

News from **PATRICIA FERGUSON** **MP for Glasgow West**



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Welcome to my **August newsletter**. With Parliament in recess I had the pleasure of having more time to get out and about across the communities of Glasgow West – from meeting local groups and organisations, to hosting a series of summer surgeries. My constituency office team continued to assist me to deal with the many individual, campaign and policy enquiries raised by local residents. We received over 1,200 emails; opened almost 400 new cases; and, successfully dealt with almost 700 ongoing cases. It was another very busy month!

Constituency Update



As Parliament has been in recess throughout August this has allowed me to spend more time out and about across the constituency. I have enjoyed being able to hold a series of pop-up surgeries, in addition to my regular monthly surgeries, which have given me the opportunity to meet and chat with constituents in their home, on their street, and in our local supermarkets.



Locations for these pop-up surgeries have included Knightswood, Anniesland, Partick, and Broomhill. It was great to be able to host my first Morrisons supermarket surgeries which provided an informal opportunity for shoppers in Partick to chat with me, whilst in Anniesland local residents could make an appointment to meet me whilst they were in store. I was delighted to also be able to contribute to Morrisons 'Every Pack Gives Back' campaign in support of the Marie Curie charity.



I believe it's extremely important that I make myself available to meet with constituents in our local areas, so will continue these pop-up surgeries going forward. Keep your eyes peeled for a letter from me!

I'm always keen to support young people with an interest in politics & was pleased to have Caoimhe from Hyndland Secondary School shadowing me for a day. Caoimhe learned about my role as MP for Glasgow West, joining me at meetings & local events, & spent time with my constituency office team. It was a pleasure to have Caoimhe join me for the day!



Serving the communities of Anniesland, Blairdardie, Broomhill, Claythorn, Dowanhill, Drumchapel, High Knightswood, Hyndland, Jordanhill, Knightswood, Old Drumchapel, Partick, Scotstoun, Scotstounhill, Temple, Thornwood, Whiteinch & Yoker



Sunday 24th August marked Ukraine Independence Day and it was lovely to attend a family fun day in Victoria Park to celebrate this. The event was organised by the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (Glasgow) and the Friends of Victoria Park, and it was a great coming together of the whole community in solidarity and friendship with Ukraine.

Along with Local Councillor Eunis Jassemi and Glasgow MSP Paul Sweeney, it was fantastic to be able to join the community in celebration and in recognition of Ukrainians fighting for their freedom and liberty. Congratulations to everyone involved in organising this excellent event.

The 80th Anniversary of VJ Day was commemorated across the UK in August and I was honoured to join the event at the memorial at Knightswood Cross on the 16th August. Organised by the Glasgow & West Branch of the Parachute Regimental Association, the event hosted veterans, families and friends in commemoration of the complete end of the Second World War. I laid a wreath on behalf of constituents across Glasgow West, recognising and honouring those who gave their lives, and the families who endured so much, for their contribution to securing peace. Following a short service the commemoration culminated in a march past, led by the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders Balaclava Pipe Band.



There are many great social housing organisations operating across the Glasgow West constituency, and I was pleased to meet recently with Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association's Director of Housing. This was a great opportunity to discuss local housing matters and their plans for the area.

I deal with a large number of housing enquiries on behalf of constituents, so I make a point of ensuring that I am in regular contact with our housing providers who not only provide local homes, but also play a key role in building our local communities.

Patricia Ferguson MP
Member of Parliament for Glasgow West

Drumchapel Jobs Fair

Join us at the Drumchapel Jobs Fair and connect with employers actively hiring. Whether you're a recent graduate or an experienced professional, bring along your CV and make your next career move.

Drumchapel Community Centre, 320 Kinfauns Drive G15 7HA

Date: 24th September **Time:** 9:30am - 11:30am

I reported in a previous newsletter on my meeting with Drumchapel Job Centre and their 'local jobs for local people' strategy. I am pleased to now be partnering with them in a forthcoming Jobs Fair, at which local employers who are currently recruiting will be in attendance. This will be a fantastic opportunity for local people looking for work to bring along their CV and find out about employment opportunities that are currently available.

Final details of the employers attending the event are being confirmed by the Job Centre, but they hope to have around twenty employers on the day with a wide range of opportunities available.

I am delighted to be working with the Job Centre on this event. It is recognised that quality, paid work is the best route out of poverty. And, at a time when wages are increasing, including the minimum wage, and with a new package of workers' rights being introduced, it's a great time to enter the workforce. I hope that many local residents looking for work will come along to Drumchapel Community Centre on the day, and take the next step toward their next career move.



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A number of constituents responding to my **Local Transport Survey** have expressed concerns regarding the safety and effectiveness of the relatively new traffic light controlled junction at Danes Drive, Westland Drive, and Victoria Park Drive North. In particular, local residents have got in touch about long queues of traffic at rush hour, and the need for clearer road markings and directional signage.

Your Local Transport Priorities - Have Your Say!

I am committed to working with and for local residents to deliver positive change for our area; helping to ensure that our communities can thrive.

I know that easy access to work, education, health, leisure, and other key services, is vitally important. Whether you use public transport, active travel, or are a car driver you want to know that you can get about your regular business, meet with family and friends, and connect across our communities.

Unfortunately, that's not always easy - whether due to public transport challenges; lack of active travel options; or poor roads and footpath maintenance.

Since my election I've been pleased to open the new Anniesland train station lifts, improving station accessibility for all, I've opposed proposals to reduce station ticket office opening hours; I've made representations to the Council about west end parking; and, I've supported proposals to improve access to Drumchapel town centre. But there's much more to do!

