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Annual Report  
Huw Irranca-Davies MS

# In the constituency

I am deeply proud to have been elected in 2016 and re-elected in May 2021, as your Member of the Senedd for Ogmore. This followed 15 years when I served the people of Ogmore as their voice in Westminster, as the Member of Parliament.

I am a passionate champion for the communities and people of Ogmore, speaking for them in all that I do here in Ogmore, and in the Senedd too.

Your interests come first and last for me. This report will keep you up to date on just some of the work I do as your local MS, Cabinet Member and Deputy First Minister.

You can also follow more of my work and interests on my social media pages Facebook, Bluesky, Instagram and on my website.

I hope you enjoy reading a little about my work, and remember, I am here for you when you need me. Just get in touch anytime!

*Huw Irranca-Davies*



Maesteg Town Hall Grand Opening



Another morning session with the Llynfi Valley River Care Group



Lending a hand at Baobab Bach CIC food pantry in Lewistown



Christmas visit to thank Pontyclun's Royal Mail Postal Workers

# Working on issues that matter to you



**TATA Taskforce:** Our continued focus is on supporting the workers and communities impacted by TATA's transition, ensuring they have access to the necessary resources and available support.



My long-standing commitment to **clean waterways** continues. Here I joined colleagues and stakeholders to discuss tackling pollution in the Ogmore river catchment (Ogmore, Ewenny, Llynfi, Garw) with Alun Phillips and his charity 'A Peace for Nature'. Protecting our environment is a top priority for our communities and a lot of work is ongoing to improve the quality of our rivers.



**Campaigning Works:** a brand new, state-of-the-art Dialysis Unit has officially opened in Brackla! This victory is the result of dedicated work alongside colleagues, passionate campaigners like Mari Major (pictured), the Morgannwg Endeavour Trust, and many more.



Our annual Joint **Funding Advice Day**, with Chris Elmore MP and Sarah Murphy MS, provides a vital link between local clubs, charities, and community groups and a wide range of funding organisations.

The growing popularity of this event confirms its importance to the community.



# Working with our fantastic community groups



Joining with CRT Together (Coalfields Regeneration Trust and Macmillan) who provide well-being support for those affected by cancer and the Pontyclun Bosom Pals at their monthly Warmhub event.

We have so many wonderful community groups in Ogmore doing fantastic work and having a huge impact on people's everyday lives.

The Llanharan Hope Rescue Centre provides excellent re-homing facilities for stray and abandoned dogs.

I was delighted to join Vikki Howells MS for a tour of the centre and to discuss animal welfare ranging from dog breeding, lack of enforcement resources and greyhound racing.

Find out more about Hope Rescue via their website: [hoperescue.org.uk](http://hoperescue.org.uk)



As part of a series of 'listening exercises', my latest visit to Caerau Men's Shed in Caerau focussed on the Shed members' top priorities for government in Wales.

We discussed transport and travel, policing and community safety, investment in the valleys communities and much more.



# Community Engagement



I have held public transport drop-in events across the constituency with Transport for Wales. They have been very well attended and TfW representatives have listened and fed back comments and concerns about the Maesteg to Cardiff rail line and bus services too.

As a result we have seen real improvements including newer and more comfortable carriages, more frequent services and better early morning and late night services too.

There is also a new Bus Bill coming to the Senedd to give more control over bus routes and timetables. Power to the people over our buses!

But there's a lot more to do, so we'll keep working with you for continued improvements on buses and rail.

On the ground in the community joining dedicated local councillors to support vital projects like the volunteer-run School Uniform Swap Shop in Nantymoel.

This fantastic initiative provides free school uniforms through generous donations.



Our local small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy.

Whether it be via my annual support of Small Business Saturday or Funding Advice Days, I'm always pleased to give them a shout out to encourage people to shop small and local.

Here I introduced the First Minister to the wonderful Ambience Cafe in Aberkenfig.



