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## Meeting with SAMH Well Informed



It was lovely to meet with Brian, Angela and Lisa from SAMH, where I learned about the support, sessions and the WOW bus that will be operating in Lanarkshire in the coming weeks. Their programme, Expeerience Counts – Motherwell will be offering a peer support service for anyone in North Lanarkshire experiencing or recovering from a mental health problem. Peer support workers have personal experience of mental ill health and are trained and employed to help others.

## Visit to Craigneuk Lifelong Learning



I had a chance to catch up with Louise and Liz from Craigneuk Lifelong Learning. The centre operates a food co-operative and clothing bank, and organises community fun days and toy giveaways, to name a few. I was delighted to leave a donation to Craigneuk Lifelong Learning to support their work.

## Visit to Scottish Hockey



I was pleased to visit the Glasgow National Hockey Centre to meet with Ben, Jen and Keith to learn more about Scottish Hockey's Esports programme, the integration of Esports into leisure facilities, and their work with Motherwell and Wishaw based The Brave Jnr. In an innovative approach to attract people from diverse backgrounds to the sport, Scottish Hockey has been exploring how Esports can grow hockey in Scotland, while offering educational opportunities to all. Scottish Hockey has been working with The Brave Jnr, and Esports Scotland, to create this first of its kind offering. The test event saw young participants, from non-traditional hockey backgrounds, participate in a day of Esports, hockey, and personal development activities at the Glasgow National Hockey Centre. The participants played Rocket League, and then matched their goal-scoring exploits in the game on the hockey pitch.

## 150th Anniversary of Morningside Primary School



I was delighted to have been invited to the 150th Anniversary of Morningside Primary School Newmains. It was lovely to look round all the photographs from over the decades, wonderful to talk to the current and former staff and pupils about their memories and time at the school, and heartwarming to listen to the euphonious voices of the choir as they took us through a music journey. Congratulations to everyone involved.

## Visit to University Hospital Wishaw



I was delighted to have visited the Neonatal and the Stroke rehabilitation unit at NHS Lanarkshire UHW alongside Jenni Minto MSP, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health this afternoon. It was heartening to listen to the first hand accounts of parents, patient and staff on the positive impact the work of both units have on their lives, as well as witnessing the outstanding dedication of all staff across the NHS.

## Foodbank Surgeries



As the cost of living continues to affect families in the area, my staff have been carrying out surgeries at local foodbanks. North Lanarkshire Community Payback Restorative Team donated draught excluders for my staff to distribute. I'd like to thank them for their kind donations that were well received by organisations in Motherwell and Wishaw.

## MS Support Group

My staff attended the Wishaw Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Support Group, which is supported by the North Lanarkshire Disability Forum. For more information please contact Laura from North Lanarkshire Disability Forum at [lauram@nldforum.org.uk](mailto:lauram@nldforum.org.uk) or call 07761040668.

# PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

## **S6M-12049**

Drones in Construction Sessions for North Lanarkshire Pupils

## **S6M-12048**

James Chapman (Butchers) Ltd Success at the 2024 World Championship Scotch Pie Awards

## **S6M-12050**

Asda Foundation's Donation to Newmains Bowling Club

## **S6M-12051**

New College Lanarkshire Partnership with Skyrora

## **S6M-12128**

North Lanarkshire Neighbourhood Networks Fundraiser

## **S6M-12126**

Wielka Orkiestra Swiatecznej Pomocy Events in Motherwell and Wishaw

## **S6M-12131**

Craigneuk Lifelong Learning awarded £10,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund

## **S6M-12129**

Scottish Youth Parliament

## **S6M-12242**

The Wee Box 2024 Campaign Launch

## **S6M-12241**

Parksprings Care Home Lifesaving Fundraiser

## **S6M-12238**

Millie Frod: Strange Horizons

## **S6M-12243**

North Lanarkshire Council Community Learning and Development Service Outstanding HMI Report

## **S6M-12239**

St Aidan's High School Pupils and the Industrial Cadets Bronze Award

## **S6M-12240**

Paul Keenan's Tramuntana Mountains Trek for St Andrew's Hospice and Little Princess Trust

## **S6M-12127**

20th Motherwell Boys' Brigade Clyde Climate Forest

# PARLIAMENT SPEECHES AND QUESTIONS

## **February 1st - Budget 2024-25**

I was pleased to be speaking on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee. The focus of our budget scrutiny, as it has been throughout the parliamentary session, has been the Government's culture portfolio spend. That approach has the benefit of building on previous working positions and gives us an opportunity to better assess progress over the years.

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