



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



December 2025

Welcome to my **December newsletter**. As 2025 draws to a close it is an opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy year, to recall some of the highlights of the year, and to look forward to 2026. And, I'm also delighted to be able to share with you the winning design from my first Glasgow West schools Christmas Card competition. I hope you find this update of interest and, most importantly, **I hope you and yours have a peaceful Christmas and a very happy new year!**

Constituency Update

It has been an honour to serve the communities of Glasgow West over the last 12 months, and a pleasure to work alongside local residents, the community groups and organisations that make our communities the strong, vibrant neighbourhoods they are.

2025 has been a year of recognising the strength of our communities – we've celebrated 25 years of Kingsway Community Connections; 50 years of Drumchapel Community Council; 55 years of Drumchapel Credit Union; 100 years of Partick Library; and 125 years of Thornwood Primary School. We've welcomed investment in our communities – from securing over £14m in UK Government funding for Drumchapel's local town centre regeneration, to safeguarding local jobs at BAE in Scotstoun thanks to the Government's £10bn frigate deal with Norway.

I've enjoyed attending local groups and visiting schools across the constituency, and had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of residents across the constituency at surgeries, including in supermarkets and on your doorstep, and at community events. And, I've hosted special events, from a Child Poverty Taskforce consultation, to a jobs fair in Drumchapel.

I'm already planning events and activities for 2026 – from a jobs fair in Partick early in the new year, to pop up surgeries across the constituency, and school visits. Keep an eye on future newsletters for more information.



Christmas is a busy time for us all and this is particularly true for our posties. I enjoyed visiting the G11/G12 delivery office early one Friday morning, as the team were preparing for another busy day. The workload in the office increases significantly in the run up to Christmas, and this requires the team to work extra hard to make sure the Christmas post gets delivered on time. It was good to meet the posties as they prepared for the day ahead. Thanks to all the Royal Mail staff who work so hard to get our mail to us at Christmas, and throughout the year!

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



For my Christmas card this year I ran a competition inviting pupils at secondary schools across Glasgow West to create a design. Judging took place at the end of November and with the number of entries received and the high quality of the submissions it was not an easy decision. I am very grateful to Joyce Bell from the G15 Youth Project for undertaking that task. The winning design (left) was created by Anud Najm of Knightswood Secondary School. It was sent as an e-Card to hundreds of local residents, groups and organisations and has also been shared on my social media and website. Thank you to all the pupils that submitted entries, and to the schools that facilitated their participation.

In last month's newsletter I welcomed the Government's announcement of the abolition of the two-child cap, which in Glasgow West could help lift around 2,290 children out of poverty, and reduce relative child poverty across Scotland by 95,000 and across the UK by 450,000 by the end of the decade.

The publication of the UK Government's Child Poverty Strategy earlier this month was further evidence of its commitment to tackling this issue. I ensured that our communities had their say on the strategy by hosting a Child Poverty Taskforce event earlier in the year, which was attended by organisations from across Glasgow West who work day-in day-out to help prevent child poverty. All of these organisations identified inconsistent funding as a barrier to their work.

It is concerning therefore that at the same time as the Government was publishing its strategy, the Council announced funding cuts to a number of organisations across Glasgow West, such as The Annexe, Drumchapel LIFE, and Kingsway Community Connections. I raised this issue in the House of Commons and have also written to the Chief Executive of Glasgow City Council expressing my concerns. [You can watch my question in parliament on my website.](#)



I reported in a previous newsletter that respondents to my **Local Transport Survey** had highlighted the lack of a bus service through the Great Western Retail Park, despite there being several services that pass the boundary of the retail park. I had therefore written to First Bus asking that they address this lack of a direct service. I have now received a response from First Bus advising that they are carrying out a full review of their network, which includes assessing opportunities to enhance connectivity.

They have advised that the suggestion of routing services via Great Western Retail Park fits well with some of their thinking, and indicate that they are hopeful of being able to incorporate a service of this nature into their plans. I welcome this update and hope that local bus users will be able to benefit from an improved service in the near future.

Remember, the [Council website's Winter Maintenance page](#) contains links to let residents request a grit bin and request that a grit bin is refilled. So, if you think your street would benefit from a grit bin why not submit a request so that your area is winter ready in case of icy or snowy conditions.

