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December 2022 Newsletter



## Foreword

Parliament has now adjourned for the Christmas Recess and will return on 9th January.

My office will be closed 24th December - 3rd January (inclusive). Emails will be checked periodically, but may not be responded to until after 3rd January.

Wishing my constituents a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



## Christmas Message

This has been a very difficult year for many families and individuals, but I never fail to be overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by people who do so much to look after others.

My thanks go out to all the volunteers in the community for their compassion and dedication, and to our fantastic emergency service workers who do so much to keep us all safe and well.

Please do look after and be kind to yourself and others this festive season. Best wishes to all.

### Emergency contacts:

- South Ayrshire Council: 0300 123 0900
- East Ayrshire Council: 0345 724 0000
- Homelessness Standby Service: 0808 100 3151
- Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 027 1234
- National Gas Emergency Service: 0800 111 999
- Samaritans: 116 123

## South Ayrshire Foodbank

Delighted to visit Tesco in Ayr, to support their joint initiative with South Ayrshire Foodbank to increase the supply of food available at the Foodbank.

If you are able, you can donate items at the drop off site in the store, where they also list their most needed items. Many thanks to all the volunteers and Tesco team for their work, and to the constituents who have already donated.



## Firefighters Pay

It was a pleasure to welcome Firefighters Kerry McCrone and Agnes Cook, Watch Commanders from Ayr Fire Station, to Westminster as part of a large delegation of Firefighters from across the country.

The Firefighters, supported by the Fire Brigades Union, are protesting against the derisory 5% pay increase offered by the UK Government. They have my full support.



## PPE MedPro

In light of recent reports about Baroness Mone and her connection with PPE MedPro, I asked the Secretary of State to confirm that a full and thorough investigation will take place, and that the report would be made public. Watch the response on my Website/MP Facebook Page.



## WPC Yvonne Fletcher

In 2020, I met with the former Prime Minister to discuss the Yvonne Fletcher case. Since then, this matter has not progressed. In 1984, WPC Yvonne Fletcher was shot in the back and killed while policing a political demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy. To this day, no one has ever been charged with her murder.

I was privileged as a former Metropolitan Police Officer, to use my position as a Member of Parliament to raise this matter at Prime Ministers Questions. I asked the Prime Minister if he will meet with me to see how this case may be taken forward, to bring those responsible for Yvonne's murder to justice in criminal court. Pleased to say he has agreed to meet with me.



## Attorney General Question

The Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Scotland have been asked numerous times what is the democratic route available to Scotland to leave the Union, yet no answer can be given. I recently asked if the people of England should want to leave, what democratic process is available to them. Again, no answer was given, but you can watch the response on my Website/MP Facebook Page.



## VASA Thank You Evening

I was delighted to be invited to the Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA) Volunteer Thank You Evening. I have been involved with VASA for over 15 years as a volunteer trustee and was its Chair for several years. So, it was a pleasure to attend the event and meet many volunteers and VASA staff to thank them for their compassion and dedication to helping others.



## Cosy Spaces

Thanks to VASA and other community organisations, cosy spaces are available across South Ayrshire.

People of all ages can attend these spaces for company, warm drinks, food and even games. My thanks to all involved. View the full list here: <http://ow.ly/QLtb5oMoLAN>

## Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra

It was a privilege to attend the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra's 40th Anniversary Christmas Concert at Ayr Town Hall. My colleague Dr Philippa Whitford MP presented the group with a copy of an Early Day Motion submitted to Parliament recognising the dedication, commitment and achievements of the AFO. I was very impressed by all those involved in producing such an excellent night of entertainment.



## Standards Committee

The Standards Committee, of which I am a Member, has recently published a new Code of Conduct for Members which was approved by the House with one significant exception. A recommendation that Ministers, should register any gifts/travel/hospitality with the House as other MPs are required to do. As expected, but rather disappointingly, the Government voted against this attempt for greater transparency in relation to Ministers.