

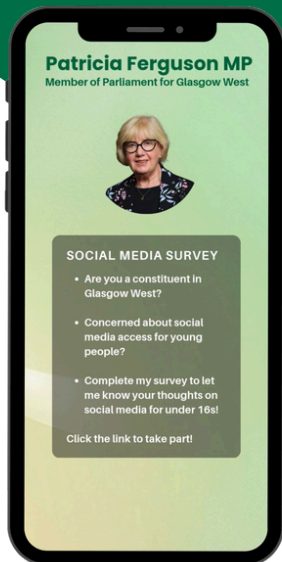
News from **PATRICIA FERGUSON** **MP for Glasgow West**



February 2026

Welcome to my **February newsletter**. The House of Commons was in recess for a week during the month, which allowed me to spend more time in the constituency – meeting constituents, attending meetings, and visiting a local school. It's always great to get out and about across our local communities. During the month I received almost 500 new enquiries from constituents – from home office and housing enquiries, to issues with the passport office and civil service pension scheme. More information is provided below on some of the wider issues raised with me, including Gaza and proposed changes to the Asylum and Immigration system.

Constituency Update



I reported in last month's newsletter that many constituents had contacted me about social media access for young people. In January I signed a letter to the Prime Minister urging action on this important issue and welcomed the Government's announcement of a consultation. The 3-month consultation will seek views on a range of issues including setting a minimum age limit for social media; restricting features that are harmful; raising the digital age of consent from 13, stopping companies using and profiting from children's data without parental consent; and, stopping children being able to share and receive nude images. The Government is ensuring that it can very quickly implement the outcomes of the consultation, which will launch in March.

I will provide further information on the consultation in future newsletters.

In the meantime, as MPs will have a vote on any proposals I want to hear from as many constituents as possible and have launched a local survey allowing you to have your say. [You can fill out the survey online](https://bit.ly/4rsnLkk) – <https://bit.ly/4rsnLkk>



I am committed to making myself as available as possible to constituents. As well as my regular surgeries, constituents can complete the enquiry form on my website – www.patriciafergusonmp.uk or email me at patricia.ferguson.mp@parliament.uk

I also hold regular pop-up and street surgeries and in February I organised a street surgery in Jordanhill with local councillor, Eunis Jassemi. I also held a dementia support surgery hosted by the [Dementia Heroes West End Cafe](#). Charities including Age Scotland and Quarriers were also in attendance, and it was a great opportunity to speak to and assist people living with dementia and their carers.

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



I was delighted to be invited by Primary 6 pupils from Antonine Primary in Drumchapel to visit the class to chat about my work as an MP. The class has recently been working on a topic about government, learning about how the UK and Scottish Governments work, and what Members of Parliament do to help people in their local area. I enjoyed meeting the pupils, sharing information on some of the work I do in Parliament and in the communities of Glasgow West, and answering their interesting (and challenging!) questions. I have no doubt that there could be some future MPs in the making.

I recently met with some of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games management team for an update on the ongoing work to get the city ready. The Games will kick off on the 23rd July, so with less than 150 days to go it was good to hear about the progress being made to prepare venues, plan security, produce transport planning, and support those communities with Games' venues.

One such community is Scotstoun, in Glasgow West, with the Scotstoun Stadium hosting Athletics and Para Athletics over six days. The stadium has already benefited from the installation of a new world-class athletics track for the Games. I took the opportunity of the meeting to ask about traffic management plans for the area during the Games, and to get more information on how the effect of the increased number of people attending the stadium over the period will be managed so as to mitigate the impact on the local community. I will share information as I receive it in future newsletters.



I reported in last month's newsletter on my plan to host a Jobs Fair in Partick in early March. Unfortunately, it has been necessary to postpone this event and I hope to be able to reorganise it for later in the year. In the meantime, I know that the Job Centre in Partick will be connecting their clients with local employers who are currently recruiting. Additionally, I am aware that there are a number of Glasgow-wide recruitment events taking place over March and April including the Glasgow Careers Fair at Hampden Park on the 22nd April, and Glasgow Jobs Fair in the Royal Concert Hall on the 13th March. If you are looking for a career move why not pop along to see what's on offer?

I know that local residents have concerns about the impact of fireworks on our communities, particularly on vulnerable people and animals, and I've reported in previous newsletters on my actions to try to help address these concerns, speaking up in Parliament for greater controls on the sale of fireworks. Last year two of our local communities, Drumchapel and Yoker, submitted Firework Control Zone applications to the Council. Unfortunately, these were refused by the Council. A Firework Control Zone (FCZ) is a designated area within which it is illegal, during the operating period of the Zone, to ignite fireworks. The Council has recently reopened applications for FCZs - proposals must be submitted by the 11th March and more information is available on the Glasgow City Council website - <https://glasgow.gov.uk/FCZ>

Constituents have contacted me about the ongoing Radio Teleswitch (RTS) phase-out and I have spoken with local housing associations who have advised that some households have not yet arranged to have their RTS meter replaced. Stage 3 of the phase-out will start in Scotland from 7th April. Affected households will have received multiple communications from their energy supplier about the need to replace their RTS meter. If you are affected by this please contact your energy supplier now. Failure to act could lead to issues with heating or hot water supply.

