

Your monthly newsletter from

Ashley Dalton MP

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Member of Parliament for West Lancashire



Millions invested in West Lancs Schools and Hospitals

This month the Government announced that it is investing in schools and hospitals in West Lancashire, repairing the damage left to our public buildings by the last Conservative Government.

Labour is investing over £125 million in schools and hospitals across the North West, including millions of pounds worth of essential repairs and upgrades here in West Lancashire.

Students at Up Holland High School and the Maharishi Free School will benefit from improvements made by Government funding and patients at Wrightington Hospital

will also see £2.7 million of building repairs made to improve patient experience.

Patients in West Lancashire who use services at Southport Hospital will also benefit from Government investment.

I'm really pleased that after a decade and a half of Conservative Government allowing our public buildings to fall into disrepair, it is the Labour Party that is prioritising our schools and hospitals. This investment will make a huge impact on the education our children enjoy and the service our patients receive in West Lancashire.

Representing the UK on the World Stage

Part of my ministerial role covers international health cooperation and relationships.

This month I went to Geneva to represent the UK at the Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting and the World Health Assembly at the UN.



On behalf of the UK I formally adopted the global pandemic agreement and signed up to a global coalition on local and regional medical production. Viruses, pathogens and bacteria don't recognise borders; as Covid taught us, health is a global issue.

80th VE Day

This month, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

VE Day this year was a chance to remember the sacrifice made by so many who fought to protect our freedoms, as well as those who contributed to the war effort at home. We also reflect and thank the men and women serving today for their dedication in keeping us safe.



I was honoured to represent West Lancashire in attending the Lancashire county service to mark VE Day at Blackburn Cathedral.

What Labour has done in Parliament this month...

Secured three huge trade deals with the US, India, and the EU to bring growth to our economy



Cut immigration by almost 400,000 compared to last year and introduced the immigration white paper



Announced a new service to give veterans easier access to care and support

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GP Upgrades Coming to West Lancashire

Last summer, the Government said that we would fix the front door of the NHS.

I'm delighted that we are going even further - fixing the whole GP surgery!

Four GP surgeries across West Lancashire will be receiving upgrades from the Government to improve local services and access to GPs.

The surgeries receiving upgrades are: Beacon Primary Care in Skem, the Lathom Surgery, Burscough, the

Ormskirk Medical Practice and the Railway Road Surgery in Ormskirk.

These improvements are part of a £102 million fund for GP surgeries across the country and follow months of continued improvement in our NHS.

Since coming into office last year, this Government has already ended the NHS strikes, brought down the waiting list with an additional 200,000 appointments, and smashed the manifesto commitment to recruit an 1,000 new GPs with over 1,300 joining the NHS!



Visit to Free Breakfast Clubs!

Last month, the first of Labour's free breakfast clubs opened in primary schools in West Lancashire.

I was fortunate to visit the breakfast club that has opened at Burscough Village Primary School and speak to the pupils about the difference it is making to their school day.

Labour aims to open a free breakfast club in every primary school in this parliament. The policy not only gives children the best start to the day with a nutritious meal, it also reduces absence rates and saves families up to £450 a year, providing an additional half an hour of childcare every school day.



Assisted Dying Bill Update

This month, the assisted dying Bill returned to Parliament for its Report Stage.

This is an opportunity for MPs to amend the Bill before it comes back to Parliament for its Third Reading, the final stage of the

parliamentary process in the House of Commons.

Having voted against the Bill at Second Reading, I was in the chamber for the Report Stage and will follow developments closely before deciding if the safeguards in the Bill have been strengthened enough for me to support it at Third Reading.

Upcoming Surgeries and Contact Details

I hold regular in-person and virtual help and advice surgeries where constituents can speak to me about issues they need help with. You can book an appointment for my next surgery using my office contact details.



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