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The opportunity to make a difference.

My second year as your MP has been busy and rewarding in equal measure, with its challenges as well.

In Parliament, I have been particularly proud to vote for and see the Employment Rights Act and the end of the two child limit which lifted 2000 children in Wrexham and over 69,000 children in Wales out of poverty.

For the year 2025/26, Wales has also received the biggest funding settlement from UK Government since devolution of £21 billion. I'm delighted to have obtained £1.5m Pride in Place Impact funding from UK Government which has been allocated to Wrexham County Borough Council. Community Councils across Wrexham have had the opportunity to bid for a share of the funds. Project proposals are now with WCBC and I look forward to seeing the plans unfold.

Recently my office has reached the £300,000 mark in terms of money secured for constituents whether it is refunds, reassessment or compensation. If you have an issue that you would like my support with, please contact my office using the details below.



Pride in Place £20 million secured for Wrexham

I am pleased to have secured the £20 million Pride in Place programme for Wrexham. Following the 2024 General Election, the new UK Government moved to secure the full £20 million investment as it was previously unfunded. Focus now turns to delivery and the City Board has responsibility for this. As a member of the Board, we will be working towards this and I am looking forward to the public engagement events over the next few months.

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City of Culture

Wrexham is on the long list for City of Culture 2029. The team behind the bid have received £60,000 from the DCMS to develop their full bid. The bid has already received funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund (2025–26) and Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Initiative for example. The latter funded the Public Art trail around the city which is such an asset.

The City of Culture programme has resulted in significant economic benefits to Derry/Londonderry in 2013, Hull in 2017 and Coventry in 2021, including additional investment, media value, tourism, cultural participation and civic pride.

So, securing the title will bring major benefits to Wrexham in terms of investment, jobs, tourism access to the arts and cultural experiences. I am proud to be an official ambassador for Wrexham 2029 and we are all #backingthebid!

Wrexham comes to Westminster



We have so much to offer in Wrexham and so much to share and spotlight. I was delighted to bring Wrexham to Westminster with my showcase event in collaboration with Wrexham2029 and sponsored by Syensqo and Kellogg's. It was a chance for tourism to show what Wrexham has to offer with representations from This is Wrexham and Stori Brymbo. Looking to the future and young people also saw Coleg Cambria, Wrexham University, Darogán and We Mind the Gap in attendance as well as employment opportunities and the importance of advanced manufacturing through Syensqo, JCB, Hydro and Green Rock Manufacturing. Wrexham is of course an area which blends urban and rural with BASC explaining to visitors about the work that they do. Finally, the well-known Wrexham institutions were represented with Wrexham Lager, Wrexham AFC and Wrexham County Borough Council along with Ambition North Wales. A brilliant event. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Licensing Hours Extensions Act - small change, big impact

From having a bill selected from the ballot of potential private members bills to then having it move through both Houses and receive Royal Assent, has been a privilege. The potential impact will be seen in events like the World Cup. It is a small change that can make a big impact as it will now simplify the process for temporarily relaxing licensing hours on occasions of "exceptional international, national or local significance." Therefore this summer, should England or Scotland reach a major milestone requiring extensions, there will no longer be the fear that they could not be agreed in time as parliament would be in recess.

CASEWORK RESOLVED

✓ £3000 paid out for home adaptations for a disabled veteran

✓ £2500 of energy debt written off for a blind vulnerable constituent

✓ 20+ Driving Licenses granted or returned

✓ Secured certificates of sponsorship for 27 care workers to enable them to continue working in social care

Young people have to be our focus

It's also been a busy start to the year for my continued work on the social mobility agenda, working with incredible organisations and individuals to pursue an agenda that ensures a future where it is talent not background that is the ultimate determination of someone's life chances.

I've been proud to host several events in Parliament, bringing the issue directly to the home of our democracy, this included showcasing the brilliant work of the Sutton Trust at their annual reception, and the Social Mobility Alliance breakfast which brought together a fantastic grouping of social mobility charities to share what they are getting up to as well getting to meet the brilliant young people that they support and work with.



Most recently I've launched a NEET ZERO campaign that calls on the government to aim for 0 young people not in employment, education and training. This follows the release of the interim Milburn review into work and young people which gave a damning verdict on a system and economy that has failed over a million young people. This is a great issue of our time, both nationally and here in Wrexham, I've taken immediate steps to push the government to ensure that this systematic change takes place, including asking the Minister directly and writing alongside colleagues to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. Watch this space.

Locally I have been working with WeMindtheGap, Caia Park Partnership, The King's Trust and others to fully understand the situation here in Wrexham. I have also met employers and apprentices navigating the apprenticeship system and some of the advantages and challenges this brings. Increasing the vocational offer we have here in Wrexham is one step on the journey to improving opportunities for our young people but much more is needed.

Thanks to UK Government funding, we have a Youth Hub coming to Wrexham alongside the Youth Zone as part of the City Board's Pride in Place plan so there are real positives on the horizon but still much to do.



Hospital Parking

Following my Voice of Wrexham event last November I have held regular meetings with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and other stakeholders regarding the situation at the Maelor. The Health Board is exploring solutions and working with partners in Wrexham. I am committed to continuing these efforts to find solutions to this issue.

Bangor Bridge

Following a meeting I convened with Wrexham County Borough Council, Natural Resources Wales and Cadw along with members of Bangor on Dee Community Council, the debris was removed from underneath the historic Bangor on Dee bridge. I was glad to see all parties come together to protect the bridge and address residents' concerns.

CASEWORK RESOLVED



Teachers' Pension - expedited case so payments were made after months of waiting.



Blue Badge reinstated to enable accessible parking for patient receiving treatment at Glan Clwyd



Late notice of a driving test cancellation meaning apprenticeship was under threat. I contacted the DVSA and test was rescheduled and constituent passed.

Thank you to all the businesses, charities and organisations who I have met in the last 12 months.



**Wrexham Library
Wrexham Islamic and Cultural Centre
Kellogg's
Royal Mail
Baby Basics
Aspris College
Eternal Media
Ysgol Bryn Alyn
Ysgol Clywedog
Wrexham Foodbank
The Maelor School, Penley
Village Bakery
Ysgol Rhosnesni High School
Wrexham Maelor Hospital
Coleg Cambria
Wrexham University
Baton of Hope
HACK
Theatre Train
Accessible Wrexham**

**BASC
TCC
Advance Brighter Futures
Caia Park Partnership
The King's Trust
Darland High School
Bishop Heber High School
Wrexham Mindfulness Project
Vigilance Security
Spread a Smile
Wrexham Rugby Club
Senedd yr Ifanc
St Mary's Brymbo
Stepping Stones
We Mind the Gap
Xplore
Magellan
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