

RWY'N falch o fy enw da o roi fy marn bob amser ar brosiectau y gallaf eu dylanwadu.

IAM proud of my reputation for not sitting on the fence about projects that I can influence.

When I stood for election in 2019 I committed to work hard to bring jobs and investment to Ynys Môn and that is exactly what I have done. I see my role as one of facilitating positive and impactful change for the people of Ynys Môn - change that you tell me every day you want to see.

There are some things that I cannot change - such as Council planning decisions that were made years ago on the land at Penrhos - and where I have no influence, I am open about that. I will not disingenuously pretend to be able to do something when I know that I cannot.

However, where my position allows me to move forward improvements and benefits for our island, I will absolutely do that.

This was the case with our Freeport bid. Making Anglesey a Freeport was one of my manifesto commitments in 2019 and since then I have pressed the UK Government to move forward with Freeports in Wales. I have raised the matter dozens of times in the House of Commons and in private meetings and written questions to Ministers.

I brought together and Chair the Anglesey Freeport Bidding Consortium, supported the bidding process, worked behind the scenes to ensure that Westminster was fully engaged with our proposal, and delivered the 40 letters of support from local, national and global companies that accompanied our bid. The eight England Freeports were announced in March 2022 and the two in Wales a full year later in March 2023 - and although Labour in Cardiff were initially sceptical - they must be commended as the recent announcement demonstrates what we can achieve for Wales when we work together in such a constructive way. The one year delay due to Labour however is disappointing for many - particularly for the over 700 workers at 2 Sisters in Llangefni who tragically lost their jobs recently.

I am determined that Freeport status will grant Ynys Môn the economic renaissance that it deserves. For decades - under Labour - it has been left behind with factories like Rehau, Ocel and Anglesey Aluminium closing and taking with them high skilled jobs. I will continue to bring potential investors and businesses to our island who want to use our new freeport status to deliver high-quality, well-paid local jobs, apprenticeships and training for local people.

I know that the name "freeport" may lead to a misconception that the new jobs and opportunities will only be in the Holyhead area. I want to assure you that this is absolutely not the case. The freeport is focused on three key areas: Holyhead, Rhosgoch and Gaerwen. This will spread the opportunities across our island and I am particularly pleased that Rhosgoch is one of the sites because of the impact this will have on regenerating Amlwch and the surrounding area. I hold weekly Freeport Facebook lives from 6.30pm to 7pm every Tuesday to answer any questions you may have. To date I have been joined by guest speakers from Anglesey Mining, Menter Môn and M-SParc. I will also be hosting face to face Freeport seminars to support people and business across Anglesey and to ensure that

MP does not sit on the fence

● Virginia Crosbie MP at Wylfa.



everyone is informed and positioned to take advantage of our new Freeport status. Please do sign up to my free e-newsletter on my website www.virginiacrosbie.co.uk to receive information about these upcoming events.

The north of Ynys Môn is very important to me.

I understand the impact that the loss of industry at Wylfa, Ocel and Rhosgoch has had on this community. I have shone a spotlight on the area by running events such as my Carers event at the Dinorben Arms Hotel. On Saturday 20th April 10-12pm I will be hosting another Cost of Living event which will be at the Dinorben Arms Hotel.

I have brought Ministers to visit Wylfa and Amlwch - both formally and informally - enjoying breakfast at Blueberries with the Business and Trade Minister, Minister Huddleston, visiting the Amlwch Job Centre with the DWP Minister Guy Opperman and inviting the Energy Minister to hear from local people in the Dinorben Arms Hotel.

I sponsor Amlwch Town Football Club, helped raise over £4,100 for the team at a gala dinner and even played for Amlwch Ladies in a tournament! One of the highlights of my year is helping at the popular Santa by Sea event in Cemaes. I also regularly

mention the importance of the north of Anglesey in the House of Commons. This weekend I visited the Artisan Studio in Amlwch as part of Anglesey Open Studios week (www.angleseyartsforum.org) and supported the RNLI safety day in Cemaes.

However, the best way I can help this community is by bringing new jobs and investment here.

I am therefore delighted with the recent moves in Westminster that are putting new nuclear power firmly back on the agenda. I have mentioned Wylfa 47 times in the House of Commons in the three and a half years since the island elected me to be its Member of Parliament.

My goal is that my continued lobbying and support for Wylfa will deliver new nuclear back to our island - whether that is through large or small scale reactors.

I set up and chair the Nuclear Delivery Group, I chair the APPG for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and I am the Vice Chair for the All Party Parliamentary Group for Nuclear.

The UK Governments commitment to nuclear has recently been reinforced; for the first time we have a Minister for Nuclear. Minister Andrew Bowie MP will be joining me on one of my regular Facebook Lives and he has committed to visiting Wylfa in the

near future.

The new vehicle for delivering energy security through new nuclear - Great British Nuclear - will be led by Gwen Parry-Jones OBE who is well known here on Anglesey. She began her career as a reactor physicist at Wylfa Nuclear and was Executive Director of Operations for Horizon before being appointed Chief Executive of Magnox.

I have brought many new nuclear companies around the island to look at Wylfa as a potential site for their operations, including GE-Hitachi, Last Energy, Westinghouse, Rolls-Royce, Moltex and Bechtel. I have also met with others including EDF, Newcleo and KEPCO in Westminster to discuss Anglesey's potential.

To maintain Ynys Môn's representation in decision making in Westminster I sat on the Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill which was passed into legislation in 2022 and will make funding for developing the Wylfa site more accessible. Disappointingly, Labour and Plaid Cymru MPs did not support important new legislation that will enable the funding to be put in place for new nuclear projects like those at Wylfa.

It is important that as elected representatives we do not sit on the fence, but we take every opportunity we can

to fight for the people who voted for us. I know from talking to people across Anglesey that what we need to fight for most are jobs and skilled employment.

My Dad had to leave Wales to find work and I am determined to fight to ensure that our young people can have a future - a good future - right here on Anglesey. I know that our communities suffer when our young people have to leave Ynys Môn in search of careers elsewhere. That is why, every single day I am looking for opportunities to promote what is important to the people that elected me - and that includes fighting for new nuclear at Wylfa.

I enjoy meeting as many constituents as possible, as well as helping individuals, groups and organisations with problems, projects and ideas. You can contact me at virginia.crosbie.mp@parliament.uk or call me on 01407 644645. Diolch yn fawr.

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