

Vicky Ford | MEP for the East of England



Post Referendum



**I believe in defending our national interests,
fighting our corner and standing up for the
East of England**



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Post Referendum message from Vicky Ford

I am working to ensure the best outcomes for Britain's new relationship with the EU. MEPs have a key role to play in helping to deliver constructive negotiations.

My Political Priorities

- **Economic Stability** must come first. Without a strong economy we can not deliver a strong society. I work with businesses and consumers to keep Britain open for business, cutting red tape, boosting trade opportunities and helping to deliver jobs and growth for all.
- I support **Science and Research** which is key to delivering better medical care, healthy food as well as **Innovation and Creative Industries** which bring improved lifestyles for all our families.
- Strong home **Security** is vital in today's uncertain world, which requires robust policing and defence and deep international relationships that we can depend on. I work with others to achieve this.
- I care about the **Countryside and the Environment** and making sure that rural and urban communities flourish.

The East of England Needs a Strong Team

It continues to be a huge honour to represent the people of East of England. We are strongest when we are a team. I work with national ministers, local MPs, councillors and community representatives to deliver for you.

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Key Achievements



I work with UK ministers to deliver international negotiations on key policy objectives.



I work with livestock and arable farmers to deliver a level playing field for East Anglian producers and fairer food prices.



I help businesses, large and small, to remove bureaucracy and enable them to increase trade.



I support science and innovation by simplifying access to funding grants for collaborative research and developing modern facilities.

About Vicky

Prior to being an MEP, I spent 14 years working in infrastructure financing and was a councillor. I studied mathematics and economics at Cambridge University, and live nearby with my husband, a cancer specialist, and my teenage family. I am a keen musician and sing with my local choir.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE EAST



This NHS commissioned Cambridge designed breathalyser detects early signs of lung cancer and will save many lives.



Speaking to two hundred of the world's top genetics experts from the human genome centre.



The next generation of engineering researcher at the state of the art catapult centre in Great Abington.



Dow Chemicals has been producing in Kings Lynn for over 50 years. They import and export all over Europe.



Talking to local radio stations like KLFM helps me keep in touch.



Celebrating our agricultural and engineering heritage at Weeting Steam Engine Rally.



The lab equipment made by family run Almath Crucible is sold all over the world, even to NASA.



Highly skilled workers at BE Aerospace, in Leighton Buzzard makes bespoke parts for aeroplanes all over the world.



Campaigning for the May 2016 PCC Election with Kathryn Holloway in Bedfordshire.



Plans are underway for improvements for key infrastructure like the A14. We must make sure these are delivered.



Visiting Ipswich Hospital and hearing about the skills, training and expertise of staff.



Agricultural shows are important for businesses - winning prizes brings increased sales and exports.



The unique Aeronautical research facility at Cranfield University will develop the next generation of cleaner greener aircraft.



Herts police have led the UK in fighting cross border crime as championed by the Police Commissioner.



A quarter of the worlds communication satellites are "Made in Stevenage". They made the Mars Rover driven by astronaut Tim Peake.



Ford's global research centre in Basildon is key for their 14,000 UK employees.



Meeting business groups like this one in Colchester helps to keep me informed about local issues and priorities.



Seeing world leading engineering at the decommissioning of old nuclear power plant in Bradwell.

Cambridgeshire

Norfolk

Bedfordshire

Suffolk

Hertfordshire

Essex

My work for you

I am often asked how my work affects local people and the local economy. Here are some of my projects and achievements:

- ✓ Strengthening tests for new cars in the aftermath of the emissions scandal
- ✓ Improving safety on line by increasing security of personal data and facilitating parental controls
- ✓ Reducing holiday and travel complications by reinforcing and simplifying consumer rights
- ✓ Changing international gun laws, to close loopholes whilst not penalising legal owners
- ✓ Removing costly bureaucracy for small companies wanting to raise capital so they can grow
- ✓ Cutting the cost of your mobile phone bill by reducing international roaming fees
- ✓ Supporting our world leading scientists by making it easier for them to work with experts in other countries and negotiating a £70 billion fund for science and research
- ✓ Fighting cybercrime by setting networks of national experts to protect key infrastructure
- ✓ Helping you save money on your energy bills by promoting energy efficiency
- ✓ Pushing the case for rural broadband and infrastructure by unlocking funding for digital telecoms
- ✓ Reforming international banking laws so taxpayers will not be called upon to rescue failing banks
- ✓ Enabling improved international trade opportunities especially by cutting costs for small businesses
- ✓ Supporting British industry by preventing a ban on new offshore deepwater oil drilling



International Negotiator



-London

Washington-



-Brussels

San Francisco-



-Rome

Riga-



-Rotterdam

In international markets it is important to co-ordinate with other parts of the world. I have led policy negotiations on financial services, energy, digital economy and other key sectors. I bring together international audiences of business leaders, consumers, policy makers, leading delegations and facilitating debates thus enabling robust decision making.

Local Campaigner

If you are campaigning in the East and would like me to join you then let me know!

In May 2016 I joined Council and PCC candidates across the East of England.



-Peterborough

Saffron Walden-



-Harlow

Hertford-



-Newmarket

Huntingdon-



-Thetford





How to contact your MEP

Hearing the views of constituents and those affected by political decisions is vital and helps keep me informed. I try to give regular updates on what I am doing using social media, regular newsletters as well as via local press and radio.

I would love to hear from you so do follow me and keep up to date with any new events, seminars and my news.



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