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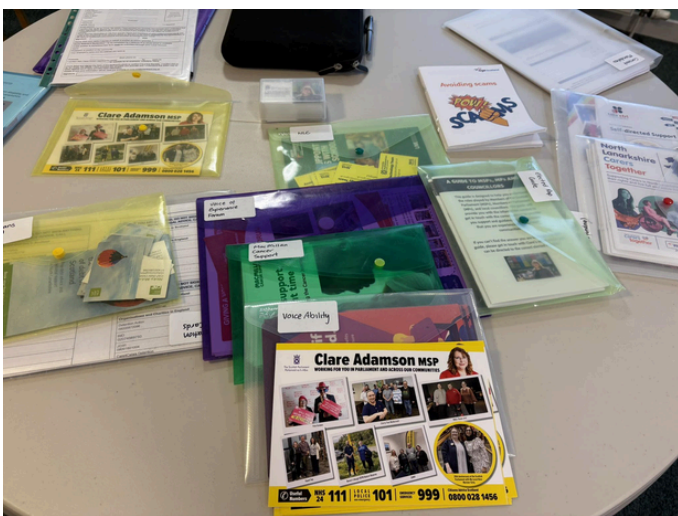


## Lanarkshire Links Members Meeting



It was wonderful to attend and speak with members at the Lanarkshire Links Christmas Members Meeting. It was great to hear from Angela Korankye from ADHD Network Scotland and music from Project 42. Lanarkshire Links carries out vital work in the community, involving people with lived experience in the planning and delivery of mental health and social care services. Get involved by calling 01698 265232.

## Constituency Surgeries



Along with my team, we have continued to attend the local community food larders and banks, providing advice on a range of issues and ensuring that people receive full social security entitlements and other support. Please get in contact if you have any issues you require assistance with.

## Richard Demarco - European Movement in Scotland's 2025 Scottish European of the Year



I was delighted to see Scottish cultural icon Richard Demarco presented with the European Movement in Scotland's 2025 Scottish European of the Year award. The award recognises his lifelong commitment to European culture, his championing of free expression through the arts, his immense contribution to enriching the cultural life of Edinburgh and Scotland, his internationalism, and his belief in unity and peace across Europe. It was truly a privilege to witness such a remarkable figure being honoured, and a poignant reminder of the power of art, culture and connection to unite us.

## Shared Islands, Shared Culture and Shared Biospheres



I had the pleasure of seeing the Shared Islands, Shared Culture and Shared Biospheres exhibition. It is a truly fascinating collaboration between the Irish Consulate, Belfast-based artist Farhad O'Neill, and the Centre for Cross Border Studies. The exhibition beautifully explores the deep links between Ireland and Scotland through peat-based artwork inspired by our shared mythology, while also shining a light on the scientific collaboration happening today on peatland restoration across both islands. It was so interesting to learn how Farhad manipulates elements of the natural world into his art, creating pieces that feel both ancient and innovative. A truly thought-provoking exhibition!

## Scottish Women's Aid #ForThemAll Vigil

I stood with Scottish Women's Aid during the annual #ForThemAll Vigil, honouring the women and children whose lives have been stolen by domestic abuse. As we mark 16 days and look beyond, we remember them and renew our commitment to ending domestic abuse in all its forms. Together, we must act to prevent more lives from being lost.

## Donations to Pathways Church and Wishaw Men's Shed



I was delighted to hand over a personal donation to the Wishaw Men's Shed and Pathway Church in Craigneuk. Each year, instead of giving out Christmas cards, I choose to donate to two different charities, and this year these incredible local groups truly deserved it. The Wishaw Men's Shed provides a much-needed space in our community, a warm cuppa, a safe place, companionship, inclusion, and always a friendly face. Pathways Church continues to support families who are struggling, from school uniforms to Christmas jumpers, from everyday essentials to Christmas toys. Their work makes a real difference right here across Motherwell and Wishaw. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a heartfelt thank-you to all in our community who reach out and support those in need.

## Scottish Gas



I met with Scottish Gas to hear about the practical energy support available this winter and to get tips on keeping homes warm. I was glad to learn about the British Gas Energy Trust grants up to £2,000 to help with energy debt and their extra £500,000 support fund for households across Scotland this winter.

## Collection for Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation



I joined Les Hoey and the team at Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation SCIO at Wishaw Tesco before Christmas to gather donations for the charity - even the Grinch showed up!

## Craigneuk Living Christmas Tree



Following concerns raised about the current positioning of the Living Christmas Tree, particularly its closeness to passing traffic and the potential risk of damaging or uprooting the pavement, I wrote to the Council highlighting the potential future dangers. The Council has since reviewed the situation. To ensure the safety of residents, road users, and the long-term wellbeing of the tree, the Council will be relocating it to a more suitable location within Craigneuk. We'll share further details once arrangements are finalised. Thank you to everyone who raised their concerns and helped ensure the best outcome for our community.

## Visit to Motherwell Delivery Office



It was fantastic to visit Motherwell Delivery Office to meet with staff and show my gratitude for their work. Royal Mail is an integral part of Christmas in Scotland and the UK – it wouldn't be the same without our posties! I got to see first-hand their dedication to helping Christmas run smoothly. We all rely heavily on our Royal Mail service, especially at this time of year. It was a privilege to pay an early morning visit to this highly organised facility during the busiest time and to meet the dedicated and friendly staff.

## Scottish Parliament Christmas Carol Service

It was a lovely and festive evening at the Scottish Parliament Christmas Carol Service on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The performances were fantastic from the Newtongrange Silver Band and Calton Consort, to the brilliant pupils from Royal Mile Primary School, and of course the wonderful Scottish Parliament Choir. A really special way to mark the season and enjoy some festive cheer together. I hope everyone is having a happy, peaceful and safe festive period.

