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Long-awaited update on Newbridge road repairs

This week we got a long-awaited update on the plans to repair the B5605 at Newbridge - more than three months after the Welsh Government confirmed funding of £2.8m for the work.

I also wrote to Wrexham Council on May 11 to ask for a progress report to share with my constituents, who have been getting in touch on a regular basis to ask what is happening.

I'm still awaiting a response from the council, which I hope will provide more detail. I will share it publicly when I have it.

In the meantime, I would once again like to thank local councillors Frank Hemmings and Derek Wright for their hard work on this campaign - and the Welsh Government for this crucial grant.

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Clwyd South report

Education Minister Jeremy Miles has underlined the Welsh Government's commitment to building a new school in Brymbo. The Minister said that Wrexham Council had not yet submitted a business case, but that funding had been agreed in principle. This has been talked about for a long time, and it regularly comes when I talk to residents. I'm encouraged by the progress the Minister highlighted this week, and I hope that Wrexham Council will soon be in a position to submit a business case so that the plans can finally take shape.

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Last week I took part in a Digital Dialogue event with students at Ysgol Rhiwabon - an online Q&A session where they can learn more about their local representatives. I was also invited to Ysgol y Waun in Chirk to take part in a PE session with pupils.



It was a pleasure to visit Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod last week. As a proud vice president of one of Wales' showpiece events, I was delighted to see the Eisteddfod mark its 75th year by returning to the town for the first time since 2019.

Welsh Government updates



The Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales is urging people to take extra precautions and plan ahead to keep themselves and others safe as the Met Office warns of extreme heat.

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A £450,000 project will explore whether water from disused mines has the potential to play a vital role in supplying Wales' energy needs for years to come. [Read more](#)



People in Wales feel a greater sense of community and increased satisfaction with the Welsh Government according to the latest results from the National Survey. [Read more](#)



A new strategy to help create jobs and spread economic prosperity through a wide range of successful, sustainable events across Wales has been launched by Economy Minister Vaughan Gething. [Read more](#)



Legislation to lower the default national speed limit on residential roads and busy pedestrian streets has been approved by the Senedd. [Read more](#)



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- Information on protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from Covid-19 is [here](#).
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- Information on getting your NHS Covid Pass is [here](#).