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Newmains and District Gala Day

I was delighted to donate selection boxes to the Newmains and District Gala day Committee for the children.

It's great to be part of something special for our local community. Here's to making this festive season a little brighter for the kids!

I even managed a wee dance with one of the locals, Kevin, in Robins Bar.



Living Christmas Tree

It was wonderful to see the living Christmas tree all lit up at the Newmains Community and Conference Centre.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this happen, especially Newmains & District Community Council, Newmains Community Trust, Jordan Electrics, Field & Lawn and Bellway Homes for assisting with the beautiful lights. Your hard work truly brings some festive magic to our community!

Wonderful to see a large turnout even in the most horrendous of rain.

YMCA Wishaw

I visited the YMCA Wishaw to find out more about the esports academy and their future plans.

It is great to witness the progress, and the benefit to the young people of the community, that the initiative has delivered. I had the pleasure of helping decorate their beautiful Christmas tree, which was very kindly donated.





Wishaw Abattoir

I was delighted to meet Sandy Cooper, Laura Black, and Kirsty Rodgers at Wishaw Abattoir

Wishaw Abattoir Ltd is a medium-throughput slaughterhouse with an integrated cutting plant and cold store. Their core business involves providing slaughtering services for local wholesalers, butchers, and private customers – with 99-100% of their products being of Scotch origin.

All of their meat is fully traceable back to the farm.

What's even more impressive is that they are Organic Certified by the Soil Association for cattle, pigs, lambs, and goats. They are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of food safety, quality, and product integrity for their customers.

The site also offers wholesaling and butchery services on location, making it incredible to see "farm to fork" in action.

A huge thank you to the team at Wishaw Abattoirs for the warm welcome and the opportunity to witness such a vital part of our local food supply chain.

North Lanarkshire Disability Forum

I was delighted to have been invited to the North Lanarkshire Disability Forum AGM.

It's always inspiring to connect with such a dedicated group of individuals working to make a positive impact for disabled people in our community.



Remembrance Sunday

It was an honour to lay a poppy wreath at both the Belhaven and Duchess Park War Memorials today.

Lest we forget, we remember and honour the sacrifices made by so many for our freedom.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have served and continue to serve.





Precision Windows and Doors

I had an amazing day with Precision Windows and Doors - a Newmains based business.

Precision Windows and Doors is a family-owned manufacturer and installer of double glazing windows and doors operating across Scotland since 2004. The company employs over 100 people.

This is the circular economy in action. Thanks so much to John, Katherine, Euan and the staff team for inviting us for a tour of your wonderful factory following my Parliamentary motion commending your work.

Constituent Surgeries

Along with my team, we have continued to attend the local community food larders and banks, ensuring that those attending are in receipt of their full benefit entitlements.

This has resulted in the uptake of eligible bus pass applications, referrals to Citizen Advice for maximising benefit checks and Voiceability - an advocacy service that assists with the completion of Social Security Scotland benefit applications.



Please get in contact if you have any issues you wish to have a chat about. We will do our best to help.

Hoolie at the Hydro

Celebrating 100 years of Scottish music with an incredible lineup of legends, all marking milestone years in the Scottish music scene.

From Capercaillie, celebrating 40 years at the heart of Scottish traditional music, to Talisk, RURA, Skerryvore and Mànran each band brought their own unique energy, and music infused with Gaelic and English.

The performances were nothing short of electrifying, blending folk, trad, rock, and pop in ways that made the crowd take to their feet. A special tribute to the late Fergie MacDonald MBE and an amazing performance by The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The evening was rounded off with Auld Lang Syne played on Rabbie Burns' actual fiddle.

Scottish music truly raised the roof at the Hydro!



Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

This year, I'm proudly supporting Save the Children ahead of their annual Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser on Thursday, 12th December.

Whether you're donning your favourite festive knit or crafting your own woolly wonder, it's all for a great cause.

Last year, Christmas Jumper Day raised an incredible £3 million, with over 1.5 million children, teachers, and workplaces across the UK taking part. The funds went towards helping children in Scotland, the UK, and around the world access food, healthcare, and education.

This year, part of the money raised will go to supporting Save the Children Scotland's work providing grants for food and essential household items, ensuring children can thrive in their communities.



