Rehman raised that Medway Council has been shortlisted to receive £170 million from the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund, helping to build over 12,000 new homes. The Government's £6 billion Lower Thames Crossing will also help support local housing and transport.



In his capacity as Trade Envoy for Pakistan, Rehman was briefed at the Department for International Trade Export hub on export finance and support available to local SMEs and large businesses for exporting overseas.



Rehman chaired the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council's talk on foreign affairs, with keynote speaker Tom Tugendhat MP, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee.



Rehman met with Siemens and was briefed on their bid to provide train carriages for the new South Eastern franchise which is currently being considered by the Department for Transport. Rehman has previously made representations to the Government to increase rail capacity.



Rehman attended the Royal College of Occupational Therapists Mental Health Awareness Week drop in event on their 'Getting my Life Back' report, highlighting the value of occupational therapy and their work on mental health issues.



In his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party, Rehman and the Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson wished all observing Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarak!



Rehman supported the Plastic Waive Plastic Awareness event to find out more about their work on cleaning up plastic waste to protect the environment.



**As Government Envoy for Pakistan, Rehman met with the UK High Commissioner to Pakistan Tom Drew, to look at all aspects of UK-Pakistan relations, including an update on bilateral trade.**



**Rehman met with the Minister for the Constitution Chloe Smith MP, following the publication of the Government's response to the Committee on Standards Review of Intimidation in Public Life. Rehman had previously given evidence to the Committee on Standards regarding his 2017 General Election experience.**



**Rehman attended the Alzheimer's Society drop-in during Dementia Awareness Week 2018 and was briefed on the situation in Medway where there are over 2,850 people living with dementia, and 850,000 people across UK. It is now the biggest cause of death nationally.**



**Rehman spoke at the Conservative Disability Group seminar and heard from participants and panellists on how to address some of the challenges faced by individuals with disability.**



**Rehman attended the Wildlife Trusts Nature Network campaign, which is highlighting the positive benefits of green spaces in towns and cities, including in Kent and Medway. The Kent Wildlife Trust celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.**



### **Rehman Spoke in Parliament on the following issues:**

- SMEs taking on apprentices in Kent, Medway and Gillingham and Rainham
- Youth mental health services in Kent and Medway
- The Iran Nuclear Deal
- UK-Tunisia Security cooperation
- Gaza-Israel border violence
- Animal cruelty convictions

### **Rehman also featured in the media:**

- Sky News on the Local Elections
- Eastern Eye article on the Local Elections
- Sky News on Brexit and the Italian Election
- Medway Messenger on various local issues

