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Your voice at the heart of Government Delivering Anglesey Freeport

My Priorities for Ynys Môn

1. CREATING A FREEPORT
2. Delivering New Nuclear
3. Local Jobs for Local People
4. Fighting for a third Menai Crossing
5. Driving net zero from Energy Island
6. Improving access to healthcare



Freeports were a Conservative election commitment which we acted on when we won the election in 2019. It was also one of my personal commitments to the electorate of Ynys Môn.

As your voice in the heart of that Government I have been able to speak directly with Ministers and colleagues to ensure that Anglesey was granted freeport status.

In December 2020 I set up the Anglesey Freeport Bidding Consortium inviting key stakeholders including Stena, Bangor University, M-SParc and Anglesey Council to start positioning our bid. The competition for Welsh freeports had not even been opened but I was already positioning Ynys Môn for success.

Fast forward three years and we can see the fruits of my early work. The Government has announced that Anglesey's bid for freeport status has been successful and after many months of hard work Stena Line and Anglesey Council have submitted the Outline Business Case for approval.

Anglesey Freeport is the start of our economic renaissance. It is estimated that it will attract up to 13,000 new jobs across North Wales and bring in £1bn investment.

In the coming months we will start to see new opportunities spring up in the freeport's designated tax and customs zones: the Prosperity Parc and Parc Cybi in Holyhead, M-SParc in Gaerwen and Rhosgoch near Amlwch.

However, it is not just those zones that will benefit: Freeport status will apply to the whole island of Anglesey. It will become more tax-efficient and attractive to be in business here – whether your business is already established on Anglesey or you want to set up operations here.

For three years, I have been talking to companies and showing them the opportunities a freeport on Anglesey would offer. Many have already signed up to my Local Jobs for Local People campaign. In doing so they have committed to giving local people the opportunities and training they need to take the new jobs that come here.

2024 is going to be an amazing year for Ynys Môn and I cannot wait to continue my work to bring much-needed jobs and investment here.



I want to hear from you

- With any local issue or concern
- Your local success stories, heroes, events or businesses
- Ways in which you can support me as I work to bring positive change to Anglesey
- To say hello and introduce yourself

Let's work together to improve Ynys Môn

Please complete my two minute survey and tell me what matters to you and your community Virginiacrosbie.co.uk/survey



FREEPORT FACTS

Your key takeaways in five bullets:

1. Anglesey has been awarded freeport status.
2. Forecast £1bn investment.
3. 13,000 new jobs in North Wales.
4. Includes the whole island.
5. Committed to Local Jobs for Local People.





FREEPORT SEMINAR

Friday 8th March 6-8pm
Menai Heritage Museum,
Menai Bridge



Please register to attend this free event via my website www.virginiacrosbie.co.uk/events.

Ynys Môn's voice in Westminster

I was thrilled to get a mention in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement when he announced that he would be increasing tax relief for freeports from five years to ten years. This means that businesses will have twice as long to take advantage of freeport benefits.

I had been lobbying the Chancellor for months to make this change and, in doing so, he has potentially made Anglesey Freeport even more attractive to future investors.

It will also mean that companies setting up here will have more time to embed themselves in the local community and develop the local workforce.

As your elected representative I am proud to be your voice in Westminster with access to the UK's decision-makers so that I can make sure Anglesey truly benefits from having a Conservative Member of Parliament.

MY WORK IN NUMBERS

21,300

Pieces of casework handled

450

Written Questions and letters to Ministers

377

Spoken Contributions in Parliamentary Proceedings

300

Mentions of Ynys Môn and Anglesey in Parliament

£83m

UK Government funding specifically allocated to Ynys Môn

20

Ministerial visits to Ynys Môn and two Prime Ministers



"Graihagh was so delighted to be a winner in Virginia's Christmas Card competition. It is a real achievement for her to know that her design is gracing the walls of Downing Street. She was thrilled when Virginia visited the school to meet her and present her prize". Graihagh's Proud Mum



"I want to express my thanks to Virginia and all the team for taking on my case. I doubt things would have moved on without your intervention." Mrs Culshaw, Cemaes



"Virginia and Team always reply and always make me feel heard and supported." Shazz, Llangefni



"I would therefore like to put on record the thanks and appreciation of the couple, the family and myself for all the hard work to resolve the problem Virginia Crosbie and her team of colleagues made to achieve a successful outcome to the Visa rejection." Mr Owens, Menai Bridge



"It is such a huge relief after struggling for several years and I am sure it would not have happened without Virginia's intervention." David, Holyhead

Want to get involved?

I have strong links with local businesses and communities and so it is very important to me that local people have the opportunity to understand what Anglesey Freeport means for them.

That is why I have held four free Freeport Seminars over the past six months with more planned.

At my seminars a team of experts explain what Anglesey Freeport means and how it will benefit everyone across Anglesey. They outline the milestones we are working to, discuss how we are working with businesses and education providers to develop local

skills, and answer any questions people have.

To date my seminars have taken place in Llangefni, M-SParc, Holyhead and as one of my Facebook Live events which you can watch on my YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/tIuJ21E-WjI>.

I would love to see you at my next Freeport Seminar on Friday 8th March 6-8pm at the Menai Heritage Museum in Menai Bridge.

Please register to attend this free event via my website www.virginiacrosbie.co.uk/events.

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