

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



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Welcome to my **June newsletter**. Over the course of this month my office opened around 900 new casework enquiries, almost double the number of enquiries received in May. The largest number of individual enquiries in June related to housing matters.

Campaign and policy enquiries again covered a range of issues, with a significant number of constituents continuing to contact me on the issue of assisted dying. Many constituents also got in touch about a minimum social media age, and my Private Members' Bill - more information is provided below on these matters. If you have an issue that you would like to bring to my attention please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Constituency Update

Schools are out for summer, and it's a time for families to get out and about enjoying great days out together. But I know that many worry about the cost of family days out, and that's why I have welcomed the UK Government's 'Great British Summer Savings Scheme', designed to help bring down the cost for families to make the most of every moment this summer.

From the 25th June until the 1st September the Government has cut VAT on children's meals and tickets, from cinemas, concerts, soft play and so much more. Helping to make it cheaper for over 9,800 families across Glasgow West to make the most of summer.

And, of course, we're lucky to have fantastic local organisations across Glasgow West - like the G15 Youth Project, Drumchapel United FC, Linkes, PEEK, and the DRC Youth Project - who offer programmes of activities for young people to enjoy. You can also check out the Glasgow City Council Glasgow Holiday Programme for local activities - <https://bit.ly/4vuc6DX>

So, here's to a great summer, and let's hope the sun shines!



Drumchapel United FC, one of Glasgow West's great local football clubs, celebrated its 25th anniversary in June. This is a fantastic milestone, and over the years the club has achieved so much and contributed greatly to the community. I was pleased to table a motion in Parliament recognising this achievement and presented the club with a copy of the motion at their Anniversary Fun Day.

The club has also recently been granted a 25-year lease on the Donald Dewar pitches, allowing them to progress development plans, including a community hub. Congratulations to the whole Drumchapel United FC community!

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

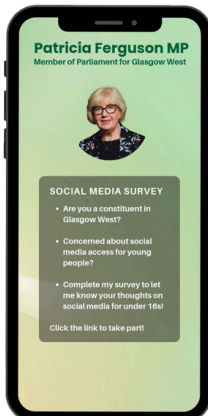


I was delighted to be able to visit Bankhead Primary School in June as part of a UK Parliament Education and Outreach Session.

The session covered both Houses of Parliament, the Commons and the Lords; it looked at the difference between Government and Parliament; considered how a law is passed; and explored how the pupils could get involved in Parliament, such as contacting their MP and the petitions system.

I took the opportunity to speak about my work locally and in Parliament as Glasgow West's MP. I also mentioned my plans to bring forward proposals for more regulation of fireworks (read more below) and heard from the pupils about what they would like to see happen on this issue. We had an enjoyable discussion with a lively and interesting question and answer session. You can find out more about the opportunities for schools to engage with Parliament through the Education and Engagement Team on the Parliament website at <https://bit.ly/44vOIRo>

At the start of June I joined local residents at the opening of the new Knightswood Community Garden at Knightswood Community Centre. The garden has been created in a partnership between the Community Centre and West Glasgow Green Gym volunteers, who have worked hard to transform a undeveloped gravel area into a welcoming green space for the community to enjoy. It was a lovely event and a great opportunity to say 'thank you' to those who had brought the garden to life. You can read more about the garden and see more photos of it in the Glasgow Times - <https://bit.ly/4f6K9eP>



On the 15th June the Government announced plans for a landmark overhaul of online safety rules, designed to give children greater protection from harmful and addictive online content. I welcome this move as it was something I called for at the start of the year, and had launched a local survey to get the views of people in Glasgow West. The overwhelming majority of respondents wanted to see a minimum age for social media, and the Government has now confirmed it plans to ban access for children under 16 to major platforms where users create, share and interact with content, including TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, X and Facebook. A range of additional protections will also be introduced. I believe these measures represent the most significant reforms of online child protection in recent years and will help create a safer digital environment for children and young people while preserving adults' ability to access online services.

June brought the annual WestFest community festival to the west end of Glasgow, including communities in Glasgow West. It's a fantastic event that brings together local organisations, artists, community groups and residents to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and diversity of our area.



As ever, the festival was packed with an extensive programme of events, performances, exhibitions and educational activities. I enjoyed hosting a community drop in event in the Kelvin Hall with Martin Rhodes MP, whose Glasgow North constituency also includes WestFest communities. It was an opportunity to meet and chat with local residents, to hear about the things they like about our community and what could be improved. My new Resident Survey was available on the day, and it's also available online at <https://t.co/iMFSctmbgZ> Why not fill it in and let me know what matters to you?

Congratulations to everyone that helped make WestFest 2026 such a success!

