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MOTHERWELL AND WISHAW CONSTITUENCY



Kings Church Motherwell

Amazing day with everyone at the Kings Church Motherwell!

Thanks so much for inviting us down for some wonderful fellowship and tasty soup!

Great to have the opportunity to speak with members and volunteers at the club today, as well as the wider community. It is amazing to see such great work taking place in the heart of our community.

Looking forward to meeting with you all again in the near future!



Lothian Speak Their Name

Great to meet with Lothians Speak Their Name Quilt yesterday.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me about the amazing stories behind this wonderful project!

The Speak Their Name Quilt was created by individuals who have lost loved ones to suicide. It not only resulted in a beautiful quilt but also united a community of people who felt supported and understood



Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness CPG

Another excellent meeting of the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness this week.

Important and sobering presentations on a National Accident Prevention Strategy, injury surveillance data, drowning prevention, toxics use reduction, and firefighter health and wellbeing.

The Economic Forum for Family Empowerment Scotland

What a fantastic day with The Economic Forum For Family Empowerment Scotland in the Scottish Parliament!

TEFFES aims to unite communities by addressing various societal, economic, environmental, cultural, and political factors. It welcomes individuals of all races, beliefs, and cultures, with the goal of promoting love, selflessness, care, compassion, peace, and harmony among everyone.

Special thanks to Kaukab Stewart MSP for taking the time to come along and speak with the group about some issues faced by communities in Scotland. Listening to personal stories was particularly impactful, as it truly emphasised the urgency for progress in tackling these issues.

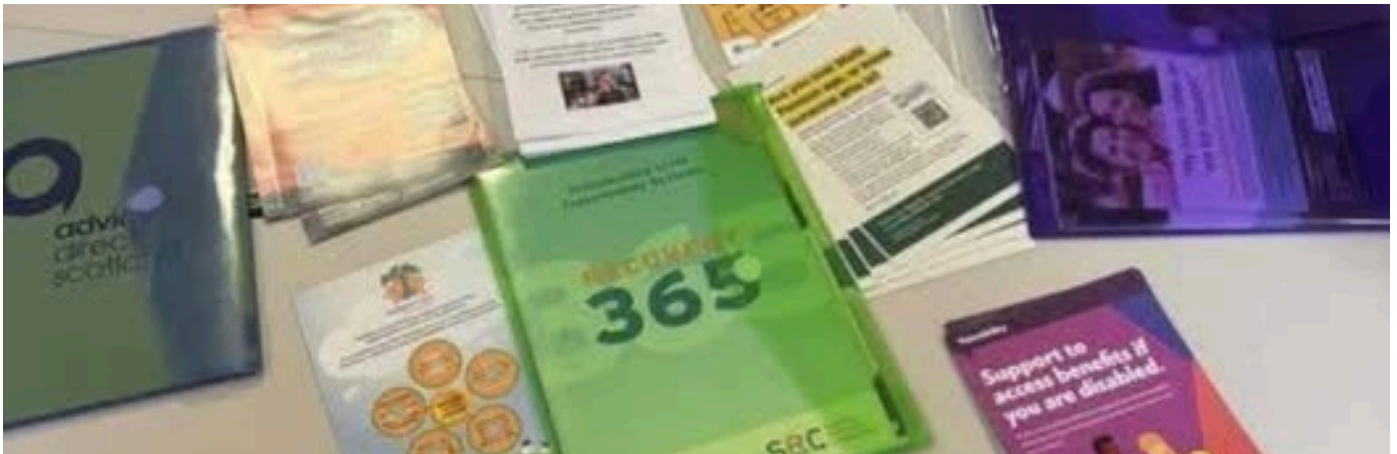
Thanks so much to everyone involved, for coming along and sharing some time with us all.



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.



The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the UK

The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the UK, Prof Piotr Wilczek was in Edinburgh to present the priorities of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. It was a pleasure to attend as convenor of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.





Ukraine Forever

Given the appalling developments in the last week, the international community must stand in solidarity with Ukraine.

I attended the Usher Hall, for Ukraine Forever! A special one-off fundraising performance bringing together a wonderful line up of Scottish and Ukrainian artists to celebrate the strength and resilience of the Ukrainian people.

Funds from the evening provided humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

Museum and Galleries Symposium

Great to attend the Museum and Galleries Symposium to learn more about their 2025 strategy.

Informative to hear the speakers discuss shared challenges and opportunities for Scotland's museum sector.

It was an excellent chance to chat with museum sector colleagues and representatives of key sector organisations.



PARLIAMENT SPEECHES AND QUESTIONS

18 February 2025

Spoke in the debate on Employer National Insurance Contribution and discussed the negative impact that this will have on third sector organisations and charities in my constituency.

19 February 2025

Asked the Scottish Government to detail how it is supporting frontline staff at University Hospital Wishaw.

19 February 2025

After several reports of issues with delays of ambulances, and whilst understanding the immense pressure upon our health workers, I asked if the Scottish Government will work with NHS Lanarkshire to review co-ordination between services to ensure that patients are delivered to hospitals on a capacity basis in the first instance?

20 February 2025

Asked if the First Minister shares my concern that, while the tax on jobs is causing business confidence to plummet, it is also having a devastating effect on our third sector and charitable organisations that do vital work in our constituencies to help people who are vulnerable, in poverty and in recovery, and which are essential to the wellbeing of Scotland?

20 February 2025

Asked the First Minister what the Scottish Government response is to the recent Labour Market Outlook survey by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development on UK business confidence.

27 February 2025

Asked the Scottish Government how it is supporting pupils with additional support needs in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency.

MOTIONS I LODGED THIS MONTH

S6M-16290
MacDiarmid's Brownsbank Cottage, a
Scottish Cultural Treasure

S6M-16351
Scottish Catholic International Aid
Fund (SCIAF) 60th Anniversary

S6M-16352
New College Lanarkshire Scottish
Regional Heat of the Association of
Hairdressing and Therapists

S6M-16399
Craigneuk Lifelong Learning
Association Receives £20,000
National Lottery Community Fund
Grant

S6M-16403
North Fest Family Receives £7,000
National Lottery Community Fund
Grant

S6M-16401
Support for Ordinary Living Receives
£165,727 National Lottery
Community Fund Grant

S6M-16402
The Miracle Foundation SCIO
Receives £20,000 National Lottery
Community Fund Grant

S6M-16405
Cathedral Primary School and
Parish Celebrates 150th
Anniversary

S6M-16400
Made4U in ML2 Receives
£43,396 National Lottery
Community Fund Grant

S6M-16507
Miracle Foundation SCIO
Charity Receives Funding
Donations

S6M-16508
Commending New College
Lanarkshire Level 6 Pastry
Chefs on their Bake Sale

S6M-16540
Congratulating Isa Cox on her
100th Birthday

S6M-16590
Ruairidh and Hayley Harper's
Automated External
Defibrillator Fundraiser