

#### **LOOKING BACK ON A BUSY SUMMER OF COMMUNITY**

What a summer it has been and my thanks to the incredible army of volunteers who put in the long hours to bring us so many wonderful events to enjoy.

The summer has been a vibrant mix of community events and visits and I'm always impressed by the dedication and hard work that goes into making these events happen.

It has been great to connect with so many people, whilst out and about in the constituency, knocking on doors and chatting with residents about their thoughts and ideas for their communities, and whilst being across the country on Ministerial duties.



#### LOOKING FORWARD TO A BUSY TERM AHEAD

It's been invaluable to hear directly about local issues that matter to you and there's lots of your ideas and suggestions to take back when the Senedd returns.

Your feedback helps us shape our priorities so keep your ideas coming.

I'm always here to help so get in touch any time if you have issues to discuss or merely want to feed in some ideas.

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## FROM GAMBO RACES TO CAT SANCTUARIES: CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Volunteers are at the heart of our communities, bringing people together.

A huge thank you to every person who dedicates their time to various causes, organisations, and events.

Since 2022, the Welsh Labour Government has invested over £4.6 million in volunteering.

This support, combined with the kindness of volunteers, is helping to make our communities a better place.



# A SUMMER OF COMMUNITY

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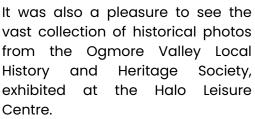
fantastic events that truly showcased community spirit.

At the weird, wacky, and wonderful annual Blaencaerau Gambo Race.

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The Wales Cat Centre in
Bryncethin where I met one-eyed
kittens Tinky and Winky.

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And not forgetting the incredible artwork by Ryan Lee Davies and THEW CREW on local bus shelters, Pontycymer RFC changing rooms and elsewhere across the local area.









### OGMORE'S MEN'S SHEDS INSPIRE JAPAN'S SEARCH FOR WELL-BEING

As a long-time supporter of Men's Sheds, and hosting showcase events at the Senedd, it was a pleasure to join others to welcome a Japanese delegation to the Squirrels Nest in Tondu and the Caerau Men's Shed in Nantyffyllon.

The visitors from Japan's Pokke Koran Shed were on a fact-finding mission to study the Men's Shed model as a solution to male loneliness.

All of the Men's Sheds across Ogmore should be proud of the incredible work they do in our communities. Read more about the visit on my website.



The Garw Valley Railway Heritage Project hold regular Open Days in Pontycymer and are a great way to see the progress they're making. Always a warm welcome and interesting visit.

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The recent launch of the 'Voices From the End of the Road' exhibition at the Blaengarw Workmen's Hall is a true celebration of the Garw Valley.

This powerful exhibition, shaped by local voices, beautifully captures the community's identity and place, showcasing the incredible artistic talent found within our Welsh communities. Definitely worth a visit.



Caerau Dragons Boxing Club in Noddfa Community Centre, do great work with young people.

Under the helm of coaches Tudor and Leon, the club provides a positive environment for local youths.

It was a pleasure to join their training session whilst on a walkabout of the local area with local PCSOs Kevin Aston and Stacey Morgan. Working side-byside, youth clubs and PCSOs can make a real difference in the heart of the community.

# **Building a Stronger, Greener Wales**

#### **WELSH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Good news for our fantastic local community care services as the Welsh Government announce an extra £30 million to help people stay well at home and reduce hospital delays, with allocations going to local authorities based on adult population.

This includes, Bridgend: £1.38m, RCT: £2.26m and Neath Port Talbot: £1.35m

This boost to funding for social care services is so important, as it will help reduce delays in discharging patients from our hospitals. I was pleased to vote through the budget which allowed this extra investment to happen, despite blanket opposition from the Conservatives and Plaid Cymru.

If we are going to continue to drive down waiting times – and we are now having real success – then we need to support this and wider investment in our NHS and care services

#### The Disused Mine and Quarry Tips Bill receives Royal Assent, becoming law.

By ensuring that tips are more closely assessed, monitored and managed, this landmark legislation to address issues caused by Wales' mining past, puts community safety first and will offer assurance to the thousands of people in Wales living near disused tips.



# As the new school term begins, here's how Welsh Labour is supporting working families.

# How Welsh Labour is supporting working families:

- Free school meals for all primary children
  Saving you money, and we've already delivered over 50 million
  free school meals across Wales.
- More affordable childcare

  An extra £50m to expand *Flying Start*, giving more two-year-olds access to funded childcare.
- Improving schools

  Over £3.6bn invested in new school buildings.
- Cheaper bus travel
  16-21-year-olds get £1 single bus fares. Extending to
  5-15-year-olds soon.
- We're funding *Active Travel* and investing £25m to fix and prevent potholes, making getting to school smoother for all.

# Delivering for Wales: building a Wales that works for everyone as Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs



Mumblestomules sponsored walk for Sandville Self Help Foundation









Senedd4Ukraine drive to Ukraine

- > VJ Day 80th Anniversary
  Victory over Japan at War
  Memorial in Cardiff
- > Pembrokeshire County Show
- Out on patrol with fire crews tackling wildfires at Clydach Dingle, Brynmawr
- National Marine Week with RSPB Cymru at Skomer





## **HERE FOR YOU!**

In the heart of our communities Working alongside councillors and colleagues

#### **CONSTITUENCY CASEWORK**



My daily caseload remains heavily focused on the critical areas of Housing, Transport, and Health, reflecting the key concerns of my constituents.

To maximise our support I often engage in joint working with parliamentary colleagues. This effective collaborative approach extends to holding joint surgeries, where we sometimes partner with third sector organisations or local councillors.



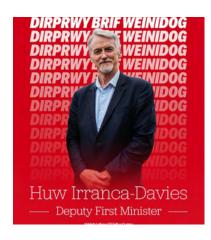
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### **Advice Surgeries**

I hold regular surgeries and 'Coffee Mornings' in all parts of the constituency.

Look out for details on my website and social media channels.