



NEWS FROM CARDIFF EAST

CARDIFF PARKWAY

Cardiff Parkway will transform Cardiff East, attracting almost 6,000 new jobs and transforming public travel options for residents of Trowbridge and St Mellons.

As Secretary of State for Wales, I secured a £14bn funding commitment to deliver new rail projects throughout Wales and I was proud that Cardiff Parkway was front and centre as the only station with planning permission.

Construction could begin quickly but serious doubts have been raised about the minority Plaid Government's commitment to the project. I raised this in Parliament with the new Secretary of State for Wales, asking him to ensure they honour this commitment.

Watch my question and the answer in full [here](#).

CARDIFF PARKWAY:

- ✓ A new, modern railway station will be built at Hendre Lakes.
- ✓ The project will support around 6,000 new jobs in the local area.
- ✓ Fast, direct trains to Cardiff Central and Newport in just seven minutes.
- ✓ Serving more than 40,000 residents across Cardiff East.
- ✓ An annual economic benefit of £265m and £5bn over 20 years.



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CAPITAL CITY FUNDING FOR SOUTH WALES POLICE

Cardiff Capital Region covers Cardiff and its nine surrounding local authorities. The Councils work together to drive investment, jobs and growth into the region. CCR has secured a landmark strategic partnership with the UK Labour Government's National Wealth Fund which has over £17 billion of capital to boost investment and growth across the country.

This collaboration will unlock expert advice and capital funding to speed

up infrastructure projects, attract private investment, and create high-quality jobs across Cardiff East.

Read more [here](#).

WARMER HOMES FOR ADAMSDOWN

Applications are now open for the Tai Clyd Caerdydd pilot scheme in Adamsdown, which has been designed to make local homes warmer, healthier, and cheaper to run.

Our local Adamsdown Labour Councillors, Grace Ferguson-Thorne and Owen Jones have worked hard to secure this pilot for our area, bringing practical support for residents to upgrade their homes and manage energy costs. The scheme includes:

- Free whole-house assessments and independent advice on potential improvements.
- Access to Welsh Government-vetted installers.
- Help identifying funding options, including fully-funded improvements for eligible households experiencing fuel poverty.
- Support for homeowners and landlords across all private housing tenures.

Applications for the pilot are open now. Find out more [here](#).

Tai Clyn Caerdydd

Making homes
warmer, healthier
and cheaper to run



Ariennir gan
Lywodraeth Cymru
Funded by
Welsh Government

CLIFTON STREET WASTE WALK

It was great to join the Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene & Environmental Services, Ed Stubbs on Clifton Street to discuss issues

residents have raised about waste and enforcement issues on the street and surrounding areas and see them first hand

I am pleased that as a result of our meeting, Cardiff Council has agreed to review the number of bins, address the presentation of commercial waste, step up enforcement and power wash unclean areas.

TROWBRIDGE ESTATE CLEAN UP

I know from my many conversations on doorsteps across Cardiff East, that residents are concerned by the increase in fly-tipping and general waste issues in our local communities.

I am pleased that after representations from our local councillors Bernie Bowen-Thomson and Michael Michael that the Local Action Team (LAT), in partnership with Waste Management's Blitz Team have carried out a targeted estate clean-up which began in the first week of September.

Teams have been out in Cath Cob Close and Mallard Close to:

- Remove fly-tipping
- Undertake comprehensive litter picking
- Cut back overgrowth
- Deep clean highways, kerb lines, and public spaces
- Help residents who are struggling with front garden waste

I will continue working with local Labour Councillors across Cardiff East to keep our communities tidy. If you would like to raise any issues, please contact me using the details below:

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NEW WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Young people across Cardiff East will be given new work experience opportunities thanks to a major initiative between the UK Labour Government and leading retailers.

A new scheme will see 18-24-year-olds, who are looking for work, offered placements with Tesco, John Lewis, Waitrose and Currys.

These new opportunities will give young people in Cardiff East the skills, confidence and connections they need to take their first step into work.

