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FOR STIRLING CONSTITUENCY

March/April 2024 Newsletter



In Stirling

The last couple of months have been packed with visits and I've met some fantastic people, businesses and projects around Stirling.

It was great to visit Stirling Carers Centre in March to hear about the work they do ahead of Young Carers Action Day and the parliamentary debate. It was excellent to hear all about the services they offer across both the city of Stirling and our rural communities.

At the end of March my office nipped up to Deanston Community Centre to the Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis Trust in memory of Oliver Steele. The turnout was fantastic and I'm looking forward to hearing how much was raised.

We also went to the Fodder and Farm Farmers Market at Dykehead. It was a great day out, in a stunning location with some brilliant food, crafts and farm tours.

With the weather finally improving, it has been great to see people out enjoying themselves.



Alan Morgan Scottish Football Association



Carina Rose Designs



Stirling Carers Centre



Cost of Living Roundtable, Mayfield Centre

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Tartan Week

I had the great honour of being invited to join the Presiding Officer's delegation to New York in April for the annual Tartan Week celebrations. We took part in a fantastic variety of events to celebrate Scotland's culture and international image. On the 6th of April we took part in the Tartan Day Parade, the largest event of the week and enjoyed the pipers and dancers of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Bryant Park.

I attended meetings on tourism, culture, and the environment. We also took the opportunity to visit the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. A delegation from New South Wales was also visiting and it was great to learn from other small parliaments.

I was struck by the strong emotional connections that many people have to Scotland, as well as the similarities we have when it comes to challenges faced in hospitality and tourism. During this visit I was lucky enough to be able to showcase some of Stirling's incredible events and creators including Carina Pratt from Doune, Radical Weavers from Stirling, Joanne Boyle from Cowie and the Callander Jazz and Blues Festival. I am so grateful for their support. With so much buzz and enthusiasm surrounding us, I was left in no doubt about Scotland's place on the global stage.



Stirling University Alumni

Callander Jazz & Blues Festival
in Central Park

Tim Lesiuk, Assistant Deputy
Minister for Sustainable Economy,
& Kerry Pridmore, Assistant
Deputy Minister for Trade &
Industry Development at British
Columbia Legislative Assembly

New York City Tourism
and Conventions

Scottish Parliament Delegation
and Doug Gray Scott

Joanne Boyle Creative
Tote Bag in Toronto

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In Parliament

In a debate on Scotland's International Culture Strategy I was able to highlight local arts and culture venues. I was also pleased that staff and volunteers from Stirling Young Carers were able to attend a debate I spoke on for Young Carers Action Day, and it was great to be able to share their success with parliamentary colleagues and meet with them afterwards.

I have also participated in 12 committee sessions split between the Economy & Fair Work Committee and the Equality, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee. Recently the committees have been working on procurement reform, the disability employment gap, and suicide prevention.

The work we have been doing on suicide prevention is particularly pressing and I am committed to helping drive forwards the improvements to suicide prevention across Scotland, especially understanding the factors that make some groups more at risk. Learning from people with lived experience has been a key part of this work. It was also great to hear from local organisation the Canmore Trust about their work.

In March I hosted a reception for VisitScotland which showcased the work they and the sector are delivering to support responsible tourism. It was a chance to meet the many businesses and organisations driving the responsible recovery of the sector, benefitting the economy, communities and wellbeing.

In April I visited the Court of Session in Edinburgh with the Equalities, Human Rights & Civil Justice Committee, where I met The Rt Hon Lord Carloway, Lord President of the Court of Session, and his team. The Court of Session is Scotland's highest civil court, and it was a fantastic opportunity to get an overview and update on the work of the Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service.



Visiting the Court of Session in Edinburgh



Stirling Young Carers Visit
to Parliament

Important Dates for the Diary

Public Consultations Closing Dates

28th May - Disclosure Scotland fees: discounting, waivers and accredited bodies consultation

10th June - Scottish Court Fees 2024-2025

25th June - Consultation on a proposal to phase out the use of cages in Scotland's laying hen sector

Contribute to these and other consultations here: <https://consult.gov.scot/>

Summer Holidays

28th June 2024



I hope you have enjoyed reading my recently launched newsletter. I will be aiming to send these out regularly throughout 2024 to give you an update on the work I am doing to represent the Stirling Constituency.

It is really important that I hear from you on what really matters to you and your family, so if you have any feedback on the content of this newsletter I would love to hear from you.

I know that things are not easy at the moment and my office is open and ready to assist you on any matter. My contact details are below and we are always happy to hear from you.

One of the main things I have been focused on since the start of the year, is ensuring people know where they can seek help and ensuring that everyone is obtaining all financial support that they are entitled to. You can check this for yourself using the Benefits Calculators here: <https://www.mygov.scot/benefit-calculators>.

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