

Welsh Liberal Democrats working for Brecon & Radnorshire

Dear Resident,

As your Assembly Member for the past 6 years I have worked tirelessly for Brecon & Radnorshire.

At the Assembly this year I have spoken up for the constituency on a range of issues from calling for more affordable housing to more money for community hospitals.

In the constituency I have held regular surgeries in 17 different venues, from Llanbister to Ystradgynlais, and I continue to meet as many local organisations and attend as many events as possible.



Best wishes,

Kirsty Williams

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Community Hospitals



Securing adequate funding for community hospitals is a pressing issue. They are a valuable resource which could greatly improve access to health care if used more effectively.

I have called on the Health Minister to find more money to improve local health care and cut waiting times. In the Assembly I have been leading the campaign for better access to cancer treatment and speech and language therapy.

Housing

There is a serious lack of affordable housing, forcing many young people to leave the constituency. Powys desperately needs further affordable housing.

I have continued to campaign for Powys County Council to free up land for affordable housing and continue to press for more financial help for people and first time buyers at the National Assembly.

Education



I believe local schools are the heart of the community and fought against the closure of small schools. I have also campaigned in the Assembly for more resources to improve school buildings.

The Liberal Democrats were successful in forcing the Labour Government to abandon plans for top up fees in Welsh Universities.

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Heart of Wales Line



I had opportunity in the Assembly to use my short debate to campaign for improvements to the Heart of Wales Line service, including help to fund a 5th train for the line, so that links from Shrewsbury to London could be accommodated, and funding so that an overnight storage depot could be built at Llandrindod Wells, enabling trains to run later to the town.

I believe the Heart of Wales Line is a very important asset to Mid Wales and I shall continue to lobby for improvements.

Emergency Services



I have consistently lobbied the Assembly and relevant organisations calling for more 24 hour ambulance stations for Brecon and Radnorshire and more time to be devoted to training fire-fighters.

Police & Road Safety



I have opposed plans for an all-Wales Police Force, which I believe would take policing away from the community. I have been working with local communities to improve dangerous sections of road which continue to be of concern to local residents and road users alike.

Transport

At present, older people, or people with a disability, are entitled to free bus travel on public buses, but have to pay to use community transport schemes. Many rural areas are not covered by public buses, and most of the services that do run are inaccessible to wheelchair users. Consequently I have been campaigning for the Assembly to re-think the concessionary travel scheme. I was successful in persuading the government to invest in more bus services in Brecon and Radnorshire.



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