

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



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Welcome to my **October newsletter**. It's been an incredibly busy month with lots happening across the constituency. My casework mailbox was particularly busy, with 551 new enquiries from constituents – this resulted in my office receiving almost 1,400 casework related emails and sending over 2,000 emails about the enquiries we received. I think this may be the largest number since my election! Housing and Home Office enquiries continue to make up a significant number of individual cases, whilst Digital ID Cards, and Israel/Gaza were issues of concern.

Constituency Update



The Glasgow West constituency comprises many vibrant and diverse communities, and it is a privilege to represent them all and the people who help to make them the welcoming places they are. Drumchapel is one such inclusive community, since its construction in the 1950s to the present day it has welcomed people from across Glasgow and further afield. It was a pleasure to attend the G15 Thriving Places launch of their 2025 Hope not Hate – Drumchapel Against Racism campaign at the start of October.

Now in its third year, the campaign seeks to unite the Drumchapel and wider Glasgow community to combat racism and to promote inclusion. The launch featured musical performances from five local primary schools, participation from local groups, and a presentation from Drumchapel High School's anti-racism society. The launch venue displayed a wall of flags representing the different countries Drumchapel residents have migrated from, with the Saltire at the centre of the display. I was pleased to submit a motion to Parliament recognising the campaign and congratulating all those involved in it.



Dementia Heroes community support group & dementia café meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Byres Community Hub in Glasgow University's Clarice Pears building. It offers a safe, friendly and stimulating environment for those living with dementia and their unpaid carers. I was delighted to be able to visit the group in October and enjoyed meeting those in attendance, and chatting with Arvind Salwan, the group's founder. You can get more information on the [University website](#). I also enjoyed hearing about A Moment for Music, a music group for people living with dementia which runs sessions on the first Friday of each month in Gartnavel Royal Hospital.

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



The Macmillan coffee morning is an annual event held by groups & organisations, workplaces, schools and individuals across the UK to raise funds to help provide support and services for people living with cancer.



A number of coffee mornings took place across the constituency and I enjoyed joining the Time Well Spent group in the Yoker Resource Centre for theirs on the 3rd October. The event was very well attended by community members, with organisations such as Police Scotland represented at it.

It was lovely to be back with the Time Well Spent group a couple of weeks later when I joined their regular Friday gathering. It was great to chat about local and national issues and to pick up some casework along the way! The group provides a packed programme of activities to help reduce isolation & maintain active lifestyles and you can find out more about Time Well Spent on the yokercampus.org website.



In last month's newsletter I reported on the news that the Bank of Scotland have announced plans to close their Anniesland branch in January 2026. In October I met with management from the bank to discuss my very serious concerns about this decision. The bank has shared with me details of how they are supporting customers during this period before the closure, but nonetheless I remain concerned about the loss of this local service and will continue to make the case for a banking hub in the area.

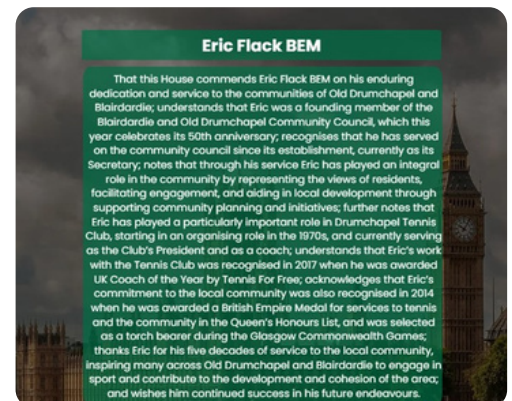


Drumchapel Credit Union was the first credit union in Scotland, set up 55 years ago by local man, Bert Mullen. The organisation celebrated its golden anniversary in 2020, unfortunately due to the Covid pandemic it was unable to celebrate this milestone at the time. It was therefore very fitting that the Lord Provost hosted a civic reception in the City Chambers on the 16th October, to both mark it's 55th anniversary and celebrate it's golden anniversary. I was delighted to be able to join staff and volunteers from the credit union, along with Drumchapel Councillors Paul Carey and Davena Rankin, to

join in the celebrations and to present a copy of my parliamentary motion recognising the achievements of the credit union. Glasgow West residents are served by a number of excellent credit unions and I know how valued their services are.

Our communities are also well served by a host of excellent community councils, made up of local residents who care deeply about our local communities and volunteer their time to serve them. One such community council, Blairdardie & Old Drumchapel, celebrated its 50th anniversary in October, and took the opportunity to recognise the contribution of local resident Eric Flack, a founding member of the organisation who has served on it continuously since it was set up. I was very pleased to be able to add my thanks and congratulations to Eric in a parliamentary motion, commending him on his service to his community over the last five decades. Our communities benefit from volunteers like Eric, and I thank each and every community councillor across Glasgow West who give freely of their time to serve our local areas.

If you are interested in supporting the work of your local community council you can find out more on the Glasgow City Council website.



In last month's newsletter I provided an update on the plans to regenerate the Drumchapel local town centre, which is being supported by £14m. of funding from the UK Government. Detailed information on the plans are now available on the [Glasgow City Council website](#) - with details of the plans to improve the town centre and develop a 'Town Hall'; and the creation of a new pavilion in Drumchapel Park and proposals for new housing. There is an online survey to allow you to help shape some of the plans, including changes to the road layout, improved road crossing points for pedestrians, bus stop locations and pavement improvements.

