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## The National Lottery Fund

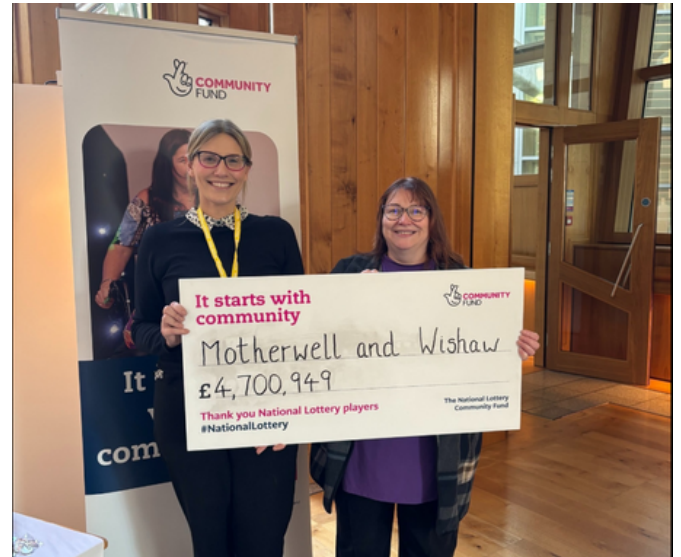
Amazing to meet with the team from The National Lottery Fund!

There is £4,700,949 in grants from The National Lottery Community Fund supporting projects across Lanarkshire!

Every year, more than 5 million people from across the UK benefit from community projects and organisations which are funded by the National Lottery Fund.

For more information regarding the national lottery fund, please follow:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>



## Scottish Apprentice Week 2025

On Scottish Apprentice Week 2025, I paid a visit to leading Motherwell biotech firm RoukenBio coordinated by University of the West of Scotland.

RoukenBio champions STEM careers; I am a big advocate for increasing diversity in STEM subjects.

Their work is integral to the development of pharmaceuticals and the effects that different medicines have on cells.

When we have fantastic local firms like RoukenBio carrying out world-leading research, I urge young people in Motherwell and Wishaw not to put a limit on their ambition.

Thank you for such a warm welcome!



## Post Office in the Scottish Parliament

Spoke with representatives from the Post Office in the Scottish Parliament yesterday, Alongside a new deal for postmasters, I was keen to raise concerns about branch closures in Motherwell and Wishaw and their impact on our community.



## Polski Kebab

Thank you to Polski Kebab for welcoming me to their shop, and treating me to one of their award winning kebabs! It was fantastic to learn about the family's history in gastronomy and speak about their plans for expanding the business.

Very best of luck for the future - dziękuję za waszą gościnność!



## 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.



## Made4U in ML2 Community Pantry

Exciting News in Our Community!

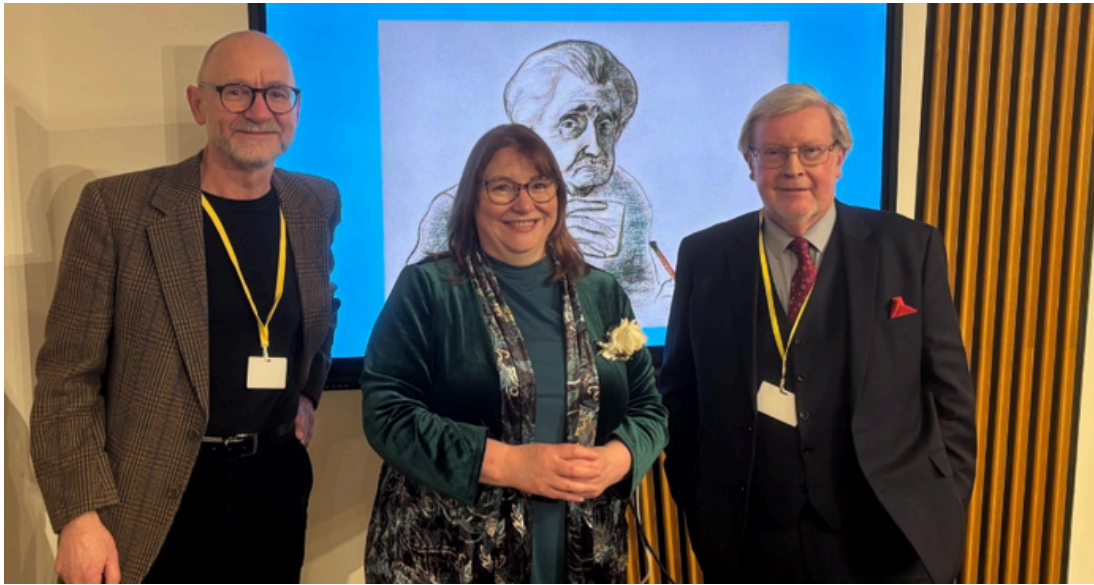
I was delighted to officially open the MADE4U IN ML2 Community Pantry & Tool Library, a fantastic new initiative to support residents in tackling the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. This incredible facility offers a Community Pantry and a Tool Library, both available on a membership basis, providing affordable solutions to help local families thrive.

