



Parliamentary News

Dawn Primarolo MP

Working Hard for Bristol South

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SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

During the global economic slow-down, it's vital that the Government does everything it can to help hard-working people in Bristol South.

Dawn says: "We all know that times are tough at the moment, and many people are concerned about keeping their jobs and being able to pay the bills. To help, the Government has introduced support for homeowners, and brought in free and discounted energy saving measures. We've also recently seen an extra payment for pensioners, increases in child benefit for families and the VAT cut. Where jobs are at risk, I have raised concerns with a number of local companies.

Above all, it's essential that people claim everything they are entitled to. There's a lot of support available, especially for families and pensioners. If you think you may be entitled to something, it's always best to check and find out."



Dawn chats with Bedminster residents about saving energy and cutting bills

State of the Art Learning Environments



Dawn meets school governors and senior staff at the brand new Bridge Learning Campus in Hartcliffe

Continued investment in our local secondary schools is good news for children and young people in Bristol South. Several of our schools have already been re-built or re-furbished and the Council has approved plans for Ashton Park School, St Bernadette's School and the Oasis Academy in Hengrove. Brand new schools have opened in Withywood and Hartcliffe this year.

Commenting, Dawn said: "Thanks to this investment, all of our secondary pupils will be able to learn in modern environments, with state of the art technology. Our schools are improving, but of course there is more to do. I am confident that this massive rebuilding programme will be a real help."

News in Brief

New Police Pod

Dawn opened a new 'police-pod' at Broadwalk Shopping Centre. These pods provide a base for community policing teams, meaning that members of the public can pop-in and speak to officers.

Dancing with the 'Goldies'

The weekly Golden Oldies group in Withywood provides a perfect venue for older people to get together and sing some of their favourite songs. Dawn was pleased to visit recently and join in the fun.

Meeting with First Bus Boss

Dawn met with First Bus Managing Director, Justin Davies, to raise a number of concerns on behalf of passengers. She told him that residents want clean and reliable services with affordable fares, especially during these difficult economic times.

Residents' Parking

A number of residents have contacted Dawn about the recent Residents' Parking consultation. The Council has now confirmed there are no current plans for zones in Bristol South.

New Dental Services

Dawn has been in touch with NHS Bristol who confirmed they are looking to provide additional dental services in Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe, Filwood, Whitchurch Park and Hengrove during 2009.

Keeping in Touch

Dawn sends out a fortnightly email newsletter to several hundred local residents about her work in Bristol South and Parliament. To sign up, please send your email address to primarolod@parliament.uk

CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRESS

Dawn has helped create history in Parliament by supporting the Climate Change Act. The new laws are the first of their kind in the world, and commit us to an 80% reduction in Britain's carbon emissions by 2050.

Dawn comments: "This far-reaching legislation is a vital component in Britain's efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. Over 600 people have contacted me to express concerns about the potentially disastrous effects of climate change, so I know how important this issue is to local people. Britain is leading the way in tackling



Dawn with her 'Thank You' certificate from Friends of the Earth

climate change, and we now need to work with other countries to find a global solution."

Hengrove Park Update

Work is now underway at Hengrove Park. The first phase of the site's redevelopment includes a new leisure centre, a skills academy and - of course - our South Bristol Hospital.



Dawn (second from right) at Hengrove Park launch event

Dawn says: "It's fantastic to see builders on site, and work underway on this unique project. The plans are simply stunning and will make such a difference to Bristol South. Residents have waited many years - generations even - for this, and I know people will be delighted when work is completed. Thanks to everyone who has supported the campaign."

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