I am keen to hear what your priorities are to improve travel where you live. Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/3WsGzIT> to take my 60 second survey



Complete my survey at <https://bit.ly/3WsGzIT> or scan the QR code to **Have Your Say!**

I have taken up these concerns with Glasgow City Council asking whether any assessment of the junction had been carried out since its installation to ensure that it is operating as effectively as intended. Having pursued this matter for many months with the Council I recently received an update advising that an officer has visited this location on several occasions since April 2025 to monitor the situation, and has found the road markings, visibility, and operation of the traffic signals to be satisfactory.

I am concerned that this appears to be at odds with the experience of residents using the junction and would encourage anyone who's had a poor experience at this location to let me know.

I've previously reported that I had made representations about the decision not to continue the peak fare removal trial on trains across Scotland. I firmly believe that if we are to encourage more people to use public transport we must do everything we can to make it accessible and affordable. I am therefore very pleased that this decision was reviewed and that peak fares are removed permanently from 1st September 2025. This is a very welcome decision!

I've been pleased to support a campaign by local parents and my colleague Councillor Paul Carey, calling on the Council to invest in the pitches at Camstradden and St. Claire's Primary Schools in Drumchapel.



The pitches have become unusable due to lack of maintenance & investment and there are serious safety concerns.

I highlighted the issue on 'That's TV' and took the opportunity to call on Glasgow City Council to listen to the parents and commit to providing the pupils with the pitches they need and deserve.



Take a Break at Our Carers Café

Pop in for a cuppa, cake, and a blether with other carers. It's a friendly, relaxed space to chat, share a laugh, and discover services and resources that might make life a little easier.

We know joining groups can be difficult when you're a carer, so feel free to bring the person you care for. While you meet other carers, they can unwind next door with the experienced Time Well Spent volunteers.

Please note our team isn't medically trained and can't provide personal care, but we'll do what we can to support you both - just let us know when you arrive.

We also welcome guest speakers to share useful information. If you'd like to speak at an upcoming café, please get in touch.

CARERS POP IN CAFE

every Friday from the 22 August

YOKER COMMUNITY CAMPUS

10 KELSO PLACE, YOKER G14 0LL - 0141 952 1010

10.30 am - 12 pm

ENJOY A CUPPA, CAKE & CHAT

MEET OTHER CARERS IN A WARM, FRIENDLY SPACE

DISCOVER LOCAL SERVICES AND RESOURCES

We often have guest speakers sharing helpful information. Want to speak at our next café? Contact us for more information.

Bring the person you care for - they can relax next door with support from the Time Well Spent volunteers. (Please note volunteers are not medically trained and cannot provide personal care.)

The carers pop-in café in Yoker Resource Centre re-launched on the 22nd August and I was pleased to be able to drop in for a cuppa.

This is a fantastic service, offering a welcoming, relaxed environment where carers from all backgrounds can take a break, connect with others, and access useful resources and information. The weekly sessions are designed to support the wellbeing of carers in a warm, informal setting.

Carers are welcome to bring the person they support, and while carers connect over a cuppa, their loved

ones can relax in a nearby space with the experienced Time Well Spent volunteers. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and I'm sure this valuable service will prove very popular with local carers.

Glasgow West constituency includes the BAE Systems shipbuilding site in Scotstoun. It is an important local employer, whose presence in our constituency brings huge benefits to many other local businesses. I was therefore delighted to welcome the £10 billion deal between BAE systems base in Scotstoun and the Norwegian government, which will see BAE build Type 26 frigates for the Norwegian navy. This deal will create 2,000 jobs in Scotland and support more than 400 British companies.

This is the biggest defence procurement deal that Norway has awarded. BAE had to compete against France, Germany and the USA and the award of the contract to the Clyde yard is a testament to the quality of vessels built by BAE and the skill and expertise of its workforce. This deal secures shipbuilding jobs on the Clyde for at least 15 years.

Parliamentary Update



Although Parliament has been in recess throughout August I have continued to pursue matters of concern to local residents through the Parliamentary processes available to me. I tabled a number of written questions on a range of subjects including:

- the evacuation of Palestinian academics seeking to study at UK universities
- the Housing Benefit disregard for young people living in supported accommodation
- age verification and the Online Safety Act
- the regulation of estate agents
- the International Court of Justice's finding that Israel is in breach of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Amnesty International's investigation in Gaza highlighting the human toll of Israel's Apartheid System against Palestinians
- ending the use by NHS England of generic drugs manufactured by companies with links to Israel

You can read all my written questions on the [UK Parliament website](#)

UK Parliament Week (UKPW) - 24-30 November 2025 - is an annual event, spreading the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how you can get involved. There are already a number of local schools and organisations signed up to take part in the week. You can find out more and register on the [UKPW website](#) I am very much looking forward to visiting a number of schools taking part in UKPW.



Despite the recess the work of the **Scottish Affairs Committee**, which I Chair, continued in August. We had a very interesting visit to Loch Sloy to allow us to better understand the process of generating hydroelectricity. In spite of the weather, we were able to view the dam and the tunnels, pipework and engineering that make it work. Thanks to the SSE staff we met for a very informative visit. Final drafting of reports on the space industry and Safer Drug Consumption Room pilot also took place. These will be considered by the Committee and published in mid-September. You can sign up to the Scottish Affairs Committee newsletter on the [SAC website](#).

This is just a snapshot of my recent work. Regular updates are shared via my social media channels -

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