Information will also be on display in Drumchapel Library from 3rd November to 15th December and paper copies of the questionnaire will be available. The project team will also be available at Drumchapel Library between 3.30pm and 7pm on Wednesday 12 November.



Image: Glasgow City Council

I was pleased to see work carried out in October to improve road safety for pedestrians on Kinfauns Drive around Drumchapel High School and the Community Centre. This is an issue that has been raised via my **Local Transport Survey**, and one which I know local councillors and young people have been campaigning about for quite some time.

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/3WsgizT> to take my 60 second survey

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The Council has now installed traffic calming measures at this location, including the installation of speed bumps and islands at crossing points, making it safer for school pupils and those using the community centre to cross this busy carriageway.

I was also pleased to see work carried out to cut back some of the vegetation around Anniesland Cross/Crow Road, improving the sight lines for pedestrians. Once again, this was a concern that had been brought to my attention by local residents and that I was keen to ensure was resolved. I am pleased that constituents continue to complete my survey to make me aware of their local transport priorities.

As well as supporting the Macmillan coffee morning in October I was pleased to engage with the Macmillan Cancer Support and Information Service which operates from libraries across Glasgow. It's a free and confidential drop-in service for anyone affected by cancer, offering a chat with staff or a volunteer, to pick up information or find out about local services and help. The service is available in Drumchapel Library every Friday 11am to 1pm, and Partick Library every Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Glasgow Airport recently launched an airspace modernisation consultation. As a number of communities in Glasgow West lie on the airport flightpath I know that this will be of interest to local residents and I would encourage you to take the opportunity to have your say on this important matter. I attended a drop-in event in Parliament to find out more about the consultation, and was pleased to note that the stated aim of the proposals are to *"reduce the total adverse effects of noise from aircraft, improve capacity and minimise delays, and lower emissions per flight through more direct routing."* To get more information and to respond to the consultation you can go online to the [Scottish Airspace Modernisation website](#). There will also be a drop-in consultation event in Drumchapel St Mark's Church, 281 Kinfauns Drive on Friday 21st Nov between 2pm and 8pm.

Community groups in the G13, G14 & G15 postcodes can also apply to the Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund which offers funding for local projects. You can get more information on the [Airport website](#).

Glasgow Airport Airspace Consultation

The skies above Glasgow are changing and we are seeking your views.

Glasgow Airport is consulting on an Airspace Change Proposal to modernise its arrival and departure routes and the surrounding airspace to meet the UK Government's Airspace Modernisation Strategy.

This forms part of a wider proposal called Scottish Airspace Modernisation which is being undertaken by Glasgow Airport, Edinburgh Airport and NATS (the UK's provider of air traffic control services).

Consultation runs from: 20 October 2025 to 25 January 2026

Parliamentary Update



I take every opportunity to assist constituents with issues and concerns that they bring to my attention, and this can often be by raising their experience in parliament. During October I was able to highlight concerns that many constituents have made me aware of regarding difficulties booking driving tests. In a question in the House of Commons I asked for an update on the progress being made in providing additional driving test appointments. I also asked a number of written questions on this important matter and will continue to follow this up regularly going forward to ascertain if the situation is improving.

I also spoke in the Chamber about the experience of a constituent impacted by the infected blood scandal, and welcomed changes to the compensation scheme announced by the government so that it works better for those infected and affected. And, I raised the issue of a constituent unable to access a cheaper electricity tariff due to being digitally excluded, and spoke about the need to ensure that Scotland's education system, particularly our colleges, is able to equip our young people with the skills they need to access new and emerging jobs and industries, particularly in the energy sector which will see 40,000 new jobs in the clean energy industries in Scotland by 2030. Finally, I asked written questions about difficulties constituents have had with the DWP, including delays with Access to Work applications.

Constituents continue to contact me in large numbers about the situation in Gaza. I welcome the peace deal which came into effect on the 10th October, which included the release of Israeli hostages and the provision of aid to Gaza. In September I had met with the Palestinian Head of Mission to the UK, and we met again in October coinciding with the start of the peace deal. We spoke about the urgent need to ensure aid was provided in volume and at speed, the need for unhindered access for humanitarian assistance into Gaza, and also of the need to ensure that the deal marks the start of delivering a sustainable peace. It is concerning that there has been breaks in the ceasefire and I hope all sides will work towards delivering post conflict stability in Gaza, reconstructing vital infrastructure and rebuilding lives. I have also spoken in Parliament on behalf of Gazan students requiring help to travel to the UK to take up funded scholarships at Glasgow University and other institutions. I will continue to advocate for Palestine and its people in the months and years ahead. You can read all of my parliamentary contributions on the [Parliament website](#).



The **Scottish Affairs Committee**, which I Chair, published its interim report on the future of Scotland's oil and gas industry on the 24th October. The report expresses concern that clean energy jobs are not being created at the pace or the scale required to match the job losses arising from the decline of the North Sea oil and gas industry. It urges the UK Government to avoid accelerating the decline of North Sea oil and gas production through its policy environment while this remains the case. The report emphasises the urgent need for a coherent transition plan. I also made a statement in Parliament on the Committee's report into Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility. You can read the Committee's reports and sign up to the Committee's 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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