

# Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas from everyone at the Liberal Democrats!

It is such a joyous time of the year. I have enjoyed watching the Christmas spirit spread across the country.

Watching Christmas trees pop up all around, the lights making the darker evenings sparkle.

It's a time when we can come together with friends and family. To sing, to eat, give and receive presents.

And, thank God for the grace and blessings we have to celebrate in our life.

Christmas time gives us a chance to reflect on the past year, whilst looking forward to a new one.

As I look to the future, I pray that we welcome a year of kindness and peace.

Although Christmas is a joyous time for so many, it may also bring added pressures.

I want to send my love and prayers to those caring for loved ones over Christmas. You are unsung heroes of our health system, and Christmas is a time when your acts of kindness and care are felt even more.

We hold in our hearts those less fortunate than ourselves. And to those who, this year, are without loved ones over Christmas.

Whether through loss or the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, if you are missing family and friends at your Christmas table, you are in my thoughts.

So, from my family to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with peace, love and joy.

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## **New Chair to the Board of Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners (LPHC) appointed by the Department for Infrastructure**

The Department for Infrastructure has appointed Ryan McCready to serve as the new Chair on the LPHC Board.

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## **Derry City and Strabane District Council pledge to Share the Road to Zero**

Derry City and Strabane District Council is joining a growing list of organisations who are committing to road safety by pledging to 'Share the Road to Zero' and they are encouraging others to do the same.

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## **Comber Greenway Widening Scheme**

The next phase of the proposed upgrade works along the Comber Greenway will commence on Monday 22 January 2024. This scheme starts approximately 180 metres north-west of its junction with the Ballyrainey Road, and will extend approximately 1.4 kilometres south east until the termination of the Comber Greenway at the Belfast Road junction.

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## **Further financial support for flooded businesses announced**

Details of further financial support for businesses severely affected by the

flooding in late October and November have been announced by the Northern Ireland Civil Service.