**Community Pantry:** For just £3 a week, members can choose 10 essential food items, ensuring affordable access to groceries while maintaining dignity and choice in shopping.

**Tool Library:** Members can borrow tools for DIY and gardening projects starting at just £1 per week, helping to reduce the cost of home repairs and improvements.

The MADE4U Community Pantry is a fantastic example of how local solutions can provide much-needed relief to families facing financial challenges.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this initiative possible!



## Brownsbank Cottage

What an incredible evening in the Scottish Parliament last night!

The night began with a thought-provoking debate on the enduring legacy of Hugh MacDiarmid and the vital efforts to preserve Brownsbank Cottage, a place of immense literary and cultural significance. This was followed by a truly inspiring event celebrating MacDiarmid's remarkable life and work, featuring outstanding speakers who spoke with passion and deep conviction.

His influence remains as relevant as ever to Scottish culture, and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement from everyone in attendance. I am grateful to my colleagues and all those who attended for contributing to such a fascinating and insightful evening. MacDiarmid's Brownsbank is a charity working to restore and upgrade the cottage as a matter of urgency, and to conserve the contents. Find out more about them here:

[macdiarmidsbrownsbank.org.uk/about-us/](http://macdiarmidsbrownsbank.org.uk/about-us/)



## Marie Curie Nurses

Excellent opportunity to meet some Marie Curie nurses.

Marie Curie nurses are delivering expert end of life care and having that support makes a tremendous difference to people and their families in the most trying circumstances.

I would encourage everyone to get involved with the Great Daffodil Appeal, in whatever way you can.





## **North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre**

It was fantastic to meet with Heather Liddle - Active & Creative Communities Manager at North Lanarkshire Council, Lu McNair - Museums Manager at North Lanarkshire Council, Jason Rose - Museums Galleries Scotland, as well as Hugh, Karen and Weibke at the North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre in Motherwell this morning.

North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre staff showcased the current exhibitions, museum and various classes on offer, which are led by Hugh (or Mr Hugh as known to Motherwell's younger population). It was fascinating to learn about North Lanarkshire's Archives collections, and speak to Karen and Weibke about the services offered. The collections allow research into the social and industrial history of North Lanarkshire, as well as family history and the local area.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation - the Heritage Centre is a great asset to our community and I was pleased to visit as always, especially on a beautiful day like today!

North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre is open Monday – Saturday, 12pm – 4pm. Entry is free.

## **North Lanarkshire Council Brandon Street Development**

Excellent morning at the North Lanarkshire Council Brandon Street Development as the Minister for Housing visited my constituency. It was great to join Paul McLennan MSP and see the progress in this area, with residents clearly enjoying their new homes.