## Alzheimer Scotland Roundtable on Childhood Dementia

I attended an Alzheimer Scotland roundtable on childhood dementia, where I heard directly from parents about the profound impact this condition has on their children and families. Childhood dementia is caused by over 145 genetic, metabolic, and neurodegenerative disorders that lead to progressive brain damage, affecting memory, learning, behaviour, sleep, and emotions. For too long, this devastating condition has remained largely invisible, despite the fact that every 3–4 weeks a child in Scotland is born with a disorder that will lead to childhood dementia, and half of these children will sadly die before their 10th birthday. The roundtable highlighted the urgent need for better awareness, care, treatment, and support. Alzheimer Scotland, through Childhood Dementia Scotland, has now published a report to the Scottish Government giving families a voice, showing the gaps in support and making recommendations to improve the lives of children affected by dementia.

## Veterans Community Lanarkshire Christmas Party

It was a real pleasure to attend the Veterans Community Lanarkshire Christmas Party – thank you so much for the kind invitation. It was fantastic to spend time with veterans, families and volunteers who do so much throughout the year to support one another and build such a strong sense of community here in Lanarkshire. Events like this are a great reminder of how important local groups are in tackling loneliness and making sure our veterans feel valued and supported. And of course, I was delighted to meet Santa too – he certainly helped make the day extra special! A huge thank you to everyone involved for the warm welcome and for all the incredible work you do, not just at Christmas but all year round.

## BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and Two Doors Down Christmas Episode



It was an absolute pleasure to attend an evening of live music celebrating the 90th anniversary of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and see a special preview screening of the Two Doors Down Christmas episode in the Parliament. With a brass quintet playing festive music and the opportunity to hear from and meet stars of the show including Arabella Weir, Alex Norton, and Kieran Hodgson, and writer and co-creator Gregor Sharp, it was a fabulous evening of BBC entertainment!

## Update for residents in and around Ailsa Avenue and Ailsa Crescent, Motherwell

Following concerns raised with me by local residents about uneven pavements and off-road bikes, I have now received a response from North Lanarkshire Council, and I wanted to share an update.

### Greenspace

Council officers inspected the trees on and around Ailsa Avenue and Ailsa Crescent on 26 November 2025. All trees were found to be in good health and structurally sound, with no maintenance required. However, footpath buckling was identified:

- To the rear of 167–173 The Loaning, Jubilee Court
- Along the footpath between 1 and 39 Ailsa Crescent

I will continue to follow this up to ensure the footpath issues are addressed.

### Roads / Off-road Bikes

The Council has confirmed that a recent survey on off-road vehicles has been carried out, highlighting the scale of the issue across North Lanarkshire. The findings were shared at the Motherwell Community Board last month.

The next steps will be:

- A meeting with representatives from each Community Board to discuss survey findings and hotspot areas
- Development of Community Board-specific action plans to tackle off-road bike issues, shaped by local knowledge and community input

I will keep residents updated as this work progresses and will continue to press for practical solutions to improve safety and quality of life in our neighbourhoods. If you have further concerns, please get in touch.

# MOTIONS I LODGED THIS MONTH

## **Sheila Sherry Marks 50 Years of Service in Community Learning and Development**

Date lodged: 1 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-19968

## **Netherton Primary School Achieves Silver Rights Respecting School Award**

Date lodged: 1 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-19967

## **Congratulating Lanarkshire Nurses on Receiving the Queen's Nurse Award**

Date lodged: 8 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20045

## **Commending Specsavers Wishaw for Its Christmas Gift Bank Initiative**

Date lodged: 8 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20044

## **Clyde Valley Blackhawks and Pathway Church Spreads Festive Joy Across Wishaw**

Date lodged: 8 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20043

## **Commending St Bernadette's Primary School, Motherwell, for its Fundraising and Global Citizenship Work Supporting Malawi**

Date lodged: 8 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20046

## **Celebrating the Life of Songwriter and Bard Robin Laing**

Date lodged: 10 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20109

## **Celebrating David Francis on His Induction into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame**

Date lodged: 10 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20137

## **Scottish Opera's Dragon of the Western Sea Tours Motherwell and Wishaw Schools**

Date lodged: 16 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20204

## **Lanarkshire Celebrates Truck & Tractor Charity Light Run**

Date lodged: 16 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20205

## **Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club Brings Festive Cheer with Santa Visit**

Date lodged: 16 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20198

## **Cameron Carr Wins Silver at BJJ British Open 2025**

Date lodged: 16 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20206

## **Welcoming a New Three-year Pay Agreement for Scotland's College Support Staff**

Date lodged: 16 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20190

## **Our Lady's High School in Motherwell Reaccredited as Gold Rights Respecting School**

Date lodged: 16 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20197

## **Recognising the 50th Anniversary of the Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland**

Date lodged: 16 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20255

## **Celebrating the Generosity of Local Organisations Supporting Wishaw and Craigneuk**

Date lodged: 18 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20250

## **Newmains Community Trust Recognised as Best Community Development Initiative 2025**

Date lodged: 18 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20249

## **Recognising the Efforts of The War Office, Motherwell**

Date lodged: 22 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20272

## **North Lanarkshire Neighbourhood Networks Fundraising for St Andrew's Hospice**

Date lodged: 22 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20273

## **Commending the Horse and Anchor Pub for Fundraising in Support of MADE 4U IN ML2**

Date lodged: 23 December 2025  
Motion reference: S6M-20274

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