

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



**May 2026**

Welcome to my **May newsletter**. It was another busy month across the constituency, during which I enjoyed meeting with community groups, attending local events, and taking up issues on behalf of constituents. My office opened almost 400 new casework enquiries. Individual issues continue to focus on housing and home office enquiries, as well as other matters such as transport, pensions and benefits. Campaign and policy enquiries covered a wide range of issues, with many relating to the EHRC Code of Practice, assisted dying, and AI. If you have an issue that you would like to bring to my attention please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Constituency Update



Hillhead Sports Club is based at Hughenden sports ground in the Glasgow West constituency. It supports rugby, cricket and tennis, alongside recently established ultimate frisbee and a running club. I enjoyed meeting Trust members, volunteers, coaches, and others involved in the work of the Club; seeing the facilities; and, hearing about the challenges and opportunities faced as they approach the club's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

As well as growing its membership from the close to 1,000 current members and refurbishing its café bistro which is open to the public, the club's priorities over the coming years include developing new sporting activities to complement and strengthen its multi-sport environment, including plans to introduce the racquet sport, padel.

It was clear from my visit that the Club is a real community asset, offering a range of membership options. It plays a key role in supporting participation in sport, health improvement and community cohesion and its base at Hughenden provides a green lung in what is a densely populated area of the constituency. I wish it every continued success for the future.



Victory in Europe Day took place on May 8, 2026, marking the 81st anniversary of the Allies' formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender in 1945. It was an honour to attend a commemoration event at the Veteran's Monument at Knightswood Cross, organised by the Glasgow & West of Scotland Branch of The Parachute Regimental Association.

The service and act of remembrance provided an opportunity for reflection, remembrance and gratitude, bringing the community together to honour those who served. I laid a wreath on behalf of the communities of Glasgow West.

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



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# YOU'RE INVITED



We plan to bring Games information directly into communities through trusted local venues. Residents and businesses can learn more about the Games, what is happening nearby and ask questions to help them feel prepared and ready to make the most of Glasgow 2026.

See the full list of Roadshow dates below and reserve your place using the QR code.

COMMUNITY VENUE	DATE	EVENT TIME
The Pyramid at Anderson 759 Argyle St, Glasgow G3 8DS	Thursday 11 June	1800-2000 <small>Doors 30 mins before</small>
The Anners Healthy Living Centre 9 Stewartville St, Glasgow G11 5PE	Friday 12 June	1800-2000
The Social Hub 15 Candleriggs, Glasgow G1 1TQ	Tuesday 16 June	1800-2000
Fuse Youth Café 1567 Shettleston Rd, Glasgow G12 9AS	Wednesday 17 June	1800-2000
Barnwood Community Centre 67 Yate St, Glasgow G31 4AQ	Thursday 18 June	1400-1600
Heart of Scotstoun 64 Balmoral St, Glasgow G14 6BL	Thursday 18 June	1830-2030

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Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games -  
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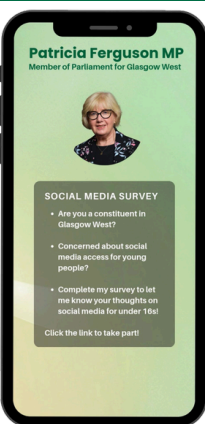


Last month I reported that I had written to the Commonwealth Games organisers asking for an update on the measures to mitigate the impact of the event on host communities such as Scotstoun, and neighbouring areas. I have been assured that spectator communications will encourage and provide guidance on public transport and active travel routes to venues to minimise transport on the roads and parking around venues.

The organisers advise that they have been engaging with Community Councils and residents local to Scotstoun Stadium. They are hosting 'Readiness Roadshows' in June in Partick and Scotstoun to provide residents with clear information about planning and preparations for the Games. You can find out more and register to attend a Roadshow at: <http://www.universe.com/users/glasgow-2026-commonwealth-games-GDTOSR>

I met recently with representatives from the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) to discuss matters relating to improving accessibility to public transport for blind and visually impaired people - including the use of tactile strips, textured ground surfaces designed to help blind and visually impaired people navigate safely, particularly in train stations and transport hubs.

This is an issue that has been brought to my attention by a constituent, and that I care deeply about. I had a very interesting and informative discussion with the RNIB and am exploring ways in which I can help deliver improvements.



Although the Government's consultation on social media for under 16s has now closed there's still time to share your views with me via my local survey. MPs will have a vote on any proposals brought forward by the Government and I want to hear from as many constituents as possible. You can fill out the survey online - <https://bit.ly/4rsnLkk>



It was lovely to attend the Fortune Works Open Day in Drumchapel to see the positive impact being made through training, community engagement & local enterprise. Thanks to everyone involved for their work and the warm welcome. You can check out their craft products at <https://bit.ly/4tsdhSK>

I have reported previously on constituents' experiences of Royal Mail postal delivery delays, and had highlighted my concerns about the potential impact that such delays could have on the Scottish Parliament elections. I was therefore very concerned to hear from a constituent who was denied a proxy vote due to the application being received some days after the deadline, despite the envelope being very clearly postmarked several days before the deadline.

I highlighted this situation in Parliament and will now be meeting with the relevant Government Minister to discuss the possibility of a simple amendment to the Representation of the People Bill that would grant returning officers limited discretion in such cases.



Constituents have expressed concerns to me following the closure of the last bank branch at Anniesland Cross earlier this year. Too many local residents and businesses no longer have easy access to in-person banking services and the criteria for establishing a banking hub in an area is, I believe, not flexible enough to take account of local circumstances. I welcome the recent Government announcement of a review of face-to-face banking services and I will continue to make the case for local banking services.