Read more [here](#).



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LAMBY WAY TRAVEL DISRUPTION

Temporary traffic signals and lane closures are now in place on Lamby Way between Southern Way and Lamby Way roundabouts. Works will continue until late February 2027.

Travel disruption is expected, so please use alternative routes where possible.

The River Rhymney faces increasing threats from coastal flooding and erosion that put properties at risk. These essential works are absolutely necessary to provide long-term protection for 1,116 homes and 72 businesses for the next 100 years.

Read more [here](#).

KEY DATES	WORK PLANNED
20 TH SEPT (NIGHT)	INSTALLATION OF LANE CLOSURE AT LAMBY WAY ROUNDABOUT
21 ST SEPT – 2 ND OCT (2 WEEKS)	SITE PREPARATION (DE-VEGETATION, REMOVAL OF REDUNDANT GAS MAIN, PROOF DIGGING, FORMATION OF WORKING AREA AND DRAINAGE BUND)
5 TH OCT – 11 TH DEC (10 WEEKS)	PILING WORKS TOWARDS LAMBY WAY BRIDGE
14 TH DEC – 23 TH DEC (1.5 WEEKS)	NIGHT CLOSURES TO REMOVE PILING EQUIPMENT AND PARTIAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REMOVAL; COMMENCE PILE CAP INSTALLATION
24 TH DEC – 3 RD JAN (1.5 WEEKS)	CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN WITH MINIMAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
4 TH JAN – 5 TH FEB (5 WEEKS)	CONTINUED PILE CAP INSTALLATION
8 TH FEB – 26 TH FEB (3 WEEKS)	INSTALLATION OF HANDRAIL AND DEMOBILISATION

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EASTERN LEISURE CENTRE VISIT

It was great to visit Eastern Leisure Centre in Llanrumney to mark National Fitness Day.

There are so many activities available there, from gym workouts and aqua aerobics to NHS services to help fitness and wellbeing. There's also a brand new soft-play area coming next month, so there are facilities for all ages.

We're so lucky to have this top-class facility right on our doorstep, as well as many others. As a Cardiff resident there are also discounts on activities. Pop in and see how you can get active today.



UEFA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2027

Women's football is going from strength to strength in Wales, with some great role models like Llanrumney's Jess Fishlock.

The news that the UEFA Women's Champions League 2029 final is coming to Cardiff is great news for women's football, here in Cardiff East and across the country.



150 YEARS OF CARDIFF RUGBY

Rugby has been played at the Cardiff Arms Park since the 1880s, long before many of the wards I represent were even built.

As Cardiff Rugby kick off their 150th anniversary season, it's fantastic to see the club's heritage take centre stage. From the North Stand being renamed after Sir Gareth Edwards to the launch of a heritage kit inspired by the very first jersey, the club's history is being brought alive. If you caught the game against Exeter Chiefs on the 19th September, you probably spotted the retro matchday programmes too.

This celebratory season will be brilliant. I'll see you there!



MENINGITIS B VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Students starting university in Cardiff are being offered a vaccine to protect them against Meningitis B – following an outbreak in Kent earlier this year.

Clinics have been set up at Cardiff University, the University of South Wales and Cardiff Met.

I'd encourage all students to take advantage of the vaccination programme. Keep yourself and your friends protected.

Read more [here](#).

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT

SANCTIONS ON WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

Alongside the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, increased settler terrorism is driving Palestinians from their homes in the West Bank.

The Labour Government has rightly said we must do more to tackle these issues and we are taking a number of additional steps to do so.

This month, we have taken steps to ban trade in goods from illegal settlements.

We're also taking action on services that facilitate or support illegal settlements and extending our sanctions regime so we have powers to go after those who break international humanitarian law.

The two-state solution is based on an explicit premise that the only route to security and safety for both Palestine and Israel is for the people of both nations to live side by side in peaceful co-existence with freedom, security and self-determination.

The UK Labour Government taking this action to keep the hope of a two-state solution alive.

