

1 Hi, my name is Anna and I've just moved to a new area and I'd like to find out who my MP is.

2 So the first thing I'm going to go to is direct.gov.uk. Here if I type into the search bar 'find my

3 MP' another link will come up, click on that and another link saying 'find your MP'. In the

4 search bar I can enter my post code and there's my MP's name. Miss Emily Thornberry,

5 Labour Party for Islington South and Finsbury.

6 Another way of doing this is actually going straight to the part of the government's official

7 website which is parliament.uk. On here is another way of accessing the same information. If

8 you click on 'MPs, Lords and offices' - and there's two options here - either to put in your

9 postcode, as I did before, or I can go to the A-Z list of MPs. If you scroll down on that list you

10 can find your MP, so I find Miss Emily Thornberry and I can either email her, head to her

11 website or I click on a bio of her, which will tell me her electoral history, her career

12 beforehand and her interests.

13 Another way of finding and getting her website is just using a regular search engine and

14 typing in the name of your MP, clicking search and her website has come up for me.

15 Another means of actually getting in contact with your MP is using the website

16 writetothem.com and this website you type once again in your postcode, press search and I

17 can write to my counsellors, London Assembly members and my Member of Parliament,

18 Emily Thornberry. Clicking on that link takes me to a page where I can put in my name,

19 address and write a message to her. Now, I'm going to write to her about the recycling policy

20 in my area, because I have just moved to the area and I'm not sure what opportunities are

21 available.

22 Nowadays, a lot of MPs are going on to the social networking site Twitter so I can have a

23 look to see whether my MP is active on Twitter. To do so I need to sign in as my own

24 account and then I click on find people, type in the name of my MP, click search and

25 unfortunately she's not, but yours might be and it is becoming increasingly popular for MPs
26 to keep in touch with their public through Twitter.

27 You might also find that your MP writes a blog which also gives information on their views
28 and on the actual work that they are doing, so another way of keeping in touch with them is
29 to follow their blog feed. To do this you'll need to use a blog reader. There are many
30 available and then you just download their newsfeed so that it regularly updates you with
31 their news.

32 And that is how you find out about your MP in your local area.

