



Campaigning to protect local NHS services



Debating in Parliament



Backing the Samaritans

With Mayor Joyce Ryan & GLA member Roger Evans

# Lee Scott MP

## Westminster Report

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### Check your Bank Account!

The startling news that vital personal and confidential information on 25 million people in the UK has been lost by HM Revenue and Customs is deeply worrying to us all.

If you are in receipt of child benefits, please ensure that you regularly check all your financial statements in the future, and ask your Bank or Building Society for advice. Fraudsters may not take large sums of money from your account hoping that you will not notice.

Please contact me if you encounter any serious problems with child benefit financial fraud.

### King George Hospital - Threat to A&E

A recent report from the Dept of Health has confirmed my fears that seriously-ill patients can be at risk when they have to travel further for treatment. I will continue to fight to keep King George's A&E, and all its associated services, open for the benefit of Redbridge people.

## Hands off our Hospitals



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We wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Lee and Estelle Scott



# Autism

I am dedicated to improving the provision of education for the thousands of autistic children in Britain.

Many autistic children are excluded from school or have difficulty accessing speech and language therapists; few parents are satisfied that their children's needs are understood or catered for.

Because there could be as many as 1 in 100 children showing some signs of autism, every teacher can expect to have to deal with its symptoms. But many teachers believe they are not sufficiently trained to cope.

Despite a steep rise in the number of children diagnosed with special needs, more than 90 special schools have been closed in the past 10 years.

To cope with this increase, I support the National Autistic Society's campaign to provide:

- the **right** school for every child
- the **right** training for every teacher
- the **right** approach for every school

In the New Year I hope to be able to introduce in Parliament a bill on the provision of education for children with autism/aspergers and their future into adulthood.



# Health

I have recently become a member of the Parliamentary Health Select Committee, responsible for scrutinizing Government policies and their outcomes.

I am anxious to ensure that there is an improvement in the number of heart patients who get access to vitally important cardiac rehabilitation services. These services are not expensive, but three out of five patients don't get this care because best practice isn't being followed.

I know there is a £1 billion deficit in the NHS, with vast sums of money being spent on poorly thought-out contracts – yet with the constant increase in population being encouraged in our area by the Government and the Mayor for London, I want to know how we will cope if our local hospital is to be seriously down-graded.

I will continue to hold frequent meetings with health management and professionals, in order to represent the concerns of local people.

# Transport

As a member of the Parliamentary Transport Select Committee, I get to see both the local and national picture.

I believe that increasing the number of Traffic Police will do more for road safety than expanding the speed-camera network.

I also support the expansion of the Freedom Pass, providing that proper funding can be put in place.

# Planning

For the sake of our local shops and our community, I want to see modifications in planning policy that will enable independent shopkeepers to both survive and flourish.

Of course we need a diversity of businesses both big and small. From my frequent talks with local business people, I know they want fairer policies that can be legally enforced.