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/3WsGizI> to take my 60 second survey

0141 370 2324 | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Email](#)

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

Parliamentary Update



I am delighted to report that one of the government's key pieces of legislation, the Employment Rights Bill, has now been agreed by Parliament. The Bill will strengthen workers rights including the removal of limits on statutory sick pay; banning zero-hours contracts; expanding paternity, parental and bereavement leave; strengthening protections for pregnant women, whistleblowers and victims of sexual harassment; and making flexible working the default.

I firmly believe that workers deserve the strongest rights and protections at work, and am proud to have supported this legislation at every stage. It has been described as the biggest upgrade to workers' rights in a generation, and I look forward to working people enjoying more security, better pay and dignity at work thanks to this Bill.

In early December Parliament held a debate celebrating St. Andrew's Day. I took the opportunity to reflect on Scotland's history as a welcoming place for the stranger. I spoke about how, over the years, we have welcomed people from across the world into our communities, including here in Glasgow West. Whether the Italian families who came at the start of the 20th century; the Polish people who sought refuge after the second world war; those from the Indian subcontinent who came after partition; the Chilean refugees, many of whom came to Drumchapel, seeking safety having escaped from the brutal regime of the dictator, Pinochet; and, in recent years, the many Ukrainian refugees we have welcomed.

I commended Thriving Places Drumchapel's Hope Not Hate campaign and the work of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain Glasgow Branch who hold an annual Ukrainian Independence Day celebration in Victoria Park. Our communities are welcoming places and we have much to be proud of. [You can watch my speech on Parliament TV.](#)



The work of the **Scottish Affairs Committee**, which I Chair, continues with our inquiries underway into the future of Scotland's high streets; and digital and fixed connectivity in Scotland. As part of these inquiries the Committee visited the Isle of Skye at the start of December. We met with representatives from Highland Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership, as well as local businesses and community organisations. In addition to the Committee's inquiries, we explored the challenges facing the island's economy more broadly, and local people's perspectives on these issues.

The Committee has also launched an inquiry exploring how Scotland's economy and job market can benefit from increased defence spending. Amongst other things, we will consider how increased investment can create high-quality, skilled jobs in Scotland. Something of particular relevance here in Glasgow West, the home of BAE's Applied Shipbuilding Academy.

As committee chair I also sit on Parliament's Liaison Committee which provides an opportunity three times a year to question the Prime Minister. At the most recent public meeting, on 15 December, I used the session to question the Prime Minister on the Energy Profits Levy, the future of Grangemouth, and the closure of the Mossmorran ethylene plant in Fife. I also questioned the Prime Minister on the future of Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility ('The Thistle') following the Committee's report earlier this year. [You can watch the full session on Parliament TV.](#)

Find out more about the Committee's work and sign up to its newsletter on the [SAC website](#).

PATRICIA FERGUSON MP

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GLASGOW WEST

Useful Contacts

LOCAL CONTACTS	MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
<p>Drumchapel Citizens Advice 0141 944 2612</p> <p>Social Security Scotland 0800 182 2222</p> <p>Scottish Welfare Fund 0141 276 1177</p> <p>Universal Credit Helpline 0800 328 5644</p>	<p>Samaritans 116 123</p> <p>SAMH 0344 800 0550</p>
HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT	FUEL AND ENERGY
<p>Shelter Scotland 0808 800 4444</p> <p>Simon Community 0800 027 7466</p> <p>Glasgow City Council Homelessness 0800 838 502</p>	<p>SGN Gas Emergency 0800 111 999</p> <p>Scottish Power 0800 092 9290</p>
EMERGENCY SERVICES	OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS
<p>Police, Fire and Ambulance 999</p> <p>Police Non Emergency 101</p> <p>NHS 24, Non Emergency 111</p>	<p>Alzheimer Scotland 0808 808 3000</p> <p>Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 027 1234</p> <p>Age Scotland 0800 1244 222</p> <p>Emergency Social Care 0300 343 1505</p>

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

 [@PJFerguson18](#)  [Patricia Ferguson for Glasgow West](#)  [patriciafergusonmp](#)

I produce a regular newsletter update and if you would like to receive this directly into your inbox you can email patricia.ferguson.mp@parliament.uk to be added to the mailing list