



Parliamentary News

# Dawn Primarolo MP

Working hard for **Bristol South**



Autumn 2008

## Transport improvements

**Dawn welcomed the recent good news about planned improvements for cycling and bus travel in Bristol. The Government announced £42 million for the Greater Bristol Bus Network which will see ten new showcase bus routes developed in the Bristol area, including one for the A37 Wells Road. There will be new and more comfortable buses, real-time information, dedicated bus lanes, and better signals to create faster journeys for bus passengers.**

Bristol has also won its bid to become a cycling demonstration city - the first of its kind in the country. Over £11 million of national funding has been secured to transform the city's cycling infrastructure. We will see new cycle routes, an on-street bike rental network, improved cycle parking and new shower facilities.

Dawn says: "I'm delighted with this investment in Bristol's bus and cycle networks. We all know that traffic congestion is a big problem in our city and it's important that people have real alternatives to

the private car. These new bus and cycle schemes will make a real difference to people's transport choices in Bristol."



**Dawn celebrates the Cycling City announcement with Councillors Terry Cook, Mark Bradshaw and Helen Holland**

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## New health services for South Bristol



**Dawn officially opens the new Whitchurch Health Centre**

Councillors have given the green light for the South Bristol Hospital, and building work should get underway later this year. Dawn is delighted by this development. She says: "**This is brilliant news for our area, and is thanks to the tireless campaigning of hundreds of people across Bristol South. The NHS marks its 60th birthday this year, and we've got much to celebrate. It was a pleasure to open the new Whitchurch Health Centre earlier in the summer - a fantastic new facility which will offer a wide range of services under one roof. And, thanks to Department of Health proposals, we'll soon see extended hours at our local GP's surgery. Illness isn't 9-5, so healthcare shouldn't be either.**"

## News in Brief

### CLIMATE CHANGE BILL

Dawn has voted in favour of the new Climate Change Bill - the first of its kind in the world. It means the UK must meet targets to ensure reduced emissions, with a total reduction of 60% by 2050. Dawn has received hundreds of emails and postcards from local residents about this issue.

### CONCESSIONARY BUS FARES

Dawn has been encouraging people in Bristol South aged 60 or over, or eligible disabled, to apply for the new All England Concessionary Travelcard which entitles holders to free off-peak travel on local bus services anywhere in England. Call **0117 922 3089** to apply.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Healthy food was on the menu when Dawn visited Ashton Gate Primary School's breakfast club. The club has won an award for their sustainably purchased and produced food. Many schools in Bristol South now have breakfast clubs - providing the most important meal of the day for young people in a friendly, fun environment.

### THANK YOU FOR NOT DRIVING

Dawn joined the Lord Mayor at Gay Elms Primary School to encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scooter to school. The children told Dawn how much they enjoyed using these forms of transport rather than being cooped up in a car every morning and afternoon.

### ADVICE SURGERIES

As well as responding to residents' concerns by telephone, email and letter, Dawn holds regular face-to-face surgeries in venues across Bristol South, including: the Southville Centre, Hartcliffe Library, the Witherwood Centre, Hengrove Community Centre, The Mede and the Gatehouse Centre. If you would like an appointment, please do get in touch.

## Tackling anti-social behaviour

**Dawn was pleased with Home Office plans to introduce a new Anti-Social Behaviour Action Squad to help police and local agencies make full use of the tools and powers available to tackle anti-social behaviour in every community.**

"Local residents tell me about problems of anti-social behaviour, whether it's noisy neighbours, intimidating behaviour, fly-tipping or graffiti, and I've carried out surveys in several neighbourhoods to identify the main causes of concern. I'm in regular contact with the police and council on behalf of local residents to try and find the best way to address these problems. Earlier this year I went along to Broadbury Road Police Station where I met with police officers and police community



**Dawn speaks with PCSO Joe Parhaga at Broadbury Road Police Station**

support officers who work closely with communities across South Bristol. We spoke about the importance of neighbourhood policing where officers can really get to know their local area and work with residents to find lasting solutions."

## Broadwalk Developments



**Dawn outside Broadwalk Shopping Centre**

Dawn is keeping an eye on plans to redevelop the Broadwalk Centre in Knowle. She says: **"I have been in touch with the developers and the city council's planners to ensure that any development at Broadwalk benefits the area as a whole. We need to make sure**

**that current traders are supported, and that any new housing gives people on low and middle incomes the chance to get on the property ladder. I am also keen that progress is made on the library and garage site, which has been derelict for some time now."**

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