

# Stuart McMillan MSP

GREENOCK AND INVERCLYDE CONSTITUENCY

Hello and welcome to the October 2018 edition of my Regular Newsletter



The Scottish Parliament had a two-week break for recess at the beginning of October which allowed me to spend valuable time in the constituency and hold three transport surgeries with Cllrs. Jim McEleny, Jim MacLeod, and Jim Crowther. Transport is one of my top priorities given that constituents contact me about it on a weekly basis, which is why I also held a meeting with ScotRail boss Alex Hynes this month.

I also met volunteers from St. Andrew's First Aid Inverclyde Company who gave me an overview of what they do and demonstrated some basic first aid. I'm glad there is now a training centre in Greenock and hope more people learn CPR and first aid as these are life-saving skills.

At the Beacon, I watched "I'm Over Here", a childhood bereavement play based on real case studies from the Ardgowan Hospice's Butterfly Service, which offers support to children and young people when a family member has a life-limiting illness.

Performed by Greenock Players Youth, this was extremely powerful and thought provoking.



Stuart with St. Andrew's First Aid Inverclyde Company volunteers



Stuart with Mike Condron and Ann Walsh from Enterprise Childcare, and Childcare Minister, Maree Todd MSP

After meeting Enterprise Childcare in the summer, I invited the Minister for Children and Young People to Inverclyde to visit their facilities.

It was great to see the nursery and Kids Fun Club in action and learn more about the services they offer.

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I hosted two events in Parliament this month—one to mark 225 years of the Royal Blind providing services to blind and partially sighted children and adults, and another to celebrate Cloch Housing Association's 50th anniversary.

As Convenor of the Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment, it was a pleasure to help the Royal Blind celebrate this milestone. It was also a privilege to welcome Cloch to Parliament in recognition of their achievements in providing social housing to the people of Inverclyde over the past 50 years.



Stuart with Royal Blind's Chief Executive, Mark O'Donnell, and Mental Health Minister, Clare Haughey MSP

As a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe & External Affairs Committee, I spoke in the Scottish Screen Sector debate. Various programmes and films have been shot in Inverclyde, which is why I'm calling for a film studio to be based in the constituency.



Stuart at Cloch's event with David Bookbinder (Glasgow & West of Scotland Housing Form), Paul McVey (Cloch's Director), Housing Minister Kevin Stewart MSP, and Julieanne Scarlett (Cloch)

I also asked the Health Secretary about NHS Scotland's performance. Overall, our health service is performing well despite clear challenges, which all MSPs agree are a priority, but constantly discussing our health service in negative terms only serves to undermine the NHS.

As part of my commitment to highlight local health issues, I met with the Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde this month.

I also attended the SNP Autumn Conference 2018 where I led a debate regarding shipbuilding in Inverclyde. My resolution on the subject was passed.

I visited Inverclyde Academy to see their WW1 War Memorial, which was re-installed after being in storage for many years. This memorial is a roll call to those from the former Gourock High School who survived and died during the war. I also met Modern Studies pupils from Notre Dame High School who asked me about my role as their MSP and how the Scottish Parliament operates.

Inverkip's Kip Marina hosted Scotland's Boat Show which I attended. This is a great advert for Inverclyde as many spectators come from outside the area. I'm delighted the event gets bigger every year.



Stuart with Inverclyde Academy's WW1 War Memorial

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### Drop-in Surgeries

Last Friday of every month  
(except July and December)

**10.00 Am** Port Glasgow Library

**13.00 Pm** Gourock Library

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