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Welcome to my latest newsletter:

This one covers a period that has been, I am afraid, dominated by Brexit. I had hoped by now to be able to report an orderly departure, but alas factions within the Commons have prevented support for any of the available options.

If you'd like to know what I think may happen next and where we go from here then do check out my posts and updates on [Facebook](#). You don't have to be a Facebook user to see my page.



Here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:



Learned what it is like for the blind and partially-sighted to negotiate our cluttered high streets. **Guide Dogs for the Blind Cymru** (*pic left*) took me on a blindfold walk in Whitland to reveal what the 100,000 visually impaired who live in Wales have to experience every day.

Lobbied **Barclays** about the forthcoming closure of their branches in Pembroke and Narberth and sought assurance from **Santander** that they will safeguard their Pembroke branch.

Heard from residents who are concerned that strict residency checks at the **Civic Amenity Recycling site in Whitland** will lead to an increase in fly-tipping. I am lobbying Pembrokeshire County Council to come to a reciprocal arrangement with Carmarthenshire CC to allow nearby residents to use the site (*pic right*).



Met butcher Andrew Rees (*pic left*), chairman of Narberth Chamber of Trade, to discuss the **state of the Angel Inn in Narberth**. The high street eyesore is going to be mothballed by the owners, Brains, for at least two years, but the brewers have promised to tidy it up in the meantime.

Spoke at a packed **Meet and Greet event at the Speculation Inn** in Hundleton. Over 60 local residents came along to the latest of my pub meetings where we discussed everything from Brexit to electric cars. You can find a short video from this event on my Facebook page.

Celebrated the reopening of the **A484 at Cwmdud** after a fatal landslip caused it to be closed for five months.

In Westminster:

Brexit has taken up a lot of our time in Westminster and as **Chairman of the Brexit Delivery Group** I have taken part in numerous discussions, programmes and interviews, including the BBC's 'the Brexit Storm' which was fronted by Laura Kuennsberg. You can still find this programme on the BBC iPlayer.

The Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee has been doing more work on '**addictive technologies**' and welcome the Government's White Paper consultation document looking at **online harms** and how to address them. The UK

looks set to lead the world in addressing the dangers of unregulated activity whilst also protecting free speech.

I celebrated with Transport Minister, Nusrat Ghani MP, (*pic right*) the awarding of an **Access for All grant to Tenby station**. This will make Pembrokeshire's busiest station step-free.



I met **RSPCA** Chief Executive, Chris Sherwood, to discuss the charity's response to the ongoing investigation at **Bramble Hall Farm in Pembrokeshire** after concerns were raised about a lack of action.

Welcomed several local residents to No.10 Downing Street to celebrate **St David's Day**.

I joined MPs from other parties (*pic left*) to discuss a safer way forward for drugs control with **reform group 'Transform'**. Could legalising drugs and introducing drug consumption/overdose prevention rooms be a possible way forward?

And finally...

Climate change has been prominent in everyone's minds recently with a series of high profile demonstrations in London and around the country.

If you want to get noticed in Parliament then this group of protesters made absolutely sure that their presence was felt...!



What's coming up:

I will be holding a number of advice surgeries in the coming months. To make an appointment please ring the office (01994 242002) or email simon.hart.mp@parliament.uk.

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