At the end of last year I reported that I had written to First Bus about the lack of a bus service through the Great Western Retail Park, an issue highlighted by respondents to my **Local Transport Survey**. At the time First advised that the suggestion of routing services via the Retail Park fitted well with some of their thinking, and indicated that they were hopeful of being able to incorporate a service of this nature into their plans. Disappointingly, no progress has been made on this so I have again followed up with First Bus who have advised that they are still looking to implement these changes, however, any potential changes have been pushed back until September/October 2026. Whilst this delay is frustrating, I am pleased that they still plan to address this lack of service and I will continue to keep an eye on this and follow it up as necessary.

I have also reported previously on traffic speeding concerns raised by constituents across the constituency, and advised of Glasgow City Council's plans to roll out a 20mph speed limit across the city. It has now been reported that this will commence in June in the Govan area. The communities of Glasgow West are in later phases, with the Drumchapel/Annie'sland and Partick East/Kelvindale wards being in phase 2, and Garscadden/Scotstounhill and Victoria Park wards in phase 4. I will provide further updates, including timeframes, on this as I have them.

### 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 Annie'sland 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



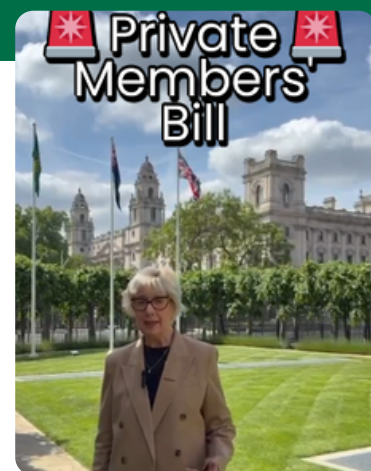
Last month I reported on my call for the Council to install filters to the traffic lights at the junction of Duntreath Avenue/Yoker Mill Road/Alderman Road. The Council has responded advising that due to the age of the traffic signal equipment at this junction there is insufficient cable capacity to install right turn filters. Disappointingly, they state that there is currently no capacity, priority, or budget for this work but that it has been added to a list of sites reserved for future upgrade when funding has been identified. I will continue to pursue this.

If there's a local transport issue you'd like to bring to my attention complete my survey using the link provided or contact me directly.

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## Parliamentary Update

The beginning of a new session of parliament includes the Members' Bill ballot. Twenty MPs are drawn and they can bring forward legislation on an issue of their choice. The higher you are in the ballot the more chance you have of your idea becoming law. This year, I was fortunate enough to be selected and am now considering ideas and having discussions with organisations about what my suggested bill might be. I'm keen to propose something that makes a difference for people in the communities of Glasgow West, so want to hear your ideas and suggestions. There is more information about this on my website [patriciafergusonmp.uk](http://patriciafergusonmp.uk) and you can share your views online at <https://t.co/jnqzdlze1C>



I have welcomed announcements from the Government to take action to try to assist with the current cost of living pressures. Action to reduce energy bills by on average £150 has already taken place and in May the Government announced fuel duty will not be increased this year, with the cut announced last November extended until the end of this year. Work is also underway on plans to cut tariffs on 'everyday essentials', which would help reduce the cost of over 100 products such as bread, baked beans, soups, jams and marmalades, and margarine, which have seen price rises as a result of the conflict in the Middle East. Speaking in Parliament on the 21<sup>st</sup> May I welcomed the Government's plans and actions to support households. I also welcomed the fact that the Government had not rushed into involvement in the current Iran conflict, but rather is focussed on achieving a negotiated settlement.



During the Whitsun parliamentary recess in May, I was part of a cross-party delegation to Israel and Palestine. During our fact finding visit we had the opportunity to visit a Kibbutz that was attacked on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and to speak with a survivor of that attack about the day itself, the murder of her son and other neighbours and the kidnapping of some of the young people who lived there. It was a harrowing story and the fact that she continues to campaign for peace was inspiring.



We also visited the Palestinian village of Umm al-Khair in the West Bank that has been attacked on several occasions by illegal settlers and their supporters and where one of the villagers was murdered in July 2025. The strength and resilience of the villagers and the support they receive from people from around the world was also inspiring. Our group also took part in meetings with a range of NGOs and individuals.



I welcomed the Government's statement in Parliament addressing the shocking footage that appeared in relation to the treatment of those detained from the Gaza-bound aid flotilla by Israeli Minister Ben-Gvir. The Government has previously sanctioned Mr Ben-Gvir as a result of his behaviour towards Palestinians.

The Government also provided an update on its work with partners to meet immediate humanitarian needs in Gaza and advance long-term peace and security for Israelis and Palestinians through a two-state solution. It also provided an update on the sanctions and other measures it has taken in response to the Israeli Government's actions in the West Bank.

In response to the Government's statement I highlighted that, according to the United Nations, the number of violent incidents in the West Bank caused by illegal settlers increased to a record level last August - the time of maximum harvests in the area. I urged the Government to continue to enact sanctions against violent settler movements, and called on them to start to ban the import of settlement goods. I also asked the Minister to sanction the politicians who are inciting the violence, and who are responsible for the disgraceful legislation enacted against Palestinians, that includes the introduction of the death penalty, and the petty and short-sighted removal of recognition of academic degrees gained in Palestine, so that people with those degrees cannot work as teachers in Israel, or anywhere else where Israel holds sway.



The work of the **Scottish Affairs Committee**, which I chair, continues with ongoing inquiries covering defence skills and jobs; the future of Scotland's high streets; and connectivity in Scotland. We recently visited Paisley which, despite experiencing a decline of physical retailing, was last year named as Scotland's Town of the Year in recognition of the investment being made in its regeneration. I also visited the BBC and STV at their respective studios in Glasgow to discuss a range of current issues. You can find out more about the Committee's work 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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