Thank you to the management team at North Lanarkshire Housing for their work on this project, and for the opportunity to see the completed development, which has been a great success so far. It's fantastic to see these homes come to life through the partnership between Scottish Government funding and NLC, providing much-needed housing for the people of my constituency.

A special thank you to Ms. May Nicol, a resident of the block, for welcoming us inside to view the new homes. It was a pleasure to meet you and hear about your experience settling in.



## Lanarkshire Bowling Club

Wonderful day at Lanarkshire Bowling Club!

Thank you for having me and allowing me an insight into the bowling world!

I'm sure my own bowling skills will get better with time!



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scottish Parliament

What a fantastic day in Cumbernauld, marking the 25th Anniversary of the Scottish Parliament alongside my fellow MSPs!

First stop, New College Lanarkshire, Cumbernauld campus, where we were welcomed with incredible performances from the pupils, enjoyed coffee at the student barista café, and took part in a brilliant Q&A session.

Next, we visited the Cumbernauld & Carbrain Community Hub, where we were warmly greeted by Frances Park, and met the dedicated staff and volunteers who do invaluable work for the community.

Finally, we were piped to Trinity Parish Church where we learned about the many fantastic organisations and groups supporting the local area including Lanarkshire Recovery Network, (Recovery Scotland) Tony's Safe Place, Club at the Hub, Cumbernauld Community Piping Group, Cumbernauld Fm., Craigieburn Community Garden, North Lanarkshire

Ethnic Minority Association, and Watch Us Grow

A huge thank you to everyone who made today such a success!

## **PARLIAMENT SPEECHES AND QUESTIONS**

**05 March 2025**

**Spoke in the Scottish Government debate on Ukraine, and reinstated my resounding support for the people of Ukraine.**

**12 March 2025**

**Asked the Scottish Government how it is supporting people to access gynaecological health services.**

**18 March 2025**

**Spoke at MacDiarmid's Brownsbank to pay tribute to his legacy and emphasise the growing need for Brownsbank Cottage to be properly preserved as a heritage centre for Scotland. Following from this, I hosted an event in the Scottish Parliament to spark discussion about Brownsbank and raise awareness of the challenges faced by the team at Brownsbank Cottage**

**20 March 2025**

**Asked the Scottish Government what action is it taking to ensure that local authorities provide co-ordinated support plans for pupils who need extra support.**

**26 March**

**Asked the Scottish Government how the Scottish Budget 2025-26 will improve local services in Motherwell and Wishaw.**

**27 March 2025**

**Asked the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is, regarding any impact on its policy to grow Scotland's economy, to House of Commons Library research indicating the impact of Brexit on businesses.**

# **MOTIONS I LODGED THIS MONTH**

**S6M-16660**

**Borrow Cup, an Initiative by Reposit and Hubbub**

**6M-16829**

**Coltness High Teenager Cancer Trust Fundraiser**

**S6M-16822**

**Congratulations to Hugh Black & Sons on Winning Smithfield Awards**

**S6M-16828**

**Mark Wright Awarded Inaugural Recognition Award**

**S6M-16822**

**Gillian and Stevie O'Rourke Retire from The Horse and Anchor**

**S6M-16833**

**Morningside Primary School Finalists at Keep Scotland Beautiful Marine Litter Art Competition**

**S6M-16820**

**Erin O'Reilly Purses Her Dream**

**S6M-16867**

**St Aidan's Primary School Awarded 10th Green Flag**

**S6M-16814**

**Olivia Bowden and Marco Festorazzi Fundraising**

**S6M-16916**

**Cambusnethan Primary School Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award**

**6M-16831**

**St Aidan's Youth Group Fundraising for Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation**

**S6M-16896**

**Motherwell Gym Raises £18,000 for Beatson Cancer Charity After 24-Hour Challenge**

**S6M-16830**

**Hospitality and Culinary Arts ScotHot Awards**

**S6M-16922**

**Network Rail and Scottish Football Association Show Trespassing the Red Card**

**S6M-16917**

**SCIAF Wee Box Appeal 2025**