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John at GirlGuiding in Parliament

SPT

John took part in the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) Bus Summit this month, where discussions focused on the future of bus services across the region. He met with industry professionals to consider SPT's work on improving services, including exploring a franchised bus system like those in London and Manchester, though such a model would require greater public subsidy. Key challenges were highlighted, including slow bus speeds, unreliable services, and poor road conditions. John supports SPT's efforts to address these issues and is committed to helping deliver a faster, fairer and more accessible bus network.

Cats Protection

John thoroughly enjoyed meeting with Cats Protection in Parliament, where their manifesto took centre stage. Key highlights included the call for compulsory microchipping, an end to breeding cats with extreme physical traits, greater regulation of cat cafés, and raising awareness that lilies are highly toxic to cats. Of course, one important question still lingers, should John get a cat or a dog before he retires?

GirlGuiding Scotland

John met with Girlguiding Scotland in Parliament to discuss a range of important issues, including girls' safety when socialising, travelling, at school, and online, as well as equal access to healthcare, and expanding opportunities in sport/youth work. They also highlighted the growing interest from girls wanting to join, while acknowledging that a shortage of volunteer leaders is making it difficult to meet demand.

Merry Christmas! (Scots Article)

John paid a veesit tae his first Christmas market o the year in Brighton. He wis fair pleased tae see the braw variety o things on offer an share the Christmas cheer wi the community. John an the office wad like tae wish awbody a Guid Yule an a Happy New Year!

Includem

John met with Includem at Holyrood, where they held constructive discussions on housing and the lived experiences of young people and families. The need for affordable, accessible housing remains pressing, particularly for care-experienced young people who require greater support in securing a safe place to live. Concerns were also raised about families currently residing in unsuitable accommodation and what can be done to improve the situation.



John with Includem at Parliament

Scotland National Team

John would like to extend his heartfelt congratulations to the Scottish National Team for their tremendous and hard fought World Cup qualification. This achievement is especially meaningful as Scotland last qualified in 1998, the same year John was first elected as a local councillor. He also sends warm congratulations to the wider Scottish community, whose passion and unwavering support helped drive them forward.

Showman's Guild

John attended the annual Showman's Guild Lunch, where he met with fellow colleagues as well as members of the Showpeople community. Discussions focused on key issues such as licensing, local authority fees, media coverage of shows, and the industry's strong track record on safety. John continues to show his support for the group and remains committed to working with them on challenging matters.

Kelvin College

At Parliament, John welcomed representatives from Glasgow Kelvin College and learned about the College's significant impact across the north and east of Glasgow. Delivering education to more than 14,000 students, the conversation covered the need for greater funding flexibility, the growing demand for apprentices, and the benefits of adopting multi-year funding arrangements.

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