# useful contacts

South Wales Police **101**

BCBC Helpline **01656 643643**

RCT Helpline **01443 425005**

BCBC Domestic Abuse Support

**01656 815919**

RCT Domestic Abuse Support

**0808 80 10 800**

Welsh Water emergency **0800**

**281432**

Gas emergency **0800 111 999**

Universal Credit **0800 328 5644**

Age Cymru **0800 652 9221**

MIND Cymru **0300 123 3393**

## Cost of Living Advice Hubs

**Huw Irranca-Davies MS:**

<https://huwirranca-davies.wales/cost-of-living-support>

**Welsh Government Advice**

**Hub:** <https://gov.wales/get-help-cost-living>

**Bridgend County Borough**

**Council:**

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-support>

**Rhondda Cynon Taf County**

**Borough Council:**

Financial Support for families |  
Rhondda Cynon Taf County  
Borough Council  
([rctcbc.gov.uk](http://rctcbc.gov.uk))

*Everyone needs a little help sometime. The cost-of-living pressures can build up, or other day-to-day issues.*

*Here are some useful sources of advice and support.*

*Don't hesitate to reach out for help!*

**Citizens Advice Cymru** -

free/confidential advice/support from debt management to benefit checking and other possible financial assistance -  
03444 77 20 20

**Turn2Us** - free financial

advice/support to help get you back on track: [www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-Support](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-Support)

**Advice Link Cymru** - free

confidential advice on a range of subjects - 08007022020

**Money Helper Service** - free,

confidential help/support for your individual needs:

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en>

**StepChange** - free expert money

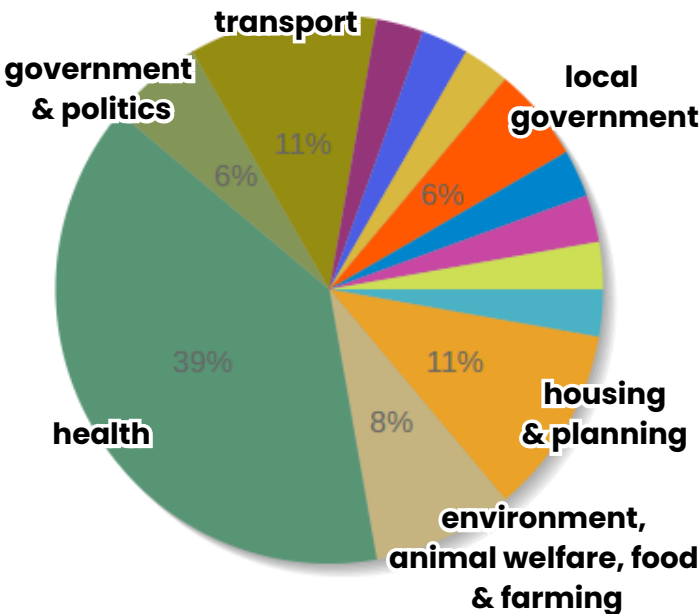
advice - 0800 138 1111

# Working for you: Casework

Helping my constituents is a huge part of my work and over the past year my team and I have helped people from right across Ogmore on a wide range of issues - as seen in the chart.

Health, transport and housing continue to dominate my casework inbox, and I hold regular advice surgeries in all parts of the constituency - often working alongside local councillors and our MPs.

The times are also staggered to cover weekends and evenings.



If someone cannot make it to a surgery we can offer telephone advice surgeries or appointments at the constituency office.

# **@gmore** *Shaping a better Wales from the ground up*



**1.** The National Eisteddfod 2024 held in Pontypridd was a huge success and we enjoyed visiting the Maes, meeting people and seeing the very best of our Welsh culture on show.



**2.** More than £100m will be invested into coal tip safety this Senedd term

**3.** Helping restore our peat bogs across Wales –and improving river quality



**4.** On the ground support for flood victims with the First Minister and Leader of RCT Council

**5.** Celebrating the Sakura Cherry Tree Project in Wales with the Japanese Ambassador and First Minister



**6.** Marking the liberation of s-Hertogenbosch by the 53rd Welsh Division in 1944

**7.** 'Climate Conversations' at Dyffryn Gardens with National Trust Cymru

