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for Edinburgh North and Leith

Hello!

It's been a busy and fulfilling month here in Edinburgh North and Leith and down at Westminster. I've been listening to local concerns, working with community groups, and speaking up for our area in Parliament. Here's a quick update on some of the things I've been doing, both locally and nationally.

Easter recess in Edinburgh North and Leith

It was great to take some time over Easter recess to get out and about across the constituency, helped along by some good weather!

I had the pleasure of visiting St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh, where I learned more about their outstanding chorister programme. It was fantastic to hear about its continued success and its recent expansion in to both primary and secondary schools across the city.



It was also a joy to join Newhaven Coastal Rowing for a wonderful community event celebrating 900 years of Newhaven's history. The event brought together many local voluntary organisations, and it was especially exciting to see the launch of the new skiff, *Dòchas* — Gaelic for “hope” — by none other than the incredible Dame Katherine Grainger.



I had a great catch-up with Change Mental Health, hearing more about the vital work they're doing to support mental health in communities across Edinburgh. Their commitment to local wellbeing continues to inspire.

One of the highlights of the recess was visiting the Old Royal High School. I was really impressed by the progress already made on the preservation work, and I'm looking forward to following the restoration.



I was honoured to attend the official opening of the new Charles Hammond Berth at the Port of Leith. This impressive deep-water berth, part of Forth Ports' £100million+ investment, will transform the port into a world-class hub for offshore renewable energy. Built to accommodate the world's largest offshore wind turbine installation vessels, it will play a key role in delivering the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm.

Named in tribute to former CEO Charles Hammond, this investment represents real progress in our just transition to net zero, bringing benefits to communities like ours, from clean energy to long-term jobs in the green economy.



I also held a productive surgery in Leith, which offered a great opportunity to catch up with constituents and hear about the issues that matter to them.

Over Easter recess, Parliament was recalled for an important reason, I was proud to be there. News that Scunthorpe had been saved shows that we are serious about protecting our industrial base and standing up for working people across the UK.

CAP Awards

Last month, I had the privilege of presenting the Community Alcohol Partnerships award to the North East Edinburgh division in recognition of their Innovative Youth Engagement and Community Impact efforts at a Westminster event.

It's truly inspiring to see their hard work and dedication being celebrated, particularly in light of the outstanding achievement of a 56% reduction in weekly alcohol consumption among 13-15-year-olds in Edinburgh and Orkney.

A huge congratulations to PC Ania Morrison and PC Lauren Munro once again for their exceptional contributions!



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