Read more in my recent [blog](#).

SPECIALIST COURTROOMS TO PRIORITISE RAPE CASES

Backed by a multi-million cash injection, every Crown Court in England and Wales will get at least one courtroom especially set up to hear rape and serious sexual offence cases over the next two years, to speed up cases and put victims at the heart of the criminal justice system.

These Crown Court trials will be given a fixed date as opposed to being placed on floating court lists where they can be moved at short notice and delayed by many months.

These important changes will mean victims get better support and face fewer delays, as the Labour Government continues to take decisive action to tackle violence against women and girls and deliver the justice that victims deserve.

NEW POLL SHOWS SUPPORT FOR EU MEMBERSHIPS

Cardiff East constituents know that I didn't want the UK to leave the EU and I didn't support Boris Johnson's bad Brexit deal. The past decade has therefore been focussed on maintaining a close relationship between the UK and the EU. This is important for our economy, security and our future.

Brexit has created trade barriers, and barriers to economic growth that has impacted UK businesses and working people.

Last year, our UK Labour Government secured a new trade deal with the EU, which is expected to be worth up to £9 billion to our economy by 2040 and we're working with the EU to create a youth experience scheme which will create new opportunities for young people here and the EU to live, work, study and travel.

But we need to go further. New constituency-level polling of almost 12,000 voters found that all but 4 constituencies in Britain would support future membership of the EU. It's important that we recognise this significant shift in public opinion since 2016 and seek to deliver the closest possible relationship that people across the UK are calling for.

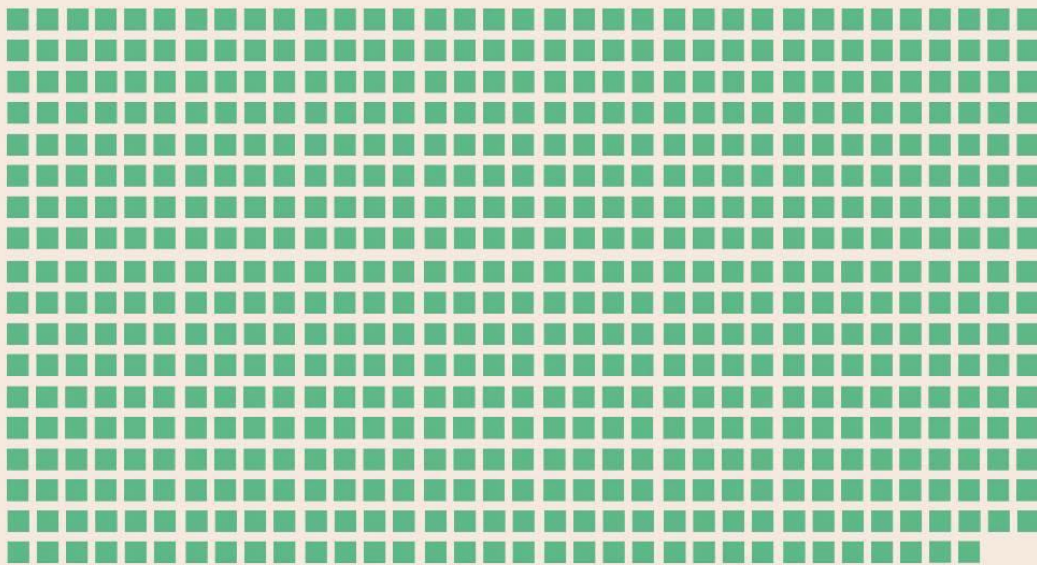
Read more [here](#).



MEGAPOLL FINDS:

EU membership tops the polls in all but four constituencies

Constituencies that favour EU membership:



Constituencies that 'don't know' what UK-EU relationship they prefer:



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BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

From April 2027, all employees who have lost a spouse or partner, parent, adult child or sibling, will have the right to take two weeks of bereavement leave. Women and their partners who experience a

pregnancy loss before 24 weeks will also be entitled to two weeks of bereavement leave.

