



Your local Member of Parliament representing the Aberavon Constituency including Port Talbot, Briton Ferry, Skewen, Cwmafan and the Afan Valley.

Backing Safer, Better, Learning Communities



Local police at Cymer

As the local MP Hywel believes that stronger community policing is the key to safer neighbourhoods, especially for the elderly.

He holds regular meetings with the police, accompanying them on their duties throughout the constituency, and also with community groups to hear their concerns, especially on anti-social behaviour and hate crimes.



Hywel at Port Talbot Station

Hywel has campaigned for better public transport. He believes that the Port Talbot railway station is a vital link for work and leisure and has been involved in campaigning for its upgrading including the petition for better access for the disabled, elderly and young children.

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

Better education, training and skills are the key to building the future through a knowledge economy. Hywel has strongly backed Swansea University's new science and technology campus at Jersey Marine, a new local construction industry college and a Richard Burton Centre.



Hywel at Crymlyn Burrows Primary School

Hywel encourages school links with industry and with other countries: he arranged for Paul Robeson Jr, the well known US human rights campaigner, to visit Crymlyn Burrows Primary School.



PM BACKS CARERS' MP

Gordon Brown in a recent Prime Minister's Question Time agreed to meet with Carers' organisations to discuss improving financial support for carers.

Hywel will lead the delegation as Chair of the All Party Carers Group and as architect of the Carers Equal Opportunities Act.

News in brief

Hywel has recently backed the successful progress of two Private Members' Bills, on Autism and improved redundancy payments.

He has also chaired an inquiry into better services for people with muscular dystrophy and helped set up a Parliamentary Group on Thalidomide.

Dear constituents,

In this Parliamentary Report I wish to emphasise that the biggest issue facing Parliament and everyone throughout the country is the Economy. Every constituent is affected by the global economic crisis, as an employee, a business - large or small, a pensioner or householder. This has my highest priority.

I have supported the Government in its efforts to stabilize the banking system in order to safeguard jobs locally and to prepare for the upturn in the economy by keeping people in employment by up-skilling or re-skilling them. I have also given a high priority to improving the local environment, supporting local campaigns and leading some especially the Clean Air Charter and making the Afan Valley an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. I am your voice in Parliament and I wish to welcome as many constituents to Parliament.

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 or write to 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), Rachel Taylor and Rebecca Hannah (administration) - will be pleased to deal with any of your queries when I am in Parliament.

Best Wishes

Hywel Francis

Dr Hywel Francis Member of Parliament for Aberavon

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:

Empty box for writing feedback

Name, Address, Post code, Email, Phone, Mobile fields

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. [] The information provided is for the use of Dr Hywel Francis MP and his office staff only. The data provided will not be passed to a third party or any other organisation.

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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, Taxation, 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. Website: www.hywellfrancis.co.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



Hywel arranged for Denise Williams of Friends of Neath Port Talbot Hospital to meet Prime Minister Gordon Brown during National Volunteer Week

Campaigning in Parliament

Hywel Francis has a key role in Parliament as Chair of the influential **Welsh Affairs Committee**.

It has recently had major inquiries on:

- Education
- Health
- Transport
- Broadcasting
- Legal Services
- Digital Inclusion
- 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.
- Globalisation

It has also scrutinised proposed legislation on vulnerable children, carers, affordable housing and the Welsh language.



Community leader at Number 10

Hywel has recently visited Number Ten Downing Street at the invitation of the Prime Minister along with a community leader Saifur Rahman of Port Talbot.

Hywel said,

'I was very pleased to invite Saifur Rahman to accompany me at Downing Street. Mr Rahman has done outstanding work in community relations as secretary of the Port Talbot Tigers Football Team and has undertaken important digital inclusion work for the elderly and disabled with Age Concern'.



Hywel asks a question in Parliament



MP backs RNIB Campaign.

Hywel fully backed a recent successful lobby of Parliament organized by the RNIB in their support for blind and partially sighted people which means that they will now receive over £1,500 a year in additional support.

He was glad to meet constituents from Glyncorwg and Port Talbot who travelled to London to lobby MPs as part of the successful RNIB Campaign which achieved the higher rate of Disability Living Allowance for people with the most severe form of visual impairment.



Visiting Parliament

As your MP I am keen to invite local groups and individuals to Parliament. Tours of the Houses of Parliament are free. If you or your group wish to make a visit to Parliament please contact my Parliamentary office: **020 7219 8121** to make the arrangements.

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:
franchis@parliament.uk
• Fax him on **01639 891725**

• Visit his website:
www.hywel Francis.co.uk
• Come and see him at one of his regular advice surgeries - details available from the constituency office.

Campaigning in the Constituency

Protecting Jobs



Hywel with John Bosworth

Hywel spends time talking to businesses and unions to provide support and encouragement during the present recession.

He recently visited Baglan Moors to congratulate John Bosworth and Excel on their contract to provide complex wiring systems for 1,738 new underground cars on the Jubilee Line of the London Underground. The cars will be needed for the higher demand during the Olympics and Paralympics

Supporting People



Hywel at Carers conference

Backing employers, unions and community groups involved in helping carers and people with disabilities is a high priority for Hywel. As a carers' champion he helped develop the Corus policy on carers and spoke at the conference which launched it.

Improving the Environment



Hywel in the Afan Valley

Hywel has been a prime mover in launching and developing the local authority's **Clean Air Charter** and has led the campaign for the Afan valley to be an **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**.

These positive developments have emerged from community campaigns against excessive numbers of wind farms and power stations in our locality and he has strongly identified himself with these concerns.

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 - **0844 477 2020**
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**



Hywel with Epilepsy Group



Hywel with children from Bryn Primary School

Hywel is President of the Port Talbot Epilepsy Group which has been successful in obtaining a grant of £5,000.00 from Awards for All (Wales) Fund to help towards a well deserved summer holiday for members of the Group.

Hywel has encouraged greater awareness amongst schoolchildren of environmental issues and recently congratulated Bryn Primary School on their Big Lottery Fund success to develop a trim trail and a multi-sensory garden.