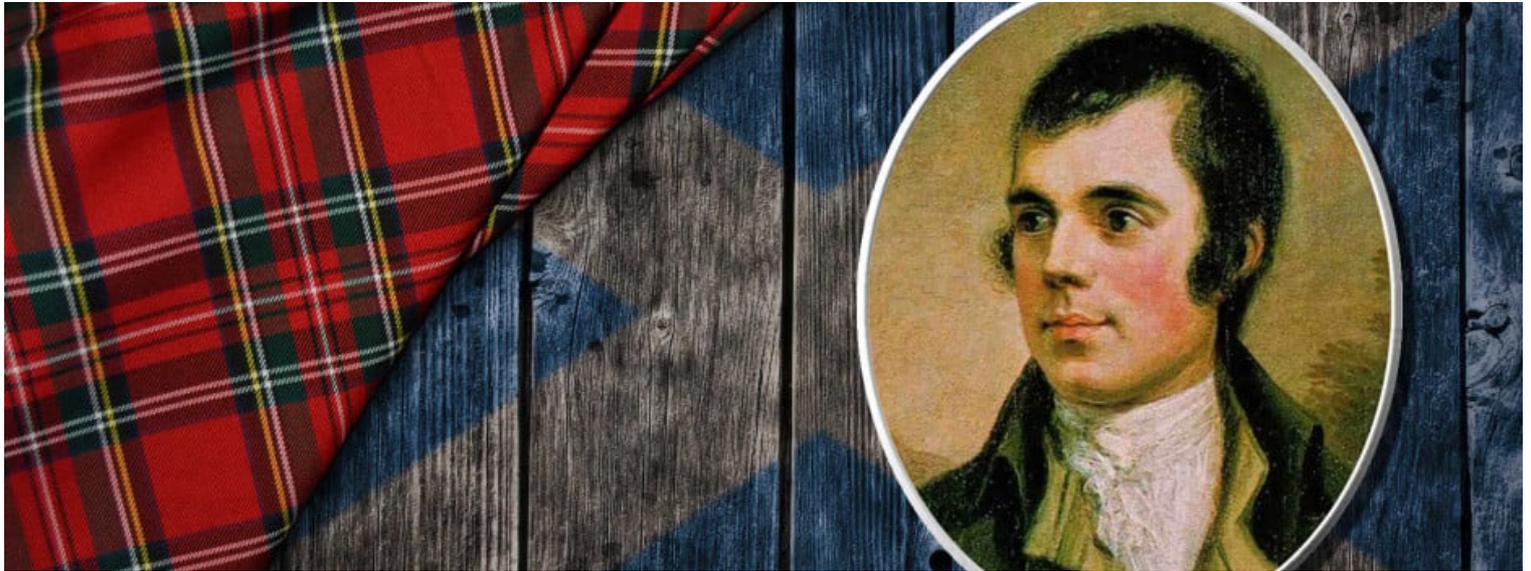




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January 2023 Newsletter



Foreword

Parliament has now returned after the Christmas Recess and it is good to be back representing my constituents.

It has been a very busy month for me, contributing in various debates, meeting constituents, attending meetings and events, alongside doing my best to help any constituents in need of assistance.

As always, if you feel I can offer assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch either by email or phoning my office.

I hope this first Newsletter of the year gives you better insight into the work I am doing as your representative.

Rabbie Burns

As the Member of Parliament for Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock, it was a pleasure to submit an Early Day Motion (below) celebrating the 264th anniversary of the birth of our Bard in Alloway on 25 January 1759.

Burns is widely regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic literacy movement, and after his death became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora.

Celebration of the life and work of Robert (Rabbie) Burns

Allan Dorans (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock)

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That this House notes and celebrates the 264th anniversary of the birth of Robert (Rabbie) Burns, Scotland's National Bard, in Alloway on 25 January 1759; notes that he is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic literacy movement, and after his death became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora; further notes that he was a poet and lyricist who penned the words of Auld Lang Syne, which is sung across the globe on New Year's Eve; notes that he wrote over 700 other poems and songs including Tam O'Shanter, Ae Fond Kiss, To a Mouse, Scots Wa Hae, A Red, Red Rose and A Man's a Man for A' That, and whose work has been translated into more than 40 languages and his memory honoured by more than 50 official statues including in the UK, US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Russia and Estonia; and further notes that he has had his image portrayed on postage stamps, banknotes and coins in a number of countries and that his life, works and immortal memory are celebrated at Burn's Suppers across the world by millions of people on 25 January every year.

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Community Energy Project

It was great to meet with Alan Roseweir, Project Lead for the Wallacetown Community Energy Project. The project has identified three publicly owned buildings, all schools in Wallacetown, for a feasibility study to host PV (Solar Panels) on their roofs to generate sustainable energy. In addition to helping the schools reduce their energy bills, any income will be used within the community.



PC George Taylor

In 1976, whilst on duty near Carstairs, Lanarkshire, PC George Taylor was brutally murdered by two men who had already murdered two members of staff in order to escape from a nearby psychiatric hospital. His family have campaigned for over 46 years to have his sacrifice officially recognised without success. I was pleased to speak in support of a Motion tabled by Wendy Chamberlain MP to have this rectified and also raised the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in 1984, as a similar case.



Asda Support Continues

Glad to hear that Asda will be continuing their cost of living support throughout their stores in 2023. Their popular 'Kids Eat for £1' and 'Winter Warmers' £1 deal for pensioners will both be extended to the end of March 2023. The 10% discount for emergency workers will also be extended to at least the end of March 2023.

ASDA

Drink Spiking

I was pleased to be able to speak in the debate on Drink Spiking and in support of proposed specific legislation.

I had prepared a 10/12 minute speech, but as there were so many MP's wishing to speak in this important debate, a time limit of 3 minutes was imposed for each speaker immediately before the debate began. You can watch my contribution on my social media pages.



PC David Carrick

As a former Detective Inspector in the Metropolitan Police, I was shocked and horrified that the crimes committed by PC David Carrick had gone unreported and undetected for so long.

I urged the Home Secretary to confirm that a full investigation will take place immediately to identify and prosecute any police officer or member of police staff who did not report or investigate complaints about PC Carrick.



Night Before Christmas Campaign

I was pleased to be able to submit an Early Day Motion (EDM) recognising and congratulating the inspirational Jodie McFarlane and her family and the outstanding commitment shown by the team of over 100 volunteers of the Night Before Christmas Campaign. Since 2015 they have worked tirelessly to relieve the effects of poverty by ensuring that as many children throughout South West Scotland receive a gift or present at Christmas.



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Holocaust Memorial Day

On Holocaust Memorial Day I lit a candle to remember the millions who were murdered by the Nazis, and those lives lost in genocides since.

We must never forget the horrors of the Holocaust, and together must challenge racism, prejudice and hatred.



Wellington School

At the invitation of Wellington School, I was delighted to give a (non political) presentation to the students of the S3, National 5 Modern Studies Class. My talk and their questions focused on the role and work of a Member of Parliament in the Constituency and in Parliament. Great to meet the students and learn of their interest in political representation and modern democracy.



Blackthorn Salt

I was delighted to recently submit an Early Day Motion (EDM) congratulating Gregorie and Whirly Marshall and their small team at Blackthorn Salt, Ayr, on receiving numerous awards for their environmentally friendly and sustainable method of producing artisan salt crystals by the process of using water from the sea nearby.

Photo shows me presenting the EDM to Whirly Marshall.