Whilst many employees have understanding employers, who give them the time and space that they need, these measures extend protections and place them into law.

This fundamental change delivered by our UK Labour Government will give millions of working people the space and security that they need to grieve the loss of an immediate family member and a pregnancy loss. I am proud that our Labour Government has introduced this compassionate new law.

A photograph showing a woman with long brown hair and a large silver earring, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt. She is being comforted by another person whose hands are visible on her shoulders. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a hospital or clinical setting.

BREAKING NEWS

GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS NEW BEREAVEMENT LEAVE RIGHTS

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VET PRESCRIPTION FEES

Millions of pet owners will benefit from a major overhaul of the veterinary sector under new reforms introduced by the UK Labour Government.

The new rules will make the system clearer, fairer and more transparent for owners. As part of the changes:

- Written prescription fees from vets will be capped at £21.
- Vet practices must publish a "comprehensive" price list for standard services, including consultations, common procedures, and cremation options.
- A written estimate must be provided in advance for any treatment expected to cost £500 or more, including aftercare costs, plus an itemised bill. Emergencies are the only exception to this.
- Vet businesses must make clear whether they are part of a group or an independent business
- Information will be made available through the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' "Find a Vet" service, which will share the data with third-party comparison sites.

These reforms help households understand what they are paying for, avoid unexpected costs and choose the best value care for their pets. [Read more here.](#)

SUPPORTING RAIL PASSENGERS

From this weekend, thanks to the Labour Government, if your train is cancelled, you can get on another operator's service to carry on your journey without paying again.

This covers Great Western Railway and CrossCountry trains services from Cardiff Central.

This is a common-sense change in the interests of passengers that will also help with the cost of living.

**THIS UK LABOUR
GOVERNMENT IS**

**GIVING RAIL PASSENGERS
THE AUTOMATIC RIGHT TO
SWITCH OPERATORS FOR
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STRONGER TOGETHER

I believe that Wales benefits from being part of the UK and the UK benefits from Wales being part of it. We are at our best when we focus on our shared history, values and future, rather than division and separatism.

During the Senedd election campaign, voters were told by Plaid that independence was off the table. Less than 4 months into the minority Plaid Government and that mask has slipped, with separatist leaders

descending on Cardiff Bay to sign an agreement to work together to rip our country apart.

Whilst Plaid focus time, energy and taxpayers' money on constitutional debates and pursuing their determination for independence, our UK Labour Government is addressing the issues that matter most to families, including easing pressures on household finances and delivering greater economic and national security.

Plaid promised action on NHS waiting lists which had been falling for nine months up to the election in May, but they've gone up every month since Plaid have been in power.

And despite what Plaid said ahead of the election, we still haven't been told when waiting times will actually come down.

Families in Wales were promised a new childcare package, but everything has gone very quiet. Families still don't know when they will receive any or all of the package promised in the election.

And children with additional learning needs are being deprived of the support they need, even though the minority Plaid government has received millions of pounds of additional funding because extra ALN funding is being spent on children in England.

06/05/2026
'INDEPENDENCE IS NOT ON THE BALLOT': PLAID CYMRU BROADENS ITS PITCH TO WELSH VOTERS




12/04/2026
WELSH ELECTION NOT ABOUT INDEPENDENCE, PLAID CYMRU CANDIDATE SAYS




01/05/2026
PLAID CYMRU LEADER RHUN AP IORWERTH SAYS 'THIS IS NOT AN ELECTION ABOUT INDEPENDENCE'




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NEW TASKFORCE TO TACKLE MISOGYNY

Whether it's online, in the workplace, school or on the street, too many girls and women still experience harassment and abuse by men.

These poisonous attitudes have blighted women and girls' lives for too long. The internet has made it even worse.

That's why the UK Labour Government is launching a new taskforce aimed at reducing harmful attitudes and shifting social culture, as well

as looking at what is working nationally and internationally to successfully address this issue.

The first meeting of the new taskforce will focus on young people, with it later looking at workplaces, digital spaces and social cohesion.

