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## International Development Alliance



I was pleased to attend the Annual Scottish International Development Alliance Conference in Edinburgh. It was great to get the chance to talk to organisations prior to listening to speeches from some of the inspirational people involved in the alliance on how can we unify to be more coherent in the service of global sustainable development, and work to remove the contradictions in our approaches.

## Global Knect at Kings Church, Motherwell



Delighted to be able to attend Kings Church Motherwell for Global Knect event celebrating the richness of cultures and nationalities in the church and community. Special thanks to Melody for my lovely tote bag!

## HMP Addiewell Recovery Walk

I attended the Recovery Walk in HMP Addiewell, to show my support to those in recovery from addiction. It was a privilege to speak with those in the prison about their journeys to recovery, as well as speak with local and national organisations such as Turning Point, Phoenix Futures and The Scheme about the work they carry out across our communities. Also in attendance were members and staff from North Lanarkshire Recovery Community, whom I work closely with who highlighted the importance of recovery. Thank you to HMP Addiewell's Addictions & Recovery Manager, Kerryanne, for organising the event to help recovery visible, and fight the stigma associated with addiction and recovery. We must remember those whose lives we have lost through addiction.

## Visit to SSPCA Lanarkshire



I visited the SSPCA's rehoming centre in Hamilton to learn more about the immensely important work they carry out across Lanarkshire. The animal rescue and rehoming centre in Lanarkshire came under the Scottish SPCA's wing in 1988. Ten years later, the centre underwent a big rebuild to create an on-site vet clinic and has undergone more work to accommodate more dogs, reptiles and rabbits. The team are doing great work to protect animals and find new homes for animals who have suffered neglect or harm, or have found themselves in the SSPCA's care through no fault of their own. Thank you to the staff for meeting with me and introducing me to some of the beautiful animals in the Centre's care.

## Opening of USave in Coltness



It was a privilege to be at the opening of the brand new USave store in Coltness with Abi and his family, and to take part in the celebrations. It was also lovely to have Graham Clark cut the ribbon. Coltness gave Abi and the shop a very warm welcome. Abi is a big character in Coltness. Everyone knows him and his Till Street store will undoubtedly become a community hub! Local businesses like this make a community and you could feel how excited people were to have the new shop in business.

## MacMillan Coffee Mornings



My staff and I attended a number of MacMillan Coffee Mornings across Motherwell and Wishaw, to come together to help fund MacMillan services across Scotland and ensure that people living with cancer are able to access the support that they need. Thank you to North Lanarkshire Federation of Tenants and Residents, North Lanarkshire Disability Forum and North Lanarkshire Carers Together for hosting these fantastic events, with plenty delicious treats!

## Aid to the Church in Need Youth Rally



What an exciting morning at the Aid to the Church in Need Youth Rally! It was truly a day filled with inspiration, fun, community, and empowerment. The event brought young people together from across Scotland to stand against global religious persecution and show solidarity with innocent people suffering as a result of conflict. I was pleased to see pupils and teachers from St Aidan's High School, Our Lady's High School and Taylor High School, all from my Motherwell & Wishaw Constituency in attendance.

## ASDA Community Champions in Parliament



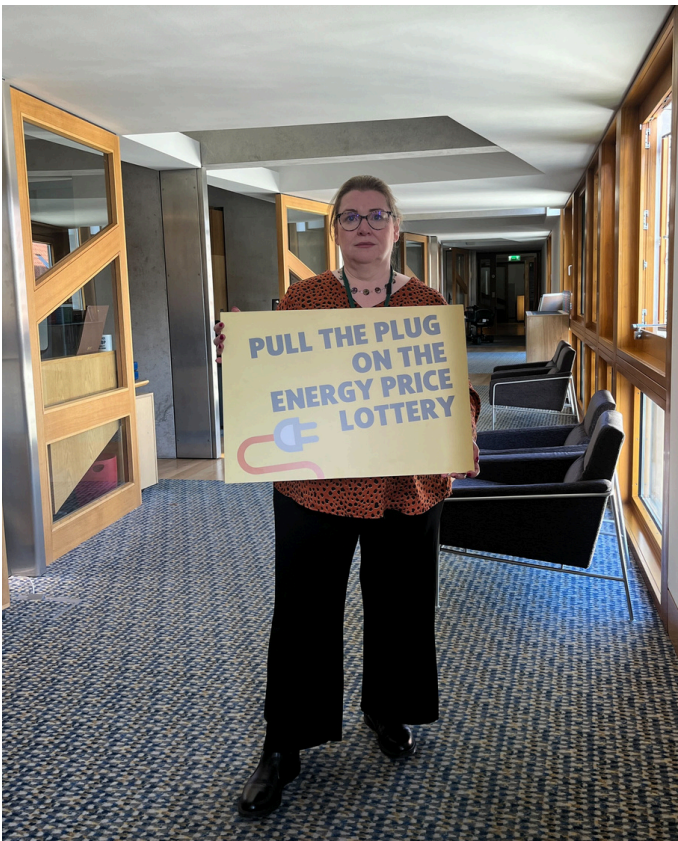
It was lovely to catch up with my local Asda Community Champions, Bernadette Hart from Asda Motherwell and Kelly Alexander from Asda Newmains at The Scottish Parliament Reception. Both do an amazing job within the community, always going above and beyond to support many local groups. Their dedication and commitment make a real difference, and the Asda Community Champions initiative remains a lifeline for so many grassroots organisations. Thank you for all that you do!

