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Above: The incredibly talented young members of the EPIC East Ayrshire Pipe Band

Foreword

After an incredibly busy Summer Recess, I am looking forward to returning to Parliament in a few days time.

Whoever the new Prime Minister may be, I will urge them to implement rapid, comprehensive measures to protect my constituents from the rising energy and food prices.

This is my last newsletter covering the Summer Recess, and I am delighted to have been able to have visits all across the constituency.

My thanks to all who have welcomed me to their events, businesses, and organisations this Summer, it has been a pleasure to meet you all.

Cost of Living Advice

Siobhian Brown MSP and I will be holding a Cost of Living Advice event at the end of September in Ayr Town Hall (details below).

I know so many of my constituents are concerned about rising prices, so would strongly encourage you to come along and get advice from experts in this area. You can drop in anytime between 11am-4pm to receive support from the below groups. Hope to see you there.

COST OF LIVING ADVICE EVENT
Friday 30th September
11am-4pm
Ayr Town Hall
With help and advice from:

- Citizen's Advice Scotland
- Home Energy Scotland
- Social Security Scotland
- Age Concern Ayr
- Christians Against Poverty
- Night Before Christmas
- Ayrshire Housing
- And more...

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CWU Strike

Pleased to be able to offer my support and solidarity on the picket line with Members of the Communication Workers Union (CWU), on strike for fair pay. I also wrote to Philip Jansen CEO of BT urging them to give their workers the recognition and fair pay rise that they deserve. Unfortunately the response received was disappointing.



Caledonian Bottlers

Delighted to meet Karen Mennie, General Manager, and her Management team at Caledonian Bottlers for an extremely informative tour of their production and bottling facility in Cumnock. They are a major contributor to the local economy and have significant involvement in a number of local charities and community projects.



Claremont Care Home

Delighted to spend time at the Summer fete at the Claremont Care Home in Ayr. Took the opportunity to chat with a number of the residents and also Care Staff, many of whom had volunteered to help out at the fete. Also very pleased to meet up with the wonderful Bea Clark (The Music Lady) the very well known professional singer, who delighted the residents with many beautiful songs popular in earlier years and their era.



Constituency Surgeries

Every Friday 10am-12noon.
Telephone or virtual meetings.

Contact my office to make an appointment.

EPIC East Ayrshire Band

It was a great pleasure to attend a fantastic evening of entertainment at Cumnock Town Hall for the EPIC East Ayrshire Pipe Band Academy Launch Concert. Well done to the young people, who displayed exceptional skills and talent. EPICEA is an outstanding example of a community initiative that promotes and preserves the tradition of playing pipes and drums and contributes to the community of East Ayrshire in so many ways.



Kincaidston Fun Day

Took the very welcome opportunity to attend the Kincaidston summer fun day. I was pleased to meet Louise and Caroline of the wonderful Charity, Baby to Teen. The Charity, who have shop premises in Arthur Street, Ayr, provide new and good quality second hand clothes and accessories for families affected most by the cost of living crisis. Well done to all involved in the organisation of this great community event.



Junior Football

Pleased to support Junior football by sponsoring several pitch side advertising boards including at Ladywell Stadium, the home of Maybole Juniors, Whitletts Victoria FC, Girvan FC and Ayr United.



Girvan Harbour Gala

Privileged to meet some of the volunteer crew members of the RNLI Girvan Lifeboat, who provided guided tours of the local lifeboat. The lifeboat relies on the dedication, skill and bravery of six crew members drawn from a pool of sixteen volunteers, on call 24 hours a day, every day, to save life at sea.



MacTaggart and Mickel

Delighted to visit the MacTaggart and Mickel new homes development at Greenan to congratulate Senior Site Manager, Stuart Gillespie, on being the Supreme Award Winner for Pride in the Job 2021. The Supreme Award is regarded as the home building industry equivalent of winning an 'Oscar'.



Whitlets Vics

Pleased to visit the Whitlets Activity Centre, Ayr, to hear of the fantastic work carried out by Vics in the Community. They play an active role in supporting the local community by tackling food poverty, mental health issues and providing other essential local welfare support services.



ABP Ayr and Troon

Had an incredibly interesting meeting with Stuart Cresswell, General Manager of Associated British Ports (ABP) at Ayr and Troon. Ayr remains one of the main import facilities for windfarm components including turbine blades and turbine bodies in Scotland and the Port benefits from substantial import trade.



Dunure Festival of the Sea

I was delighted to spend an afternoon at the fantastic Dunure Festival of the Sea. The atmosphere was great, with people smiling, laughing, and taking the long overdue opportunity to meet friends, old and new.



CoRE Project

Attended an extremely interesting and informative briefing and site visit in Cumnock at the Community Renewable Energy Project (CoRE). Working in partnership with Universities, Colleges, Industry and the Community, the Project will deliver innovative solutions for transitioning to a low carbon society, by repurposing the area's existing industrial and natural assets, to create energy self sufficient communities.



Flood Protection Scheme

Great to be able to receive an update on the progress of the New Cumnock Flood Protection Scheme. The £8.2 million project which commenced in April 2021 has necessitated major engineering measures including 900m of earth embankments. The work is due to be completed by early next year and will prevent regular flooding of residential and commercial premises in the town from the nearby Afton Water.



Rankinston

Delighted to accept an invitation from Isobel (Belle) Wagstaff, Chair of the Rankinston Community Association to visit the village and hear of the work of the Community Association. The Community Association manages the village Community Centre which hosts a Community Larder where residents can buy essential food items at low cost, organises community events such as a recent 'inflatables' afternoon for the children of the village and provides residents with access to the internet.



Ayr Housing Aid Centre

Extremely interesting and informative visit to the Ayr Housing Aid Centre, York Street, Ayr. The charity provide free independent housing information, advice, advocacy and engagement services relating to Council or private lets, to both tenants and landlords. Key services include advice on preventing homelessness, rent arrears, and sustaining tenancies. They are a fantastic organisation which deserves greater recognition for the work that it carries out.



Girvan Community Led Tourism Action Plan

Delighted to be able to attend the launch of the Girvan Community Led Tourism Action Plan. The key objectives of the project include developing tourism, increasing visitor numbers and engaging local people. Some of the activities undertaken include the development of a walking trail, the Tattie Festival, and support for the Tourist Information Point. I wish them every success.

