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This is my sixth report as your MP. I hope you find it useful.
National politics has been dominated this year by Iraq and the debate over how best to deal with international terrorism. My judgement was the war in Iraq was not justified and could prove counter-productive. Everyone rejoices at Saddam's defeat, but I remain concerned about the long term implications of the war. I hope I am proved wrong.

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Last year, I took on new responsibilities for my party in the Commons shadowing John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister. This involves in policy debates on Local Government, Housing, Planning and Regional Devolution. These convince me even more that central Government interferes too much. Councils like Kingston get a bad deal from Whitehall and it really is time the unfair council tax was replaced.

Campaigning on local issues continues apace: I was delighted by the community's success in saving Kingston's Magistrates' Courts and I'm pleased we persuaded Ministers that Kingston get a bad deal from Whitehall London, not East London as they were saying (!), winning around £5 million extra for the Royal Borough. I would also like to thank the many people who have supported my continuing campaigns to save local post offices and pharmacies.

This report has been paid for and delivered by local residents who support my work. So not a penny of taxpayers' money has been used. I'm grateful to all who helped make the report possible. If you feel I can be of service to you, do please get in touch with me.

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"This year, I had to move my constituency office to 21 Berrylands Road, Surbiton.

"Thank you to the volunteers who helped refurbish the rundown building (*see right*) from a shell into a modern office. (*see above*)

"The new office is on the ground floor so will be easier for all who found our old office's stairs difficult. The K2 goes right by."



"Keeping in touch with local people remains a top priority for me. I'm always delighted to be asked whether or not I can help out. It was local pharmacists, for example, who first alerted me to dangers they were facing. I was pleased when so many people turned out to a street meeting to hand me a petition, for me to give to Ministers." (see above)