THE RADIO SIGNAL THAT CONTROLS RTS ELECTRICITY METERS IS BEING SWITCHED OFF

If you have an RTS electricity meter it will need to be replaced

If your supplier contacts you, act now



In a previous newsletter I reported that local residents completing my transport survey had highlighted accessibility to the Subway as an area of concern. With only St. Enoch and Govan subway stations currently offering step-free lift-enabled access I had written to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) last year asking what their plans were for improving this situation. At that time SPT outlined the difficulties they faced in making further stations accessible – advising that their nine single ‘island’ platform stations did not offer a suitable lift location, whilst the majority of the remaining double platform stations did not offer a structurally viable option for lift installation. I was assured, however, that alternative solutions would continue to be explored.

I am pleased to be able to report that SPT is now making progress on designing step-free access provisions to the Outer Circle platforms at Hillhead and Buchanan Street stations. I know that many constituents living in the west end of the Glasgow West constituency use, or would like to use, Hillhead subway station, so I welcome this progress and hope that a solution can be found that will allow these access improvements to be put in place.

I was concerned to learn of Scotrail’s plans to introduce a minimum £10 fare for those travelling without a ticket. Last year ticket office hours at Anniesland, Hyndland and Partick Station were reduced. At the time I wrote to the Scottish Government urging them to stop the cuts – but they refused to do so. Train travellers now face reduced ticket office availability, busier ticket vending machines, no tap in/tap out option, and the risk of missing their train or facing a £10 ticket charge. I know that this is a concern for constituents and I hope Scotrail will think again about this charge and prioritise the introduction of a contactless tap in/tap out payment system.

Complete my **local transport survey** using the link provided or contact me directly if you have an issue that you’d like to raise.

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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Parliamentary Update

Many constituents continue to get in touch with me regarding the situation in Gaza and the West Bank. In early February I was pleased to welcome an Action Aid UK delegation of Palestinian economists, researchers, and business people. I hosted a round-table discussion with the delegation and other MPs at which we spoke about the recent report on ending trade with illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and heard about their experiences living there. We also discussed the possible steps that the UK Government could take to tackle trade with the illegal settlements.



Later in the month I spoke in a Parliamentary debate on the issues of children and armed conflict, in which I highlighted that the Occupied Palestinian Territory is the most dangerous place in the world to be a child. The verified number of Palestinian children killed and maimed by Israeli forces in 2024 was 3,867. As of July 2025, over 40,500 children in Gaza were estimated to have been injured. The Occupied Palestinian Territory is now home, shamefully, to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history. [You can watch contribution on my website](#)

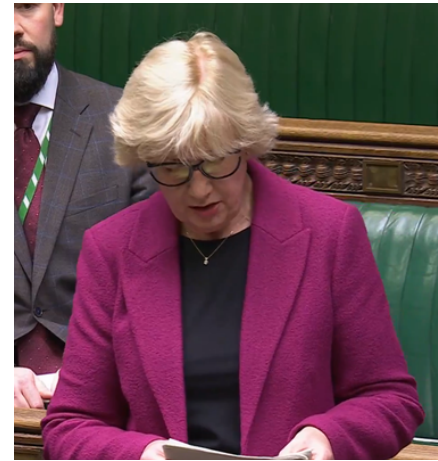
At the end of the month I spoke in Parliament highlighting the important role that Christian churches can play, in collaboration with other faith communities, to help rebuild trust and deliver peace and reconciliation in Gaza. Once again, [this is available to watch on my website.](#)



In recent months the Government as announced a number of changes to the Asylum and Immigration system, including changes to the Indefinite Leave to Remain rules. I have been contacted by constituents about this matter and in February I participated in a Parliamentary debate about it. I took the opportunity to recognise those constituents who have shared their histories and concerns with me, including members of Unison's migrant worker network, many of whom are skilled care workers without whom our NHS and the care sector could not function. However, these workers are some of the most undervalued and underpaid in society.

I highlighted that the Government's proposals would mean that for lower-paid workers in the public sector the waiting period for indefinite leave to remain would increase from 5 to 15 years. I believe that a person's value to our country should not be measured just in terms of their salary; it should reflect their value to our society. I hope that the Government will review its proposals so that they better reflect this approach. I also called on the Government to consider putting in place a better way of granting visas to those coming to work in the care sector, so as to address the costs; financial hardship; uncertainty; and, all too often, exploitation associated with the current system. [You can watch my contribution on my website.](#)

Issues with Royal Mail postal deliveries continue to be brought to my attention by constituents - with particular concerns around delayed delivery of hospital appointment letters and other important correspondence. I raised this again in the Commons, highlighting that in less than two months voters will be awaiting delivery of their Scottish Parliament election polling cards and postal votes, concerned that any delays may disenfranchise them in that election. I called on Royal Mail to provide assurances that they have adequate staffing to fulfil their obligations in relation to the forthcoming elections. Royal Mail has now been called to Parliament to answer questions from the Business and Trade Committee about their letter delivery service. I will take this opportunity to reiterate my concerns and will report back next month.



Our local high streets are struggling and local businesses need support. I am concerned that many high street businesses face potential non-domestic rate increases of up to 400% due to the latest property revaluation. The UK Government has announced a package of support measures for businesses in England, including pubs and live music venues. Unfortunately, no similar support has been offered by the Scottish Government to businesses here. I raised my concerns about this in Parliament - [watch here.](#)



The **Scottish Affairs Committee**, which I Chair, published its Annual Review at the beginning of the month. The report reflects a year of rigorous scrutiny across some of the most significant issues facing Scotland today. It reviews the 'one-off' evidence sessions held by the Committee, and has a focus on the conclusion of the Committee's Industrial Transition in Scotland inquiry, which warned against repeating the mistakes of the past. You can read the Annual Review, find out more about the Committee's work, 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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