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Your local Member of Parliament representing Aberavon Constituency

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British Legion members, Tommy Fellows and Pam Waite, with Hywel who has facilitated Veterans' Badges for over 400 local ex-Service men and women.

Here are just a few of the Constituency engagements Hywel has undertaken recently

- Corus plant with management and unions
- Police on anti-social behaviour
- Local Remploy workers
- Coed Hirwaun residents
- Local Authority leaders and councillors
- Schools councils to discuss a variety of topics with pupils
- Various events in Carers' Week
- Community groups on environmental issues such as wind farms, power stations and ancient woodlands
- Civic events such as Mayor making and remembrance services
- Ty Rhosyn
- Round the Pier Charity Swim and 10k Richard Burton Marathon
- Briton Ferry Operatic Society, Cymric and Cor Meibion concerts
- Many community meetings such as at Croeserw
- Paul Robeson Jnr human rights schools event
- Discussions with youth and pensioners groups



Hywel joins the Ann Davies Cancer Appeal bike ride



Hywel congratulates parents and teachers of Brynhafryd School having obtained the Healthy Schools Scheme Award.

If you would like Hywel to visit your group or organisation just call his constituency office on **01639 897660**



Award Winning MP

Hywel Francis, Labour MP for Aberavon, has been recognised for his work in championing the rights of carers by being awarded the title of Campaigner of the Year at the ITV Wales Yearbook 2006 Political Awards. The awards celebrated the past 12 months in Welsh politics.

News In Brief

Since being elected Hywel has:

- Established a Constituency Office in Port Talbot and appointed local staff.
- Piloted his Carers Equal Opportunities Act through Parliament, giving new rights for carers.
- Held regular surgeries in all parts of his Constituency.
- Taken up cases for thousands of constituents who have contacted him with individual problems facing them, their families, or their communities.
- Attended hundreds of local events and meetings.

Who to Contact

Regular advice surgeries are held throughout the Constituency. You may find it useful to see at a glance which issues are dealt with by Parliament and the Welsh Assembly.

Dr Hywel Francis MP

UK Government

Pensions, Welfare & Benefits, Crime & Anti Social Behaviour, Visas & Immigration, Foreign Affairs, Defence, UK legislation
Contact: Eagle House, 2 Talbot Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1DH
Telephone: 01639 897660
email: francish@parliament.uk

Dr Brian Gibbons AM

Welsh Assembly

Health, Housing, Local Government, Education, Economic Development, Transport, Rural Affairs, Arts, Sports & Culture
Contact: Eagle House, 2 Talbot Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1DH
Telephone: 01639 870779

Dear constituent

Welcome to my annual report in which I give information on some of my activities on behalf of local residents in Parliament or within my own Constituency. It is a great honour to represent the Aberavon Constituency, from Skewen and Briton Ferry in the West to Margam in the East, the town of Port Talbot and the whole of the Afan Valley. I am especially keen to ensure I fully represent smaller communities like Coed Hirwaun, Penybryn, Llandarcy, Bryn and Abercragan.

I would like to thank you for the welcome I have received all around the Constituency. With over 50,000 electors in Aberavon, it is quite a challenge to get around every community, workplace and organisation but I am keen to do so.

As your MP it is important for me to listen to all points of view - so please get in contact with me and I will do my best to meet you.

I have a **Constituency Office** in the centre of town, which I share with local Assembly Member, Dr Brian Gibbons, at **Eagle House, 2 Talbot Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1DH** (opposite the Railway Station)

My staff - Les Rees (caseworker), John Slater (community liaison officer) and Rachel Taylor (administration) - will be pleased to deal with any of your queries when I am in Parliament.

Best Wishes

Dr Hywel Francis
Member of Parliament for Aberavon



'Prime Minister Gordon Brown joins Dr Hywel Francis MP in Promoting the Child Trust Fund.'

Have your say...

