

MAY 2024

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MOTHERWELL AND WISHAW CONSTITUENCY



Asda Motherwell Food Drive



Asda launched a national food bank collection, which ran at Asda Motherwell between 17th-19th May. Together with Marion Fellows, I joined Andrew from the Maranatha Motherwell Food Bank, and Bernadette and Ciaran from Asda Motherwell to support the food drive.

Carer Positive Reception



Delighted to speak with Carer Positive at their 10th anniversary reception in The Scottish Parliament. Supportive working environments for carers are hugely important given the difficulties unpaid carers face in juggling employment and caring responsibilities.

North Lanarkshire School Transport



Fulton MacGregor MSP and I recently met with Jim Fairlie MSP, the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, to discuss ongoing concerns about the changes to school transport eligibility, specifically the shift to a 3-mile for secondary schools and a 2-mile requirement for primary schools. While I respect the authority of the Labour-run North Lanarkshire Council to make this decision, I disagree with it. My priority is to ensure the safety of all pupils, who will have to travel these routes on a daily basis during term time. Along with many parents and pupils, I have significant concerns about several routes, in particular the routes which will follow and cross the Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure project, a section of the Pan-Lanarkshire orbital route that will run from the M74 at Motherwell to the M8 at Holytown. My constituents are seeking answers on how these routes have been deemed safe and I have arranged to walk with some of the children who will be affected, to see first-hand the dangers and challenges they will face on their daily walk to and from school. I appreciate the Minister's willingness to listen to these concerns. Fulton and I have requested that the minister write to North Lanarkshire Council, encouraging them to engage with the affected communities and elected representatives.

Scottish Opera La Traviata



I was pleased to attend Scottish Opera's performance of La Traviata at the Theatre Royal, following my visit to the Scottish Opera Production Studios last month, 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 work carried out by wig makers and those working on the construction of sets. Many thanks to Alex Reedijk for the invitation.

NLDF Financial Wellbeing Event

My staff attended North Lanarkshire Disability Forum's Financial Health and Wellbeing Event at Newmains Community & Conference Centre. This event was for people with disabilities, long-term conditions and carers. The event offered information and advice on financial support, energy and community links to improve health and wellbeing. Attendees took part in a wellness taster session from Cece (Amethyst Soul), and had the opportunity to speak with my staff, and many other organisations on support available to them.

Construction Skills Demonstration



I was thrilled to attend the Construction Skills Demonstration at The Scottish Parliament today. Witnessing the craftsmanship and techniques showcased in mini-masterclasses on various topics like stonemasonry, roof slating, 3D & Thermal Surveying, Passive House/Insulation, Electrics, and Painting and Decorating was truly inspiring. Seeing the enthusiasm of young adults from all over Scotland for the 'Build Your Future' program was especially heartening. Thank you to John McKinney, Coordinator of the Scottish Traditional Building Forum for organising the event

Marie Curie Scotland



Delighted to speak with Marie Curie Scotland at their Scottish Parliament event on support for people living with terminal illness, their families and carers across Scotland.

Lanarkshire Supper Club Visit The Scottish Parliament



I welcomed 29 members of the Lanarkshire Supper Club who meet regularly in the Bentley Hotel, Motherwell to The Scottish Parliament. Members took part in a tour of the Parliament, watched First Minister's Questions from the Gallery, and enjoyed lunch in the Holyrood Room Restaurant. Best wishes to all members.

PARLIAMENTARY SPEECHES & QUESTIONS

Portfolio Question Time - Public Transport

I asked what action the Scottish Government is taking to encourage constituents in Motherwell and Wishaw to use public transport

Portfolio Question Time - Digital Strategy for Education

I asked the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the development of a digital strategy to help ensure that digital provision supports the wider aims of the education system.

Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1

I took part in the debate on the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

No Falls Week 2024

I opened the debate to mark the inaugural No Falls Week.

Horizon Information Technology Prosecutions

I asked the Lord Advocate about the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission's involvement in the review of Horizon Information Technology Prosecutions.

Europe Day 2024

I took part in the debate on Europe Day 2024, recognising the European Union's values of peace, freedom and respect for common humanity.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

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Child Safety Week 2024

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Kurtis Fang, North
Lanarkshire's Scottish Young
Musician-Solo Performer of
the Year

S6M-13180

Lee Adam Publishes First
Book, Beast and Burden

S6M-13186

Made4U in ML2 at Glasgow
Kiltwalk

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Award for Hugh Black and
Sons

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Wishaw YMCA's 110th
Anniversary

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Motherwell Athletics Club at
the 2024 North Lanarkshire
Inter Club Match

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Ryan Pollock and the Sean
Connery Talent Lab

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Wear Yellow Walk 2024

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Congratulating Get Walking
Lanarkshire on its 10th
Anniversary

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The Big Bang

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Jean Ewart, Bookbug Hero
Award Nomination

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Arnold Clark's Change for
Charity Scheme

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Helen Paterson of The Cherry
Tree, Semi Finalist of the BII
Licensee of the Year Awards

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The Les Hoey MBE
DreamMaker Foundation
Trip to Blackpool

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James Paterson's London
Marathon Run and 12-hour
Cycle for Children 1st

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Walk of Hope

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Funky Natz Foundation

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Scottish Book Trust 25th
Anniversary

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