Science and the Parliament

The 24th annual edition of Science and the Parliament event took place at Dynamic Earth.

Organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry - this event is designed to foster close relations with policymakers, politicians, and key stakeholders.

The Miracle Foundation

It was a pleasure to visit local charity the Miracle Foundation in Motherwell. It's truly inspiring to see the incredible work they do in supporting young people who have experienced bereavement and trauma, offering them a safe space through counselling and art therapies. The dedication and care shown to these young people is truly heartwarming.

Mariam Tariq, founder and CEO, was my nomination for 'local hero' at the recent Scottish Parliament 25th anniversary event.





Water Safety 10th Anniversary

It was amazing to have hosted the 10th anniversary of Water Safety Scotland at The Scottish Parliament.

The 10th anniversary is significant because it highlights the ongoing efforts to reduce water-related incidents and promote safety in Scotland's waters.

Water Safety Scotland plays a crucial role in raising awareness about the risks of water, providing safety education, and implementing strategies to prevent drownings.

The anniversary emphasises how far the initiative has come in terms of community engagement, collaboration with stakeholders, and the implementation of lifesaving measures and brings attention to the importance of continued efforts in water safety, ensuring that future generations can enjoy water activities safely.

Shotts Henderson Theatre

I was delighted to have attended Aladdin at the Shotts Henderson Theatre!

As always, a hilarious production by Theatre Presto, with Preston Clare as the crooked Abanazar, the glamorous Widow Twankey, and 'nice to see you, to see you nice' Brucie the Genie!

A special mention to Andrew John Lodge for his delightful portrayal of Aladdin and Meranda the Panda, and India who stepped in at the last minute to play Jeannie of the Ring and Princess Simoon.

Well done to everyone involved, and a big thank you to Preston and Spotlight Shotts for making it all possible!



Heathery Park Family Learning Centre

I was honoured to have been invited to the official opening of the Heathery Park Family Learning Centre in Wishaw!

It was wonderful to see the excellent facilities, especially the outdoor play area, with the young ones enjoying their balance bikes and wellies.

I'm excited to watch the development and growth of the raised beds, which will provide the next generation with their very own 'field to fork' initiative.

A huge congratulations to the staff for creating such a nurturing and inspiring space for families and children in our community!

PARLIAMENT SPEECHES AND QUESTIONS

4th December

Asked the Scottish Government what impact it anticipates that the UK Government's decision to raise employer national insurance contributions will have on organisations in the culture sector that are in receipt of Scottish Government funding

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Asked the Scottish Government what impact the decrease in UK Government Funding for the Culture Sector will have on the long-term sustainability of the sector in Scotland

12th December

Asked the Scottish Government whether it will report on the outcome of the recent Summit of the British-Irish Council, held in Edinburgh

19th December

Asked the Scottish Government what action it is taking, including in discussion with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, to promote electrical safety over the Christmas period

MOTIONS I LODGED THIS MONTH

S6M-15776

Lauren Magunnigal Awarded the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland's Queen Nurse Title

S6M-15791

Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club Brings Festive Cheer with Santa Visit

S6M-15818

Pure Gym Motherwell Community Collection

S6M-15817

The War Office Children's Christmas Appeal

S6M-15880

Café By The Lane

S6M-15879

Marking the End of the Coltness Food Larder's Three-year Service to the Community

S6M-15881

Congratulations to Sergeant Grierson on Receiving the Cadet Adult Recognition Award

S6M-15882

Congratulations to Dalziel High School Band on Achieving a Gold Award and Scottish Finals Invitation

S6M-15950

Bothwellpark High School Named as a Rotary Lend with Care Embassy Ambassador School

S6M-15684

St Andrew's First Aid's Contribution to World Restart a Heart 2024

S6M-15680

Hudson Kelly's Fundraiser for Guide Dogs For The Blind

S6M-15686

Hannah Secures Dancing Titles

S6M-15689

Motherwell Phoenix Youngsters Wear Red and Back Anti-racism Charity

S6M-15688

Pauline Muldoon Praised by Boss and Team at Constance Care

S6M-15687

Sam Shaves Hair for Horseshoe Bar Charity Day

S6M-15747

YMCA Wishaw Receives Equipment

S6M-15748

Asda Cashpot for Schools