The views of Aberavon Constituency residents are important to help me do the best job for you. Please take a minute to complete the attached form and let me know of any local issues affecting your community or any national or international issues you would like to raise:

Name			
Address			
Post code			
Email	Phone	Mobile	

Please cut out and return to **Dr Hywel Francis MP, Eagle House, 2 Talbot Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1DH**

By returning this slip you are consenting to be contacted by Dr Hywel Francis in the future. If you do not wish to hear from him again please tick.

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Speaking up in Parliament

Useful Aberavon contacts

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

South Wales Police - **01639 635321**
 Emergency Services - **999**
 CrimeStoppers - **0800 555111**
 Gas Leaks - **0800 111999**
 Welsh Water - **0800 0853968**

ADVICE LINES

Port Talbot CAB - **01639 895057**
 Dr Hywel Francis MP - **01639 897660**
 Dr Brian Gibbons AM - **01639 870779**
 Samaritans - **08457 909090**

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Neath Port Talbot
 County Borough Council
 Civic Centre
 Port Talbot
 SA13 1PJ
 Telephone - **01639 763333**

In Parliament Hywel is:

Chair of the powerful Select Committee on Welsh Affairs. It has recently had major Inquiries on:

- Energy in Wales
- Police Forces in Wales



Hywel and John Hannel USDAW General Secretary Campaigning for carers in Parliament

- New powers for the Assembly
- Future of the MOD in St Athan
- Globalisation and its impact on Wales, especially employment, population and food supply
- Welsh prisons

Hywel is Parliament's Leading Campaigner for Carers

He is Chair of the All Party Carers Group, which lobbies Government and holds seminars and meetings

to promote carers rights. He conveys the views of Constituency Groups in which he takes an active part, such as the Carers Action Movement, SNAC, The Epilepsy Support Group and the Alzheimers Society.

Making a Difference



Hywel meets young people from SNAC, attending the Make a Difference Day Event

Hywel has Lobbied Ministers on a wide range of issues, including recently

- The future of the steel industry
- Pensions
- Disability and carers' rights
- Grandparents' rights
- Higher education

Speaking up for the Community

Supporting Our Communities

Hywel holds regular meetings with community groups to support the local environment and improve community facilities, public services and public safety. He has been associated with recent campaigns in Baglan, Penybryn, Sandfields, the Upper Afan Valley, Briton Ferry, Skewen and Coed Hirwaun (see below).



Hywel and Mair Francis congratulate Hywel Selway, Chair of Coed Hirwaun Residents, on organising the successful family fun day to raise funds for community facilities for young people.



Hywel meets Glanafan School Council.

Hywel believes that school and youth councils are the the best way to build local democracy.



Hywel meeting police officers at the Port Talbot Communities Partnership Unit which deals with anti-social behaviour.

Hywel holds regular meetings with senior police officers on local community and public safety issues.

Valuing Our Culture and Heritage

Hywel is President of many local cultural and heritage organisations including the Briton Ferry Brunel Dock Regeneration Project, the South Wales Miners' Museum, Cor Meibion Aberafan and the Roger Chilcott Music in the Community Society.

As Chair of the Richard Burton Advisory Board, Hywel is leading the campaign to establish a Richard Burton Youth Theatre locally.



Hywel with his Cwmafan neighbour, Graham Jenkins, with a photograph of Graham's brother Richard Burton

6 ways to contact Hywel

• Write to him at his constituency office at:
Dr Hywel Francis MP, Eagle House, 2 Talbot Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1DH, or write to Dr Hywel Francis MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

• Call him on:
01639 897660
 (Constituency)
or 0207 2198121
 (House of Commons)

• Send an email to:
francish@parliament.uk

• Fax him on **01639 891725**
 • Visit his website:
www.hywelfrancis.co.uk
 • Come and see him at one of his regular advice surgeries - details available from the constituency office.

Visits to Parliament

As your MP Hywel is keen to invite local groups and individuals to visit Parliament. Many local groups have met their MP and been on a tour of the House of Commons. If you or your community group would like to visit Parliament please contact the office to make arrangements. Tours of the Houses of Parliament are free.



Hywel congratulates Ben Sawyers on becoming a member of the UK Youth Parliament