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## Christopher's Saving Lives Campaign



Grateful to have Margaret and Duncan Spiers of Christopher's Saving Lives Campaign in The Scottish Parliament. Their campaigning on water safety has been extraordinary. Duncan and Margaret established Christopher's Saving Lives Campaign in memory of their son Christopher, who tragically lost his life after falling into the River Clyde in 2016. The Spiers have been working with manufacturer Ibex Marina to produce a floating lifebelt rope. The unique colour-coding on the rope is designed to counteract vandalism and theft of this crucial safety equipment with purple being Christopher's favourite colour, and orange being associated with mental health awareness. Thank you to all of my MSP colleagues for coming by to show your support for the campaign.

## New Defibrillator at The Cherry Tree



I was pleased to join the unveiling of the new defibrillator at The Cherry Tree. Staff and patrons of The Cherry Tree in Netherton raised approximately £2300 in order to purchase a community defibrillator, following the passing of two valued members of the community. Very best wishes to all involved.

## Meeting with Lanarkshire Housing Association



Along with Marion Fellows MP, I met with staff from Lanarkshire Housing Association and the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations to discuss issues faced by housing associations, and how we can work together to support tenants. Thank you for your kind invitation.

## CPG on Science and Technology



The Scottish AI Alliance presented the myriad challenges and opportunities with AI at the CPG on Science and Technology, where they led an insightful discussion on busting myths, AI in education, climate impact, and AI's groundbreaking work in Scotland.

## Newmains on Wheels

Together with Marion Fellows MP and Councillor Margaret Hughes, I attended a meeting with Connor Mooney of Cairney Cycles at the Newmains Community Trust, about the Newmains on Wheels project. Newmains on Wheels is a community group to encourage socialising, fitness and gentle adventures on your bike. Meeting at the Newmains Community Trust and setting off from the carpark, Newmains on Wheels encourages a weekly cycle through the Greenhead Moss Nature Reserve. The Newmains On Wheels project offers a top class fleet of bikes for rental on a monthly basis.

## MacDiarmid's Brownsbank



It was a pleasure to meet with Denham MacDougall, the Convener of MacDiarmid's Brownsbank, at the cottage near Biggar. The charity's aims are fourfold: to restore and upgrade the cottage as well as to conserve the contents. They seek to promote the works of Hugh MacDiarmid as widely as possible both nationally and internationally. Thirdly they intend to re-establish the Brownsbank Writing Fellowship for writers in residence to work from the cottage. Fourthly they aim to generate educational and community creative involvement as well as promoting literary tourism. Hugh MacDiarmid's work continues to permeate and shape Scottish identity in our time. From 1952 until his death in 1978 he lived at Brownsbank Cottage just to the east of the town of Biggar, South Lanarkshire. His wife Valda lived on there until her death in 1989. In the early 1990s Biggar Museum Trust took over the cottage and conserved the contents exactly as when Hugh MacDiarmid last laid down his pen. Until 2012 Brownsbank was home to writers in residence. In 2015 the charity MacDiarmid's Brownsbank was registered and we took ownership of the cottage and its contents in 2016. Thank you to Denham for giving me a tour of the cottage, and speaking with me about the charity's aims.

## Maggies Centre Lanarkshire



I was pleased to meet with Lorrie Cameron, Centre Head & Clinical Psychologist at Maggie's Lanarkshire, to learn about the services provided by the Centre, and assistance they provide across Lanarkshire, and to constituents in Motherwell and Wishaw. Maggie's is a charity that provides free expert care and support in centres across the UK and online. Their cancer support specialists, psychologists and benefits advisors are here for those affected by cancer. Whatever kind of cancer, and whatever stage you're at – they are here for you. Maggie's Lanarkshire is a space for being together, for a moment alone, or for meeting people who understand, and care. All cancer support specialists have expert knowledge about cancer and treatment.

## John Smith Centre Intershops

My staff attended a fantastic evening at The Scottish Parliament celebrating the success of the current John Smith Centre's interns. Congratulations to all the 2024's interns and I wish them all the best for the future.