## Meeting with David Bell, BSI UK



A pleasure to meet with David Bell, Head of the external policy team at BSI UK, in The Scottish Parliament. BSI is the UK's National Standards Body - they aim to aid innovation, support economic growth and improve quality, safety and well-being through standardisation.

## Meter Reading Week



I am urging constituents to submit a meter reading to their energy providers over the next week to ensure that will be paying lower rates on energy used after October 1st. This will ensure no one risks paying the higher rate for energy. I also suggest you take a photo of your meter as proof. This will stop suppliers estimating your usage at the lower and higher rate.

## Gas Safety Week



I was pleased to open the #GasSafetyWeek event in The Scottish Parliament with IGEM and SGN. It was great to hear from representatives from the Gas Safe Register, IGEM, SGN, Health and Safety Executive, and CO Research Trust. Get your gas appliances checked annually by a Gas Safe registered engineer. If you smell gas, either inside or outside, call the National Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999 immediately. - For more advice, safety tips, or to find Gas Safe registered engineers, visit [gassaferegister.co.uk](http://gassaferegister.co.uk) or call their free helpline on 0800 408 5500.

## St Aidan's High School Awards Ceremony

It was fantastic to join pupils, parents and staff at St Aidans High School for their Senior Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all of the pupils on their awards, it was a great pleasure to hand out some awards to such passionate and hard working pupils. Our young people in North Lanarkshire are invaluable. Their creativity and enthusiasm brings great optimism to our community and helps to shape a hopeful and positive future for us all. It is encouraging to see so many young people in our community thriving.

## Visit to Ellisland Farm



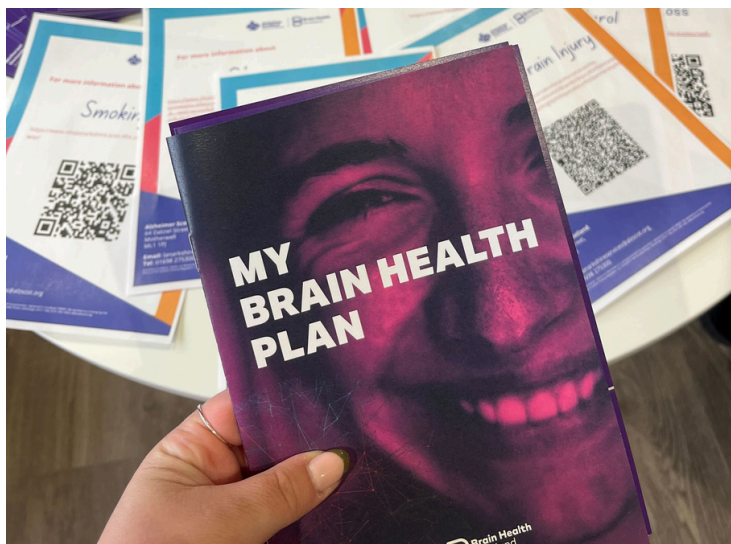
I had the incredible opportunity, along with my staff, to visit Robert Burns Ellisland Museum and Farm in Dumfries, the home of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. This remarkable place is where Burns lived and worked from 1788 to 1791. It was here that he penned some of his greatest works, including the famous narrative poem Tam O'Shanter and the world famous song Auld Lang Syne. Standing in the very room where he wrote and gazing out the same windows he once looked through, you can't help but feel the spirit of his genius and connection to the land. The tranquil surroundings along the banks of the River Nith played a significant role in shaping his thoughts and creative expressions. Burns found peace here, balancing the life of a farmer with that of a poet and exciseman. For anyone who loves Burns' work, Ellisland is a must-visit—an authentic glimpse into the life of the man behind the words. A huge thank you to Joan McAlpine and Adam Dickson for taking the time to show us around this beautiful piece of Scottish history.

