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August 2023 Newsletter



*Pictured above at the preferred site of a new Ailsa Craig Centre*

## Foreword

August has been a really busy month for me in the Constituency, and you can read about some of these visits below.

It has also been quite a busy few weeks for my Team and I dealing with various enquiries from constituents. These can range from HMRC enquiries, to DWP issues to Visas and Immigration matters.

Looking ahead to September, may I remind constituents about the upcoming Ayr Show taking place 8-10th September. This will be a really busy event, so please be mindful of this when attending, and enjoy!

## Back to Parliament

As I write this, we are coming to the end of the UK Parliament Recess, and I am looking forward to being back and representing my constituents in the House.

Please remember you can continue to contact me when Parliament is sitting by using the details provided on the next page. If you are interested in keeping up with the proceedings in Parliament, you can watch Parliament TV which is live.



## Honeypot House Dalleagles

It was great to meet with Bruce Ruthven, Operations Manager for Honeypot House in Dalleagles, near New Cumnock. Part of The Honeypot Children's Charity, Honeypot House will provide residential short breaks for young Carers from 5 to 12 years of age, initially at weekends. The young Carers will be able to take part in a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities.



## RNLI Girvan Lifeboat Day

Pleased to attend the RNLI Girvan Lifeboat Open Day 23 at Girvan Harbour. The RNLI volunteers were providing guided tours of the local, all weather lifeboat, the RNLB Elizabeth and Gertrude Allan. 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 of the year.



## Ayrshire Hospice

Delighted to meet with Tracy Flynn, Chief Executive Officer of the Ayrshire Hospice. We had a wide ranging and extremely informative discussion on the Hospice services, the new Hospice being built on Racecourse Road and the challenges facing them in relation to the cost of the new building and running and energy costs.



## Hedgerow Habitats Project

It was fantastic to be invited to a tour and celebration of the outstanding Hedgerow Habitats Project in Netherthird and to attend the Netherthird Community Garden Activity Fun Day in Cumnock. A busy afternoon and very interesting to meet with a large number of community and voluntary groups from the local area. My thanks to the volunteers who organised and took part in the events.



## Harbour Ayrshire

Delighted to visit and learn about the work of Harbour Ayrshire Harbour Ayrshire (Your shelter from the storm of addiction), a relatively new but exceptional Charity, dedicated to helping and supporting anyone facing issues of alcohol or drug addiction. In addition to a range of individual and group support, Harbour Ayrshire provide an alcohol and drug out of hours telephone helpline - 01292 623016.



## Ayrshire Hospice Shining Star Memory

After meeting with Tracy Flynn from Ayrshire Hospice, I decided to take part in the Hospice Shining Star Memory Walk. The Hospice faces significant challenges in continuing to deliver exceptional care and services to patients and their loved ones living with a life-limiting illness across Ayrshire, now and in the future. It was great to walk among many others, raising funds for this wonderful organisation.



## Claremont Care Home

It was a pleasure to visit Claremont Care Home in Ayr and to be shown around by Janice Daziel, Activities Manager. During my visit, I met a number of the 80 residents and had some very interesting conversations, on all sorts of topics! The residents were enjoying their afternoon tea and were being entertained by professional entertainer, Lesley Daniels.



## Venue 38

Fantastic and very informative visit with Siobhian Brown MSP to Venue38 in Carrick Street, Ayr. Venue38 is a live music, events and arts space proudly born from a love of live music & events and has been successfully showcasing live music since 2021. They are a non-profit community interest company - meaning everything they do is for the benefit of the community



## Night Before Christmas Campaign

Great to be able to attend the launch of the Night Before Christmas Campaign (NB4CC) in Annbank. Last year this amazing charity delivered 6,840 individual 'Red Bags Full of Joy'. NB4CC now also work in partnership with South Ayrshire School Clothing Bank who help greatly in ensuring that parents have access to good quality school uniforms.



## Culzean Castle

Not many will be aware of the fantastic supported learning and skills programme operated at Culzean Castle, in partnership with DFN Project Search, National Trust Scotland, Ayrshire College and Girvan Youth Trust. The programme is aimed at 17 - 29 year olds, who have a condition which affects their learning and whom would benefit from support in finding employment.



## Girvan Town Team

Always great to visit Girvan and to have a meeting at the Town House with Roddy MacDonald, John McCreath of the Girvan Town Team, Rhona Anderson and Pete Cheetham of 'Go Girvan' and local businessman Lee Wilson. We had a wide ranging discussion of the issues affecting the town and local businesses in particular, followed by visits around the Town.



## Scotland Loves Local Week

As part of Scotland Loves Local Week, I was delighted to meet with Robert Singer who operates the 'Narture' Sourdough Bakery in Cathcart Street, and the 'Narture' Artisan Cafe in the Sandgate, Ayr. They sell wonderful freshly baked produce along with coffee, tea and sit in and take away lunches. It was great to hear how profits are used to fund local arts projects.

