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A STRONG VOICE FOR RHONDDA AND OGMORE

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Over the last few months, the government has really hit the ground running. We've passed the Employment Rights Bill, delivering the New Deal for Working People we've fought for—banning exploitative zero-hours contracts, giving workers fair notice and entitlements of shifts, and strengthening trade union rights. We've ended the private school VAT exemption and directed that funding straight into our state schools, helping to level the playing field.

We've taken long-overdue action to hold water companies to account, putting a stop to the era of polluting with impunity and protecting our rivers, seas, and communities for the future. And we're powering ahead with our climate commitments—delivering cleaner energy, new green jobs, and a proper industrial strategy, building on the leadership already shown by the Welsh Government.

We are, of course, governing in tough times. The mess left behind by the Tories is deep and damaging, and we've had to make some difficult calls—like the reduction in the international aid budget. I know those decisions will be hard for many members to hear, and they're not taken lightly. But every choice has been rooted in our values and focused on rebuilding the country for the long term. Nothing is more important than the country's security and with the uprooting of the peace dividend we in the UK have enjoyed for over 30 years – we must now boost our defence spending.

After so many years of Tory chaos, we can finally be proud of our Prime Minister. Keir has shown the principled, steady leadership we longed for in the barren years of Conservative rule—standing firm for Ukraine, defending democracy, and restoring Britain's credibility on the world stage. From Westminster to Wales, we're rebuilding a fairer, greener, stronger country as promised in our manifesto and backed by the country in July last year.

PRECIOUS POLYMERS CYMRU

Great to catch up with Precious Polymers Cymru and Welcome to Our Woods in Treherbert this morning for a first look at their new plastic recycling project!

One of the first of its kind, and it's coming to the Rhondda, transforming plastic waste into practical items like plant pots, phone covers, and even school playground structures!

Looking forward to seeing the first items produced.



OUT ON THE DOORSTEP

It's been fantastic to be back out on the doorstep, speaking with residents across Rhondda and Ogmore about the issues that matter to them. Over the past few months, I've been out with our brilliant Rhondda MS, Buffy Williams, and Ogmore MS/AS, Huw Irranca-Davies, alongside our dedicated team of door knockers.

We know that the cost of living, access to healthcare, and jobs remain top priorities for people across the constituency.

Thanks to the recent Welsh Government Budget, we are seeing real investment in our public services— extra money for health and social care, funding for local transport improvements, and support for young people and apprenticeships.

While we can't undo 14 years of Tory damage overnight, Welsh Labour is working hard to put Wales back on the path to growth.



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG LLYN Y FORWYN

Pupils in Ferndale have moved into their brand-new school, marking a significant milestone for education in the area. This state-of-the-art learning environment is the result of investment, ensuring that children in our community receive the very best start in life. I passionately supported this project, championing the need for improved Welsh school facilities to benefit local families. I am absolutely delighted to see this new school finally built.

This is a major investment in the future in Ferndale, ensuring that generations to come will have access to high-quality education within a Welsh medium setting. The school boasts modern classrooms, excellent facilities, and a welcoming atmosphere for both pupils and staff. It reflects a commitment to education in the Rhondda and Ogmore constituency and highlights the importance of securing resources for future generations. I will continue to advocate for investment in local education, ensuring that every child has the tools they need to succeed.



PONTYGWAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL TO PARLIAMENT

Recently I had the privilege of welcoming pupils from Pontygwaith Primary School to Parliament.

It was fantastic to meet them and answer their brilliant questions about politics, Parliament, and the role of an MP. Their enthusiasm was fantastic!

I hope you enjoyed the rest of your trip to London.



KEN STATE VISIT

Recently Cabinet Secretary Ken Skates MS visited us at Pontypridd Station to discuss the future of transport in Wales. With Labour working in partnership across both the Welsh & UK Governments we will deliver an unprecedented. I raised a couple of issues with the electrification works between Treherbert and Pontypridd.

The good news about the Bus Bill that will guarantee local franchising in Wales, the Welsh unit of Great British Railways, and integrated ticketing across the travel network. Lots to look forward to!



NEW SURGERIES AND OUTREACH SESSIONS

I'm always looking for ways to make it easier for people to get in touch and access support. That's why we've recently started holding regular surgeries at my constituency office, and we're also trialling new outreach sessions in Nantymoel and the Bettws jointly with Huw Irranca-Davies Office.

These sessions are a chance for you to raise any issues or concerns, ask for advice, or simply have a chat about what's going on in your community. If you—or someone you know—is looking for help, support or guidance, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the office. We're here to help however we can.

ABERCERDIN PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting Abercerdin Primary School to speak with pupils about the role of an MP and to take some excellent—and often challenging!—questions from the children. It's always a joy to see young people so engaged and curious about how democracy works.

The visit came shortly after the school received a glowing Estyn inspection report, a testament to the hard work of everyone at Abercerdin. The school's success reflects the dedication of its staff, the enthusiasm of its pupils, and the strength of its wider school community.

It was also inspiring to meet the incredible community volunteers who run the community pantry and shop, providing vital support to local families during these challenging times. This kind of grassroots effort makes such a difference—and shows the very best of what our communities can achieve when we work together.

A huge thank you to Mrs Gentle, the headteacher, for such a warm welcome. Her passion for the school and her pupils shines through in everything she does. Abercerdin is incredibly fortunate to have such strong leadership at the helm.



HELPING PEOPLE IN THE RHONDDA AND OGMORE

4,594

CASEWORK EMAILS

1,872

CASES

1,254

TELEPHONE CALLS

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