

John Mason MSP

Parliamentary Patter

Glasgow Shettleston



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John outside Holyrood.

Protecting Tenants

Parliament passes legislation to protect tenants during the Cost of Living Crisis

John was pleased to support the Government in bringing forward a bill which will protect renters from exploitative rent increases and eviction over the challenging winter months.

This policy will be in place, in the first case, till March 2023. Tenants, namely private renters, are often some of the most at risk to the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis. Though John supports the bill fully, he and other colleagues, expressed concern about the effect this will have on housing associations and home building. The Scottish Government assured consultation with the sector has taken place on this issue.

St Mungo's Museum

John visited the re-opened St Mungo's Museum.

The reopening was for the 40th anniversary of Stella Reekie's death. She is attributed to be the founder of interfaith relations in modern Scotland, an issue John is passionate about in his role as convenor of the Cross Party Group on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

Investment in Glasgow

John met online with Scottish Enterprise about the ambitions and work they are doing to attract more investment to the Glasgow area while also supporting companies through the difficult economic situation currently. Scottish Enterprise hope to make Scotland a European location for investment with new market opportunities.

New Era For Healthcare in Parkhead

While out and about in the constituency, John was pleased to see the progress of the new health and social care hub across from The Forge. The facility will also be providing community spaces such as bookable rooms, library and cafe facilities.

Cost of Living Help

Helpful one page guide for information on Cost of Living support

As has been mentioned in the last few editions of *Parliamentary Patter*, John and office staff are available to help those struggling with ongoing financial pressures. The constituency office staff have compiled a condensed factsheet of support available and how to apply or receive this support. If you or a family member are in need of advice, please drop into the office and pick up a sheet.

The office is open 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday at 1335 Gallowgate, G31 4DN.



John with performers at Eastbank Academy.

Educating Through Drama

John visited Eastbank Academy for a drama production on the dangers of underage & excessive drinking. This allowed the pupils to watch the performance and then discuss the issue and ask questions while giving their own opinions on standing up to peer pressure.

John's Climate Commitment

John joined parliamentary colleagues in making a climate pledge with Do Nation as part of Scottish Climate Week. John made the promise to reduce his consumption of meat and have 2 or 3 days each week completely meat free for the next 2 months.

Meeting ME Action

John met with ME Action Scotland activists outside Parliament to hear about the clear lack of understanding of ME still today. John reiterated that public finances are tight but, supports all that can be done to increase support for those suffering from the condition and increase funding for research into ME.

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14:00 – Bridgeton Library,
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3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
14:00 – Shettleston Library,
154 Wellshot Road, G32 7AZ

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
14:00 – Baillieston Library,
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