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STANDING UP FOR SWANSEA EAST



Everyone Deserves An Easter 2023 Wrap Up

A Special Thank You To All Those Who Made This Year's Everyone Deserves An Easter So Magical...

Easter time is a wonderful opportunity for families and communities to come together and enjoy a long weekend of spring sunshine as the drabness of winter fades away. However, the holidays can provide a headache for many parents struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and kids not being at school. That is why I was so grateful that, thanks to the support of our community, Everyone Deserves An Easter was back with a bang this year, helping tackle holiday hunger right across South West Wales!



Preparations for Hamper Packing and Events Across the Constituency

In the run up to the long Easter weekend and packing the hampers for families across the constituency, I and the team were busy collecting donations and dropping easter eggs off to good causes.

Throughout the Easter holidays we delivered crème eggs to Trallwn Community Centre, St Thomas Church, South Penlan Community Centre, Cwmbwrla Brownies, Manselton Youth Club, Morryston New Beginnings, Glais RFC and Plarsmarl Community Centre. We received generous donations to fill our hampers from Mountbatten Court Coffee Morning, Whitehead Building Services and Dr Organics, as well as huge cash donations of £1,185 from Valley Rock Voices and £200 from Mumbles A Capella Choir.

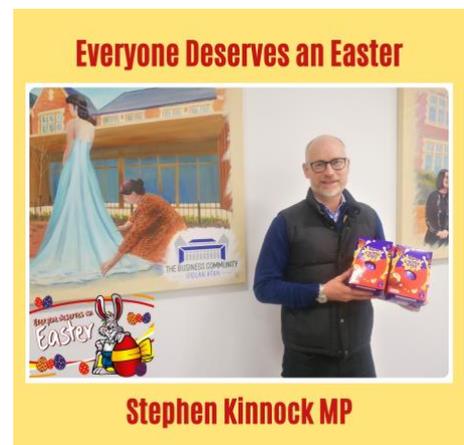


Cwmbwrla Brownies enjoying their crème eggs

All these organisations and groups are the backbone of our community. I am so grateful for their support and the support of my political neighbours Julie James MS, Stephen Kinnock MP, Jeremy Miles MS and Everyone Deserves' newest helper, Gerald Jones MP. These guys are a vital part of making sure our hampers and eggs reach those who need it most, and do a lot of heavy lifting when it comes to getting donations, like the mighty Stephen Kinnock who received 80 Easter eggs from Runtech Ltd!

Hamper Packing and Delivery Day

The day before Easter Friday the sun was shining and we were up early at Pentrehafod School, getting everything ready to pack hampers in the sports hall. It was a lovely atmosphere as teams of helpers from across our community were in Easter spirits.



Stephen celebrating a generous donation from Runtech



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Joining us to help pack were the Ospreys and the Swans, the guys at Low Cost Vans, Coastal Housing, Amazon, Sinclair Vans, Dr Organics, Hygrove Homes, South Wales Police, our amazing Swansea Council and High Street Car Boot Sale. Lee Trundle was there as always to lend us his muscles and team Pentrehafof School were not only great hosts but amazing helpers, so thank you guys.

It was a pleasure to have my friend, Gerald Jones MP, come down and help us pack. He was amazed at the partnership our community showed in coming together to support Everyone Deserves An Easter, and the credit goes to all of you who supported with donations or helped us pack and deliver hampers. Gerald took his hampers to Merthyr Valley Homes and the Barnardo's in his constituency, meaning for the first time our help reached families in Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney!

By midday, our hampers were packed and delivered, with the generous help of members of the public who showed up on the day. I am so grateful to all those who supported, donated and helped pack hampers for this year's Everyone Deserves An Easter. I want to give a special thank you as always to Ed and Castell Howell, who made sure we had everything we needed to provide a delicious Easter dinner in our hampers.

Easter Weekend Community Events

To wrap up Everyone Deserves An Easter, I got involved with the many amazing events put on across our wonderful community throughout the long Easter weekend.

With the help of the amazing ladies at Cwmbwrla Mecca and Mecca in the Community, we provided the lunches for the Swans' soccer camp at Blaen-y-Maes MUGA and the Ospreys' Fit and fed rugby camps at Penlan RFC. We provided drinks, crisps and treats for Faith in Families' family picnic at Bonymaen Community Cwtch and we dropped off Easter eggs to Rachel Smith School of Dance, Malsters U11 team and the posties' community egg hunt.

What a blast. Happy Easter everyone!

Carolyn



Gerald and I hard at work packing hampers



Always nice to have a chat with Lee!



Lovely to drop off some treats to Faith in Families