

# Mike Hedges MS

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To celebrate World Autism Acceptance Week Mike attended celebrations planned by NAS Swansea branch. It was lovely to see the families enjoying the celebrations. NAS Swansea branch facilitate weekly events for children, young adults and carers. They ensure their events are enjoyable and accessible for all of the family.



Mike was invited to visit live music venue The Bunkhouse Swansea. He met Jordan McGuire the director who provided a tour of the venue. Keeping live music venues open is very important and it gives an opportunity for new bands to play in a public space. They discussed future plans and hopes for the business and live music industry.



## FLOODING

Mike welcomes the work undertaken to provide an artificial lake alongside the River Tawe, and this shows that intervention can be successful in dealing with potential flooding. Mike is a firm believer in planting more trees and shrubs to absorb water, and believes that all culverts should be cleaned on a regular basis to ensure that water can flow through them freely.

We need to have regular investment in flood prevention measures, and he will be continuing to press for further investment in the Swansea area so that we may continue to work to prevent flooding.

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### WALES'S FIRST 'MULTIBANK' WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Cwtch Mawr, located in Swansea, is based on a foodbank model but will also provide other goods to those in need. The Multibank is supported by a variety of businesses, who will contribute donations such as clothes, toiletries, bedding and furniture.

As well as supporting people in need, the Multibank will help businesses to cut down on their surplus and unsold goods.

Though this is the first Multibank in Wales, there are hopes for it to be expanded over the next five years.

# £39 MILLION BOOST FOR BUS PASSENGERS IN WALES



The next steps to a more connected public transport system for Wales have been published.

A new "Roadmap to Bus Reform" from the Welsh Labour Government aims to radically improve the ease and accessibility of public transport, connecting up bus, rail, walking and cycling routes to create seamless journeys for passengers.

The Welsh Government want to create one joined up network and one integrated timetable which can be accessed using one ticket. We are all aware that bus services have been neglected for too long, and the impact this has on people's ability to be connected. It is not an easy or quick fix, but this ambitious plan will address the current flaws, creating a system that puts the needs of passengers in Wales first.

## Articles

8<sup>th</sup> April- Nation Cymru

Discusses the problem with weather of playing football in the winter especially December, January, and February. It considers the option of either a winter break or moving to summer football.

4<sup>th</sup> April Evening post politically speaking

Promotes the benefits of defibrillators and the RevivR project and discusses the growth of the use of defibrillators in communities.

2<sup>nd</sup> April Town and city centres South Wales evening post

Discusses the decline in town and city centres using Morriston as a case study, It looks at the effect of on line shopping on retail.

25<sup>th</sup> March- What does council tax pay for

Examines the funding of councils, calls for better funding for councils and discusses the other income of councils.

## Visits

Royal Institute book launch  
Swansea Hard of Hearing group AGM  
Meillion Solar Farm  
The Bunkhouse Swansea  
Morrison Stroke Club  
Morrison 10 O'Clock Club  
NAS Autism Awareness Week celebrations

Honorary Romanian consulate inauguration  
Manselton Cwmbwrla over 50s event  
Port Tenant Community Centre Community Event  
Health Board briefing  
Morrison RFC Choir  
Jeff Phillips painting exhibition  
Morrison

Popham Kidney Support

## Schools

Ynystawe Primary School  
Glyncollen Primary School  
Pentrechwyth Primary School  
Plasmarl Primary School

## Surgeries

Brynhyfryd  
Morrison  
Penlan  
St Thomas  
Llansamlet  
Pentrechwyth Primary School  
Plasmarl Primary School

## Sport

Presented the medals at the Nursery Cup final Ynystawe and Penlan  
Birchgrove Rugby  
Bonymaen Rugby  
Morrison v Birchgrove Rugby  
Blaenymaes Football  
Penlan Football  
Swansea City AFC

## Get in touch

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## MONTHLY ADVICE SURGERIES

1st Friday – Brynhyfryd Library 3-4pm

2nd Friday – Morriston Library 3-4pm

3rd Friday – Penlan Library 2-3 pm

4th Thursday – St Thomas Library 3-3.30pm

4th Friday – Llansamlet Library 3-4pm