Read more [here](#).

NEW UNIT TO TACKLE WORKING CLASS INEQUALITY

This UK Labour Government is lifting more children than ever before out of poverty but there's still more to be done to break the link between people's background and the opportunities available to them.

The UK Labour Government's new Class Unit will put working class communities at the heart of government, with a key focus on improving lives of low-income families, disadvantaged communities and rooting out child poverty.

Read more [here](#).

ASSISTED DYING

I fundamentally believe in the human right to choose a dignified death. I have constituents and friends who desperately wanted one and a constituent who I helped after they were arrested for escorting someone who chose an assisted death at Dignitas.

It was deeply frustrating to watch as a handful of unelected members of the House of Lords deliberately prevented the Assisted Dying Bill from becoming law earlier this year after it was voted through by a majority in the House of Commons. This was wrong, undemocratic and sets a very dangerous precedent.

This month, an identical Bill was introduced to the House of Commons

which I again voted in support of. But we should never have had to have this vote. Regrettably, we lost vote by a very small margin.

I will continue to support the right to choose a dignified death. I will also press the new Prime Minister Andy Burnham to follow through on his pledge to build on the £125 million of additional funding announced by former Prime Minister Keir Starmer for end-of-life care and hospices.

And I will steadfastly uphold the principle that the democratic will of the publicly elected House of Commons must prevail over the unelected members of the House of Lords.

NEWS FROM UK LABOUR CONFERENCE

A NEW PATH FOR BRITAIN

The Prime Minister has set out a new direction for the country, breaking with 'politics as usual' and drawing a line on a decade of division.

Issues that have been ignored by politicians for too long will be top of this UK Labour Government's agenda, this will include tackling social care and youth unemployment.

Britain has been on the wrong path for a long time. After deindustrialisation, deregulation, privatisation, austerity and Brexit, we have a country run for vested interests, with power held in too few hands. This UK Labour Government is changing course and putting Britain on a new path with greater public control of energy, water and housing.

Short-term solutions to deep rooted problems simply will not work. During his first speech as Prime Minister at the UK Labour Conference, Andy Burnham set out the long-term fixes Britain needs so working people can hope again.

Later this year, the Prime Minister will publish his Plan for Britain. This will set out how, over 10 years, Labour will make this country work for working people again. More control of the basics and more power in the hands of people and places to set their own ambitions. That is the change we will deliver.

**TODAY WE DRAW A LINE ON A DECADE
OF DIVISION. WE STOP DOOMSCROLLING
ON POSTS RUNNING BRITAIN DOWN. AND
WE PUT THE COUNTRY ON A NEW PATH.
BRITAIN WITH BELIEF AGAIN.
PEOPLE WITH HOPE AGAIN.**

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A NEW AGE OF INDUSTRIALISATION

At UK Labour Conference, the Chancellor set out his vision for good work and good jobs across the UK, with new skills and investment packages to help young people into work and build Britain's future workforce.

The Chancellor announced new investment in Britain, to bring back hope and deliver growth in every postcode.

- **Investing to create jobs:** Labour will use the National Wealth Fund to create and support 130,000 jobs across the UK by the end of the decade.
- **Business investing in Britain:** Rolls-Royce will bring a landmark £300 million investment into its manufacturing and engineering facilities across the UK.
- **Launching GB Grid:** a new publicly owned body within Great British Energy – Great British Grid (GB Grid) – to help improve competition, speed up grid connections for businesses, support reindustrialisation, promote growth and drive down bills.

These new measures build on work Labour has done to restore stability and growth to the economy, paving the way for higher living standards as we unlock the country's latent potential.

**THIS IS THE NEW AGE OF
INDUSTRIALISATION.**
**THIS IS THE NEW CONFIDENCE IN
BRITAIN, LIT BY THIS GOVERNMENT.
DRIVEN FORWARD BY BUSINESS.**

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SAFER STREETS, STRONGER COMMUNITIES

A fairer Britain means building strong foundations of safety, security, and trust. Across the country, Labour's practical actions are already delivering clear, measurable progress in our neighbourhoods. We're rebuilding community policing, tackling serious crime, and ensuring that every community feels secure and supported.