## Recovery Scotland Hub Opening



I was thrilled to visit Recovery Scotland at the launch of the new hub alongside friends from the North Lanarkshire Recovery Community. Being the Patron of Recovery Scotland is an incredible honour and being able to witness some of the new and exciting ideas for facilities that will become available to this community is priceless. The new hub will be a safe and welcoming space where people can access a range of vital resources, ranging from education to employability programs and much more. I am excited to see the program in action.

## Lanarkshire Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre Open Day



Alzheimer Scotland Lanarkshire Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre held an open day all about brain health. It's never too early, and never too late to look after your brain. The Resource Centre shared important information with attendees, including my staff, about how to look after your brain, and shared vital resources for distribution in the community.

## **GamCare & ALERTS Round Table From Risk to Recovery: Addressing Gambling Harms and Creating Change**

My staff attended an important event, hosted by GamCare Scotland and ALERTS, as part of the National Gambling Support Network. The round table discussion focused on the growing concern of gambling harms in Scotland and their devastating impact on our communities. Experts, advocates, and individuals with lived experience came together to explore how gambling affects mental health, family life, and society as a whole. Several individuals and organisations took to the floor to highlight the challenges they face, including former footballer John Hartson, who spoke powerfully about the heartbreaking decisions and struggles he experienced during his battle with gambling addiction. Harrowingly, it was highlighted that research shows around one person a day dies by suicide due to gambling-related issues in the UK. If you or someone you know is struggling with gambling addiction, Gamblers Anonymous offers confidential support through group meetings and a safe space for those battling addiction. Help is available—don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we must continue to raise awareness and drive meaningful change to support those affected by gambling harms.

### **YoungScot**



Great to speak with Hilary from Young Scot today in The Scottish Parliament. It was encouraging to learn more about the services available for our young people in Scotland.

## **25th Anniversary of the Scottish Parliament**



It was a wonderful day at The Scottish Parliament, celebrating not only the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Parliament, but also recognising the local heroes within our communities. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by Mariam Tariq, CEO of The Miracle Foundation Scio, based in Motherwell, as my local hero. Mariam and her team show selfless dedication to supporting young people and families across Lanarkshire, and have made a tremendous impact to those in times of crisis. The Miracle Foundation's work in promoting positive wellbeing and aiding in recovery is truly inspirational.

### **Cross Party Group for Scotland's Games Ecosystem**

If you're interested in Scotland's Games Ecosystem, join our Cross Party Group! With enormous potential economically, socially, and culturally, our games sector demands a prominent place in our policy. I am very excited to chair the next meeting of The Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group for Scotland's Games Ecosystem taking place at University of Glasgow's Advanced Research Centre on November 18th 2024. The CPG enables the public to engage with games as a policy point, and is the foundation for building and promoting a thriving games ecosystem alongside the enormous benefits that can bring for Scotland's future as a digital and entrepreneurial society.

# PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

## **S6M-14368**

Ma Mum & William  
Wordsworth

## **S6M-14366**

Acts of Kindness

## **S6M-14362**

Primary Sports School of the  
Year

## **S6M-14617**

Scottish Mental Health Arts  
Festival 2024

## **S6M-14673**

ML2 Actions Sports Group CIC  
Receives Funding from the  
National Lottery Community  
Fund

## **S6M-14671**

Lanarkshire Achieve More!  
Scotland Receives Funding  
from the National Lottery  
Community Fund

## **S6M-14361**

Scottish Civil Engineering  
Award

## **S6M-14363**

St Aidan's Pupils Selected for  
NASA Programme

## **S6M-14360**

Constance Care North  
Lanarkshire Raises £1,200  
for the Wishaw MS  
Support Group

## **S6M-14618**

Rivals Gym Raises Over  
£58,000 for Mental Health  
Charity

## **S6M-14669**

Autism Take 5 Receives  
Funding from the National  
Lottery Community Fund

## **S6M-14711**

Parksprings Care Home  
Fundraiser Success

## **S6M-14712**

The New Recovery Hub  
Receives Funding

## **S6M-14670**

Lanarkshire Links Receives  
Funding from the National  
Lottery Community Fund

## **S6M-14675**

Newmains and District Senior  
Citizens Lunch Club Receives  
Funding from the National  
Lottery Community Fund

## **S6M-14676**

Motherwell North Parish  
Church of Scotland Receives  
Funding from the National  
Lottery Community Fund

## **S6M-14674**

Newmains and District Gala  
Day Receives Funding from  
the National Lottery  
Community Fund

## **S6M-14693**

The Clyde Walkway  
Shortlisted for Britain's  
Favourite Path

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