



Parliamentary News

# Dawn Primarolo MP

Working Hard for Bristol South

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## Opportunities for Young People

**The Government is continuing to offer real help to people in Bristol South affected by the recession.**

Dawn explains, "I welcome the increase in funding for advice for all job-seekers, and now the Government has pledged to guarantee people under 25 a job, work experience or training if they have been out of work for a year. We want to help young people reach their potential and actions like these are extremely important during these difficult times. It's essential that we continue to support all people in Bristol South who become unemployed."



Dawn discusses bus services with local resident, Lynda Caple



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Dear Resident,

There has been a lot of press coverage about MPs' expenses this year and I have been shocked and angered at some of the revelations. Throughout my time as a representative for Bristol South I have always been honest when completing my claims and, I believe, have acted not only within the rules but also within the spirit of the rules. Local people have invested their trust in me since I was first elected in 1987, and I am acutely aware how important it is for you to have confidence that I continue to earn that trust.

Details of my allowances are available on my website and I hope the information will assure you that my claims have been necessary and proportionate. I would of course be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Dawn Primarolo MP

## Campaigning for a Better Bus Service

**Dawn has been campaigning with residents in Knowle West to get a local bus route reinstated.**

Last year, First withdrew the no. 89 service, leaving many people in the area without an accessible direct bus route into Bedminster or the city centre. After meeting with residents to discuss this issue, Dawn sought the wider community's view through two surveys and has

been calling on First to bring back a better service.

Commenting, Dawn says: "Removing the no. 89 bus has had a huge impact on local residents. Some people tell me they can't go out now because it's too far to walk to the nearest bus stop. Local people deserve better and I will continue putting pressure on First to remedy the situation."

## News in Brief

### Parking Problems

Dawn has been working with local councillors in Bedminster to resolve parking problems in British Road. Local residents got in touch to raise concerns about pavement parking and access issues, so Dawn took the matter up with the Council and Police to find a solution.

### Underage Drinking

As the new Children's Minister, Dawn announced £20,000 extra funding for Bristol to help tackle under-age drinking. The funding helps with tough enforcement, as well as providing advice and support to young people and their families.

### Bristol City Stadium

Bristol City Football Club has submitted a planning application for a new stadium in Ashton Vale. Dawn is supportive of the Club's ambition but wants to make sure residents have their say about the plans for Ashton Vale and the Club's present site at Ashton Gate.

### Radio in Schools

Dawn visited Bristol's Heart 96.3 to discuss the Radio in Schools programme which helps pupils develop their speaking, listening and communication skills in an engaging way using podcasts.

# WORKING FOR YOU IN WESTMINSTER

In June this year, Dawn became the Children's Minister. Following two years as Public Health Minister, Dawn's new role will see her take the lead on a wide range of issues affecting children and young people, from nursery provision to facilities for teenagers.

Dawn says: "This is an exciting new role, and I will certainly be looking to build on my work and experience here in Bristol South when I am making Ministerial decisions. Ensuring that children get the best start in life is absolutely crucial,



Dawn celebrates the opening of new facilities at Gatehouse Nursery in Hartcliffe

and we need to make sure that their opinions are valued and taken into account."

## Scrappage Scheme Success!

Dawn has welcomed the success of the £300m car scrappage scheme announced in this year's Budget. Under the scheme, people have the opportunity to save £2,000 on a brand new car when they scrap their old vehicle.



Dawn with Hengrove resident, Barry Clark, and his new car purchased through the scrappage scheme

The scheme was introduced to boost consumer confidence and kick-start demand for new cars and has proved very popular with motorists.

Dawn says: "I've spoken to several people in Bristol South who have taken advantage of the discounted prices on new vehicles by trading in their 10-year-old cars. The increased demand has really helped the motor trade during these difficult times."

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