

The overwhelming issue this month of course has been the future of our community hospitals particularly the future of Bronllys, Builth Wells and Knighton. I was pleased that so many residents from across Brecon and Radnorshire were able to join me in lobbying Powys Local Health Board when they announced their plans. Rest assured I shall be pursuing this matter vigorously over the coming months with the Powys LHB, in the National Assembly, attending as many meetings as possible and exploring the possibility of having the LHBs plans scrutinised by an independent external body.



Other matters arising this month have included calling on Arriva Wales to make improvements to the Heart of Wales Line, raising my concerns with Powys County Council over the cuts to the YFC budget, questioning the four year waiting list for bone scans with the Minister for Health and

Social Services, tackling the First Minister over the plans for the Rhayader By-Pass and raising my concerns about the cost of the GP out-of-hours services in Powys (which is over half a million pounds more than expected).

*I have asked Written Questions to Ministers on:-*

Ancient Woodland Sites in Wales

Bone Scans

Availability of Yttrium for the treatment of Carcenoïd Tumours of the Liver

Broadband Blackspots

Availability of funding to County Council's for the installation and maintenance of children's play areas

Payment guidelines for NHS dentists

*I have spoken in the Assembly on:-*

Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee's Science Policy Review

The Prosperity Gap

The Heads of the Valleys Strategy

Hospital Services

Road Safety

*I have asked Oral Questions to Ministers on:-*

NHS Services

Transport Infrastructure

Burberry Factory

Musculoskeletal Conditions

The Culture Budget

Promoting Good Health

Recruitment and Retention Policies (Health Professionals)

More and more groups are visiting the new Assembly building, I have recently spoken to Crickhowell Primary School, Llanwrtyd Wells Gibbons Trip, Nantmel WI and Powys LHB.

In the constituency I have had the opportunity to attend the opening of Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre, the Heart of Wales AGM in Llanwrtyd Wells, spoke at Llwynbrain Tenants and Residents Association in Howey and to residents at Greenhil Residential Home (in conjunction with their MacMillan Coffee Morning), attended the CND Public Meeting in Llandrindod Wells, visited the Art Exhibition in Discoed, watched Llanwrtyd Wells Eisteddfod and was a panelist at the Question Time in Kington !! I also visited St Peters School, Llanbedr to attend their Harvest Festival Service in the Church and the raising of their Eco Flag.

Advice Surgeries in September have taken me to Presteigne, Builth Wells and Knighton, as well as meeting residents in my Brecon Office and out and about in Llandrindod Wells.

I was delighted to learn that Bleddfa has reached the finals of the Calor Village of the Year Awards next month, and I will be going to support them on the day. Following my work in Llanwrthwl, I welcome the news that there will now be some signage enhancements made around Llanwrthwl Junction. I am also extremely delighted that Community Arts Rhayader and District (CARAD) has been awarded a £483,500 lottery grant for a new Rhayader Museum.

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