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# Newsletter

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# February 2026

*Dear member*

**Welcome to my February update**, It was fantastic to see so many of you in Telford last night and to have the chance to look ahead to this year. I'm sorry I couldn't stay for the full meeting, but it was great to spend time with you in person.

We have a busy few weeks ahead, with campaigning and supporting our neighbours in Wolverhampton, as well as in Gorton and Denton. A big thank you to everyone who has already been involved.

Our real strength as a team lies in getting out and about and having conversations face to face, and I'm really looking forward to doing more of this with you over the coming weeks.



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# An update from Lee Carter

**Wow! What a start to the New Year.** The pace at which the hard work on behalf of residents from both Shaun as MP and the Council has been something to behold.

Just prior to Christmas we received the Local Government settlement, effectively the announcement which signals to us how much money we will receive from Government. Now, having worked with Shaun at Telford & Wrekin Council for nearly a decade this announcement always filled us with dread – Tory Chancellor after Tory Chancellor delivering cut after cut to Telford & Wrekin and doing their damndest to undermine our ability to Protect, Care and Invest in our Borough.

This year was different though. Thanks to the work of Shaun and the government we received the best settlement since.. well about 2010!



The result being £6m additional cash to Telford & Wrekin and a 3 year settlement meaning we can plan for the long term. This is fantastic news. It doesn't make everything right after 14 years of Conservative Government cuts totalling £195m, but it certainly helps start to put things right. It also helps us deliver a Council Budget this year which is positive and allows us to provide a further £15m investment into protecting the most vulnerable residents in our Borough. It will also allow us to:

- Keep Council Tax the lowest in the Midlands (saving up to £600 a year for local residents).
- Expand our grit bin network to over 1000 bins at a time, when other Councils are removing them from their streets.
- Purchase 10 homes as part of the very first Telford & Wrekin homes for Veterans scheme.
- Deliver over 100 extra Special Educational Needs places.
- Expand the £2 bus fares on Council owned buses.



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# Continued...

- Provide a £250,000 match donation to help the Lingen Davies Foundation deliver a new Cancer Treatment Centre for Telford.
- Invest a further £250,000 to help keep our streets safe and provide youth activities for local youngsters.
- Refurbish the Town Park Amphitheatre.
- Continued investment across the Borough in keeping our neighbourhoods clean, green and safe including fixing more potholes and protecting even more local green spaces.

The Local Government settlement was just another example of what a **Labour Council** working with a **Labour MP** and **Labour Government** can achieve. Alongside work to further the £30m South Telford Pride in Place Initiative, secure new Defence Jobs for Telford, explore better public transport and provide breakfast clubs in a whole host of local Schools, and deliver a local budget that meets our residents aspirations. There is absolutely no time to rest – we're absolutely in lock step and in a rush to continue to deliver the best for our local residents.



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# Out and About in Telford this month

So far in 2026, I have hosted **two resident events**, and I am really grateful for your support in coming along with me and also helping me to promote these sessions to residents.

## Shaun in Your Street



I visited Randlay last weekend, where Cllr Nathalie Page and Cllr Nathan England joined me to speak with residents about both local and national issues.

## Coffee Event at Hub on the Hill

It was wonderful to meet even more local people alongside key partners. A big thank you to local Councillors Derek White and Janice Jones for joining me on the day and also supporting the residents who came along.

I was also delighted to welcome representatives from three local schools to discuss pride in place!

Here's what people had to say about the event



**It's a very friendly atmosphere.**

# Standing up for Telford this month

It's been a busy start to 2026 for the Government – a lot has been achieved, but there's still plenty more to do. I've had the pleasure of hosting two local schools in Parliament, which continues to be one of the best parts of the job!

So far this year, I've spoken 6 times in Parliament, contributing to important debates and discussions which I have included more details on below. There's much more work ahead, and I'm looking forward to getting it done.

## Here are 4 Government updates that will benefit people living and working in Telford.

### 1. Confirmed: Day-one parental leave rights

The Business Secretary introduced **measures** to Parliament that confirmed day-one parental leave rights will kick in from April 2026, benefitting over 18 million workers across the UK. This matters deeply to me, as I know it does to many of you – I've been proud to work with the Dad Shift and with the Government on this campaign, and it's brilliant to see it pay off. An additional 32,000 dads per year will have access to paternity leave immediately, as mums would to maternity leave. As ever, though, there's more work to come, with reforms needed to the Shared Parental Leave system and a review underway. I look forward to working with the Dad Shift and the Government on that too.

### 2. Plans to revolutionise our water sector



Another important update to a long-running project is the **Water White Paper** which contains detailed plans to revolutionise our water sector – putting consumers, communities and the environment first. A new single water regulator will be given clear powers and tougher oversight tools, ensuring water companies are held properly to account.

A new Performance Improvement Regime will force failing water companies to act quickly, protecting customers, the environment and long-term investment stability. And smart meters and mandatory water-efficiency labels on household appliances will help families track usage, cut waste and save over £125 million on bills over the next decade.

