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**Mike Hedges**

Member of the Senedd for Swansea East

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**SUPPORT FOR MUSLIM COMMUNITY**

Support sent to Community Policy Forum for Islamophobia Awareness Month

Islam like all major religions, Islam is based on peace and kindness. I am concerned about the amount of Islamophobia which is occurring and I will do everything I can do to stand up against Islamophobia.

I would also like to say how pleased I am with the work the Muslim community do within Swansea, especially the foodbank.

**SUPPORT TO TENANTS**

Unusually amongst elected politicians I spend my childhood living in a council house. I was very grateful to move into a council house from privately rented accommodation. It is important that in social housing local authorities and registered social landlords listen to the voice of their tenants. I believe in the provision of social housing and I am hoping the quantity of social housing in Wales can be increased.

**Thousands more people will automatically receive at-home bowel screening tests to help save more lives.**

Bowel cancer is one of the most common types of cancer, with more than 2,000 people diagnosed every year in Wales.

But when caught in its early stages, the cancer is treatable, curable and survival chances increase significantly.

From Wednesday 9 October, 50-year-olds registered with a GP in Wales will be offered self-screening for bowel cancer for the first time and will receive a screening kit in the post.

Screening can help spot bowel cancer before symptoms start and detect polyps – noncancerous growths – which can be removed and prevent cancer from developing.

Over the last three years, the age of bowel cancer screening has been lowered in Wales, in line with recommendations from the UK National Screening Committee.

Reducing the age range has helped to detect more bowel cancers and at an earlier stage.

The screening process involves an easy-to-use faecal immunochemical test (FIT), which has increased sensitivity and can better detect bowel cancer – helping to increase the screening uptake in the current cohort of men and women aged 51-74.

The screening programme for 50-year-olds will come into full effect gradually over the coming 12 months.

**BOWEL CANCER SCREENING AGE LOWERED TO 50**



**SENEDD REPORT– October 2024**

**Activity & Articles**

**Politically speaking- Evening Post- 5th October- Steel closure –** opposing the closure sharing doubts about steel recycling and concern about why Tata are building a new blast furnace in India and closing the one in Port Talbot

**Improving the Welsh economy- Nation Cymru 10th October**- this looks at the Welsh economy, previous attempts to improve the Welsh economy- action in other countries and suggests solutions

**Taxation- Nation Cymru 14th October** -Capital gains is realigned with income tax. Dividends should be treated as income and taxed at the appropriate income tax rate. If a loan is taken instead of dividends, if it is not paid back it should be treated as income and taxed accordingly. For council tax all houses are revalued, and that council tax is a fixed percentage of the value of the property. If we continue using bands an additional lower band, narrower bands and several upper bands are needed. Vacant land tax should be actively promoted, and further effort made to get Westminster government permission. Savings currently in ISAs should continue tax free and should be able to be rolled on, there is no reason to allow new ISAs to be purchased.

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**VISITS**

Evolve Penderry Youth Club

Social Enterprise Stakeholders

SBU Briefing

Swansea City 1950’s talk at South Penlan Community Centre

Welsh Music Showcase

Parental Alienation

Glyncollen Primary School

Plasmarl Primary School

Ynystawe Primary School

Hafod Primary School

Pen-y-Bryn School

Urdd Apprenticeships

Albert Hall Official Opening

Penlan Library

Penlan Foodbank

Swansea Male Choir

Swansea City Football

Malsters Football

Penlan Football

Ynystawe Football

Clase football

Landore football

Blaenymaes football

Penlan rugby

**SURGERIES HELD**

Hafod Primary School

Morriston Library

Penlan Library

Brynhyfryd Library

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Supporting Breast Cancer Now event at the Senedd

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**Get in touch**

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The Welsh Labour Government’s vision for public transport in Wales is an easy, accessible one that integrates our rail and bus systems: One Network, One Timetable, One Ticket.  
Giving Wales a greater say on the specification of cross-border services is also a priority.   
  
The key conversations happening between Labour Minister’s in both countries are moving us closer to achieving these goals.

I am delighted to see positive progress being made in communications between the Senedd and Westminster regarding the future of Welsh rail.

This progress includes a new commitment to the Government’s working in partnership, alongside industry, to deliver a better service for Welsh passengers.

**FROM WALES TO THE WORLD-CELEBRATING OUR CREATIVE SUCCESSES**

It’s been an incredible 6 months for Welsh creative arts.  
Throughout 2024, products supported by Creative Wales have topped both gaming and streaming charts.

Audiences around the world have been able to engage with Welsh-related production, including: world-renowned Game of Thrones prequel House of the Dragon, filmed on location across north Wales and employing 250 local people as crew members, BBC’s Lost Boys and Fairies filmed predominantly in Cardiff, and Zombie horror video game Sker Ritual which became one of the best selling console games in the world the week of its’ launch!

**YSGOL PEN-Y-BRYN – CARES FAYRE**

I was pleased to attend Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn Cares Fayre at Pen-y-Bryn School where I had the chance to meet parents, pupils and teachers at this inclusive special school. I met with many outside organisations including NAS Swansea, Swansea Parent Carer Forum, the Local Area Co-ordinator, Faith in Families, South Wales Police, Mid and West Fire and Rescue Service and attended pupil run stalls.

Pen-y-Bryn provides a safe and inclusive environment for all pupils to thrive.

**MONTHLY ADVICE SURGERIES**

1st Friday – Brynhyfryd Library 3-4pm

2nd Friday – Morriston Library 3-4pm

3rd Friday – Penlan Library 2-3 pm

4th Thursday – St Thomas Library 3- 3.30pm

4th Friday – Llansamlet Library 3-4pm

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