The Bearsden Road/Temple Road junction has concerned me for many years. As a local councillor prior to my election to Westminster, I supported the installation of traffic lights at this location. My colleague, Councillor Paul Carey, who represents the Drumchapel/Annie'sland ward, has also been championing the issue for more than 20 years, calling for action on traffic signals at the location. Over the years the junction has got busier and it can be extremely challenging for road users and pedestrians. Local residents have highlighted the need for safety measures at the dangerous junction through my **Local Transport Survey**. I was delighted, therefore, to be informed at the start of June that the Council has now earmarked the junction for the installation of traffic lights and a detailed design is currently being developed. I look forward to seeing this progress in the very near future.



I reported previously on the success of the campaign to install traffic lights at the junction of Great Western Road/Lincoln Avenue/Cowdenhill Road, and am delighted to see that work is now underway there and is due to be completed in August. This will significantly improve the safety of that junction.

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/3WsoGzT> to take my 60 second survey



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The reliability of local train services is another issue regularly highlighted in my Local Transport Survey. I know constituents rely on the services that run along the North Clyde Line which serves so many communities in Glasgow West. I therefore welcome the news that Network Rail is upgrading the overhead power lines on our section of the line. Work has already begun, including refurbishing the equipment that holds the overhead wires in place. More intensive engineering work is scheduled over the Christmas and New Year period for the next three years, when passenger numbers are lower and the line can be closed with less travel impact. This work will help ensure trains continue to run reliably and safely. Use the link opposite to raise your transport priorities.

Parliamentary Update

Last month I reported that I had been successful in the ballot to bring forward a Private Members' Bill, proposing a piece of legislation on an issue of my choice. I am grateful to the constituents and organisations who took the time to give me their suggestions and, after much consideration, I have decided to bring forward a Bill at Westminster to further regulate the use of fireworks. This is an issue about which I receive a great many representations from constituents, expressing concerns about animal welfare, the effect of fireworks on veterans and others living with PTSD, impacts on young children, public safety and anti-social behaviour. My bill will require to be limited in scope, and there's no guarantee that it will become law, but I want to hear local opinions about what changes could make the biggest difference to people's experiences of fireworks. You can have your say online at <https://t.co/S7huLF9WDG>



At the end of June Parliament considered a public petition calling for the age at which women are invited for a mammogram to be reduced to forty and for them to be available annually instead of every three years. The petitioner highlighted a rise in breast cancer patients under the age of forty. In the debate I noted that take-up varies based on deprivation: 64.2% of women in the most deprived areas attend, compared with 82.8% in the least deprived areas. Breast cancer survival rates reflect that; women from more deprived areas are likely to die at an earlier age, because they have not been for screening and are diagnosed late. I stressed the need to make screening available to people in their neighbourhoods, to make it easier for people to attend. I hope that progress can be made on this important issue.



Business Questions in the Commons provide an opportunity to raise issues of importance to constituents. In June I highlighted the experience of my constituent who successfully took his employer to an employment tribunal but has never received the money awarded to them. With the current enforcement system being ineffective I asked for an update on the work being done to provide a better system. I welcomed news that the Government is committed to strengthening enforcement options and have set up the dispute resolution system taskforce to provide insights and to feed back on longer-term system reform proposals to help ensure workers receive the payments to which they are entitled.

In just a few week's time Glasgow will, once again, host the Commonwealth Games and I was pleased to lead a debate in Parliament recognising the fantastic cultural and economic opportunity this provides for the city. I took the opportunity to reflect on the prominent role that Glasgow West will play in staging the Games, with Scotstoun being a host community of the athletics and para athletics at Scotstoun Stadium. I also recognised that as part of the Glasgow 2026 Festival the constituency will host a number of events: a 3x3 basketball tournament in Mansfield Park in Partick, a five-day children's summer camp at Drumchapel Tennis Club, a family fun day at the Donald Dewar centre, and a Commonwealth community festival organised by Halo Arts and Victoria Park Community Trust.



There will, I am sure, be economic benefits to the many small businesses in and around the Scotstoun area, benefitting from an increase in visitors to the area. I recognise, however, that there are also concerns about possible disruption, which is often associated with large sporting events. I highlighted these concerns in the debate, and welcomed the fact that the Glasgow 2026 organising body has been engaging with community councils and local residents to understand such concerns, and to seek to minimise disruption as far as possible.

Traffic management measures will be in place in the immediate vicinity of Scotstoun Stadium and more information on these is available online at <https://www.glasgow2026.com/getsethub/scotstoun/> However, the impact on local residents in adjacent communities must also be taken account of and I have made this clear to the Games organisers.

I have no doubt that our well deserved reputation as the friendly city will be on full display, and I hope everyone involved in the games, visitors, athletes, spectators, family members, and Glaswegians, have a great summer of sport.



As part of the **Scottish Affairs Committee's** current inquiries I led a recent visit to the Western Isles, looking at issues including fixed link and digital connectivity, and skills and rural employment. The Committee also visited Ayr, Prestwick and West Kilbride for its inquiry into the future of Scotland's high streets. We learned about West Kilbride's Craft Town Scotland initiative, heard from local Ayrshire businesses, and held a public engagement session to hear about people's experiences of their local high street and town centre. 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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