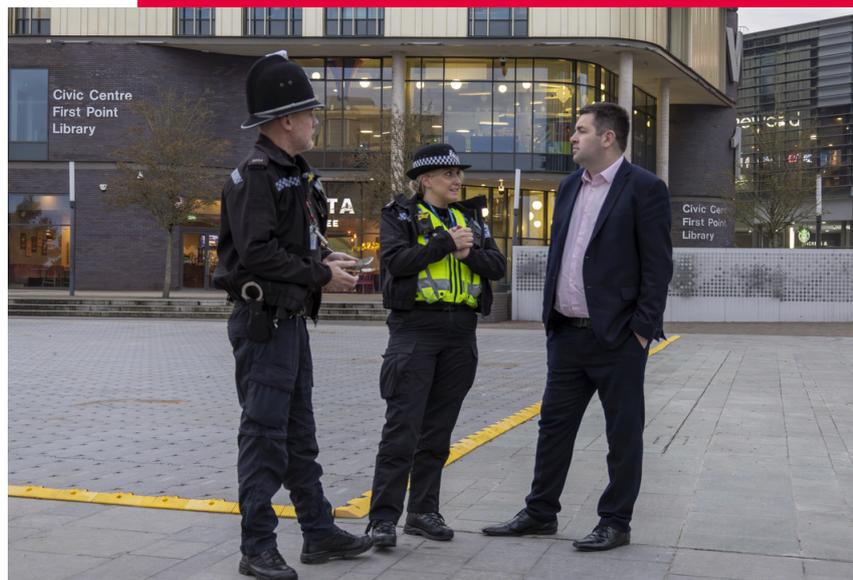
This is a vital step towards protecting Telford's beautiful river and lakes, and holding Severn Trent Water to the highest standard.

### 3. Plans to reform police forces in England

January was a big month for England's police forces as well, with the announcement of an £18bn funding package for forces across the country – including £333m for West Mercia, an 11% real-terms increase on the last year of the Tories.

This month, the Home Secretary has announced plans to cut the number of police forces, to reduce bureaucracy and duplication – allowing our police to focus more on keeping our streets safe, investigating the most serious crimes and coordinating bigger operations.

I welcome this move, after the Government's previous move to abolish Police and Crime Commissioners, which will help forces like West Mercia concentrate their resources on fighting crime and antisocial behaviour.



## 4. Growth package to back British businesses



The Business Secretary also announced a new growth package and red tape to help back British businesses and help them start up or scale up. The reforms include simplifying paperwork and farming rules, while encouraging and facilitating innovation.

I hear from Telford businesses all the time how important this agenda is, so I'm pleased the Government is acting on it swiftly.

I had the chance to communicate that to the Government directly this month, at a West Midlands export roundtable hosted by the Trade Minister, Sir Chris Bryant MP.

I attended, alongside a representative of Mail Solutions, a printing supplies exporter in Telford, and a handful of other MPs and businesses from our region. It's so refreshing to have a Government that listens to businesses and makes their lives easier, and I'm glad to be able to help open those lines of communication.



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# Well done Bridge Cheese!

Another local business I welcomed to Parliament this month was Bridge Cheese, who were named Regional Champions of the Food and Drink Federation's MPs' Choice Manufacturer of the Year Awards!



To celebrate their fantastic achievement, I invited Bridge Cheese down to Westminster and gave them a tour of Parliament, before the national awards ceremony where they were presented with their certificate. It was my pleasure to nominate Bridge Cheese for the award, and I was proud to have them representing Telford with me in Parliament.

## Resident's frustrations with mobile connectivity

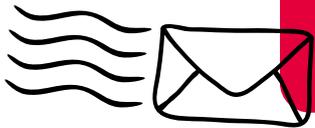


I kicked off the year by raising the issue in parliament, I had the opportunity to **lead a debate** in Parliament on 5G connectivity in Telford and the West Midlands. This is an important issue for me and my constituents, which previously has not had the attention it deserved. I've already had the chance to meet with a Minister at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology; following the debate, I'll be meeting with the Department again, as well as all the major mobile providers, to discuss how we can fix this urgently.

# Telford as a New Town

I gave a **speech** in Parliament in a debate on New Towns – an opportunity for me to tell my colleagues about Telford’s proud history and the areas where we excel today, as well as some of the individuals and organisations that have made it great.

The Government’s bold mission to build three new New Towns is very welcome, but it’s vital they don’t forget about young towns like Telford, both in terms of giving us the support we need to keep growing, and in terms of learning lessons from what we’ve done well.



## Unacceptable Royal Mail Delays



Thank you to everyone who has reached out to provide information from your wards on this issue. While Telford’s postal workers are going above and beyond to manage the situation, it’s clear that the scale of the problem cannot be ignored. I have raised this matter in Parliament, met with the Business and Trade Minister responsible for Royal Mail, Blair McDougall, written to Ofcom, and met with Royal Mail this week. They have shared actions they are taking, including a recruitment drive, but I will continue to push for updates and keep residents informed.



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# Some good news to end the week

## Breakfast clubs

Telford will have five more schools opening free clubs this April! This will benefit up to 1,600 more children and save families up to £450 a year.

Schools joining Lawley primary this year are:

- Holmer Lake Primary School
- John Randall
- Windmill Primary School
- Woodlands primary
- William Reynolds primary



## West Midlands Trains

Telford rail services as West Midlands Trains and London Northwestern have now returned to public ownership. Public ownership ensures services our trains are run in the interests of passengers, not shareholders.



While it is not a silver bullet, it is a vital step towards bringing back a rail network passengers can rely on under Great British Railways, with more reliable and more affordable journeys.

I am working closely with Transport for the West Midlands to deliver real improvements – including a direct Telford–London service and faster, more reliable connections across the West Midlands.

I really appreciate you taking the time to engage with me. I hope these updates are useful, and I'm looking forward to another year of events.

## Upcoming dates for CLP meetings



- **9<sup>th</sup> April**
- **4<sup>th</sup> June**
- **6<sup>th</sup> June**
- **8<sup>th</sup> October**
- **10<sup>th</sup> December**

All meetings will be held at **Dawley Social Club** from 6pm, I look forward to seeing some of you there over the next year.

Thank you, as always, for your support and engagement.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Davis".