## Music Broth



I was delighted to visit Music Broth, learning about their music library and projects. With a musical library of over 3000 lovingly refurbished instruments, their concept of lending instruments and equipment with infinite exchanges is an amazing concept. This allows many people to dabble in the world of musical performance without the cost of purchasing instruments outright whilst helping to save the world, one instrument at a time.

## Meeting with North Lanarkshire Disability Forum

My staff met with North Lanarkshire Disability Forum to discuss the assistance which they can provide to Constituents in Motherwell and Wishaw, and share the knowledge between my Office team, and staff at NLDF. North Lanarkshire Disability Forum is a user led organisation, providing up to date information, and leading projects on disability issues throughout North Lanarkshire. North Lanarkshire Disability Forum (NLDF) was founded in 1991 by people with a disability, for and on behalf of the people who live in North Lanarkshire. They are a membership organisation who aim to provide up to date information around disabilities events, social media and group work. They are represented both at a local and Health and Social Care strategic level, and aim to influence policies concerning disability issues raised in North Lanarkshire. NLDF are the umbrella organisations for 3 projects – Improving Lives Initiative & Improving the Cancer Journey Lanarkshire, The Little Care Hub (TLC), and Practical Assistance to Promote Health and Wellbeing (PATH). Get in touch with them on 01698 275 710 for more information.

## Scottish Opera Production Studios



I had the pleasure of visiting the Scottish Opera Production Studios, where I had the opportunity to see first hand the work going into Scottish Opera productions. I was blown away by the craftsmanship displayed by the costume makers, and the detail of the work carried out by wig makers and those working on the construction of sets. I was thrilled to be able to watch the rehearsal of Scottish Opera's upcoming production of La Traviata, which I am looking forward to seeing in theatre in the coming month. Scottish Opera is Scotland's national opera company and the largest performing arts organisation in Scotland. The 2023/24 Season marks its 61st Anniversary. Scottish Opera's performance repertoire ranges across five centuries, from the earliest operas to newly-commissioned world premieres.

## Meeting with New College Lanarkshire Principal, Professor Christopher Moore

I met with New College Lanarkshire's Principal, Professor Christopher Moore, discussing New College Lanarkshire's six degree programs, tailored to meet the interests and career aspirations of its students.

## International Worker's Memorial Day



On International Workers Memorial Day, I laid a wreath in memory and honour of all those who have lost their life at work. We must all work together to fight for a future where no worker risks their health or life whilst doing their job.

## Visit to Ladywell Primary School

I recently received letters and postcards from pupils at Ladywell Primary School, asking what was being done by our the Scottish Government to support, protect and respect children's rights in Motherwell. I was pleased to join at their school assembly to discuss my role as their local MSP, and answer any questions they had with regards to my role, children's rights and the work of the Scottish Parliament.

## Visit to Aldomak

In my role as Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, together with Committee colleagues I visited Aldomak in Glasgow to learn more about how the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement is impacting on Scotland's businesses.

# SPEECHES IN PARLIAMENT

Scotland's International Culture Strategy

Scottish Parliament: Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (50th Anniversary)

International Culture Strategy (Touring Artists)

## PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

**S6M-12792**

Newmains Community Trust Awarded Employer Charter Accreditation

**S6M-12787**

Lisini Great Big Chris's Walk for Liam

**S6M-12788**

Angie Reynolds at the Scottish Nature Photography Awards

**S6M-12784**

Wishaw Academy Primary School Provides Easter Eggs to Pupils

**S6M-12781**

Hugh McMahon Easter Egg Run with University Hospital Wishaw

**S6M-12783**

Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Easter Activities

**S6M-12790**

Student Wins Gold at Winter Olympics

**S6M-12785**

Commsworld and SmartSTEMs at New College Lanarkshire

**S6M-12786**

Vision Taekwondo Club Success

**S6M-12782**

The Wee Mobile Foodbank (Lanarkshire) and The Horseshoe Bar Providing Easter Cheer

**S6M-12789**

Children's Charities Receive Donations from Lanarkshire Fishing Group

**S6M-12830**

International Workers' Memorial Day 2024

**S6M-12791**

Dedicated Lanarkshire Nurses Recognised for their Long Service

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