- **Crime is falling:** Murder is down by 9%, serious violence by 11%, and knife robberies by 16%.
- **More police on the beat:** 3,800 new neighbourhood police officers are on the streets tackling shop theft and anti-social behaviour.

- **Specialist protection:** Every police force in England and Wales now features specialist-trained officers to investigate violence against women and girls.
- **Stronger national security:** A new National Police Service is targeting cross-border organized crime, while the State Threats Act works to counter extremism and foreign threats.

Alongside this, we are taking a balanced approach to managing our borders, cracking down on human trafficking while creating capped, safe routes through community, charity and university sponsorships, as well as UN resettlement for vulnerable refugees.

These actions will make the country fairer, defeat the forces seeking to divide our communities and bring Britain together.

STRONG ABROAD, SAFE AT HOME

The first duty of government is to keep our country safe. Our UK Labour Government is under no illusion that Britain is facing a multitude of threats, from espionage and cyberattacks on critical infrastructure to aggression by hostile states in our airspace and territorial waters.

Defence spending has already increased by 13.5%, from 2.3% to 2.6% of GDP but we know we need to go further. The Spending Review will set the path to our NATO commitment of 3.5% of GDP by 2035. But we are also clear that this funding shouldn't just take from the treasury, it must deliver economic growth and unashamedly back British industry. That means buying British wherever our industry can deliver.

As we strengthen and grow our industrial base, we take this huge opportunity to create British jobs in every corner of the country and drive growth in every postcode, supporting innovative British firms to develop the best tech and export kit to our allies.

GUARANTEEING JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A disability or health condition should never mean a young person is written off before they have had a fair chance to work.

The Jobs Guarantee is already changing lives and now we are putting long-term sick and disabled people at the front of the queue from April next year. For many young people, this will be the first chance they've had of a real paid job.

From April 2027, eligible young people on health benefits can take up a voluntary guaranteed job 13 weeks after their Work Capability Assessment. The Government will fund wages for up to 25 hours a week for six months, with tailored support alongside it. This expansion forms part of the Government's wider £2.5 billion investment to support almost a million young people towards work.

Read more [here](#).

CLAMPING DOWN ON BOGUS SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Our UK Labour Government has just announced a new consultation to clampdown on bogus self-employment, ensuring that workers in Cardiff East are treated fairly at work.

The new consultation will consider a range of measures to ensure that every worker gets the rights they are entitled to and level the playing field for local businesses that are being undercut by those not following the rules.

I will be sharing this important consultation with residents when it is launched.

VICTIM TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

Our UK Labour Government is determined to tackle violence against women and girls and put victims at the heart of our criminal justice system.

The Attorney General has announced the national rollout of an enhanced service for domestic abuse victims, as part of the CPS Victim Transformation programme (VTP) rollout across England and Wales.

This enhanced service for domestic abuse victims will mean a dedicated victim liaison officer for all victims of domestic abuse, providing a consistent point of contact to answer their questions and better support them from charge to trial.

The VTP means all victims will receive more frequent and better-quality communication and will be able to choose their preferred mode of communication whether that's over the phone, by email or by post.

UNION LEARNING FUND

The last UK Tory Government's decision to scrap the Union Learning Fund (ULF) was politically motivated, short-sighted and wrong. The ULF supported more than 50 unions in over 700 workplaces, enabling workers to access a wide range of learning activity in innovative ways.

Most recently, thousands of workers across the UK have benefited from crucial skills training throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

When funding was scrapped, the Welsh Labour Welsh Government stepped up and committed to keeping the Fund in place here in Wales. As a proud trade unionist, I am delighted that the Chancellor announced £15 million a year to relaunch this vital programme in England, ensuring that workers on both sides of the border receive the training opportunities they need and deserve.

Read more [here](#).

