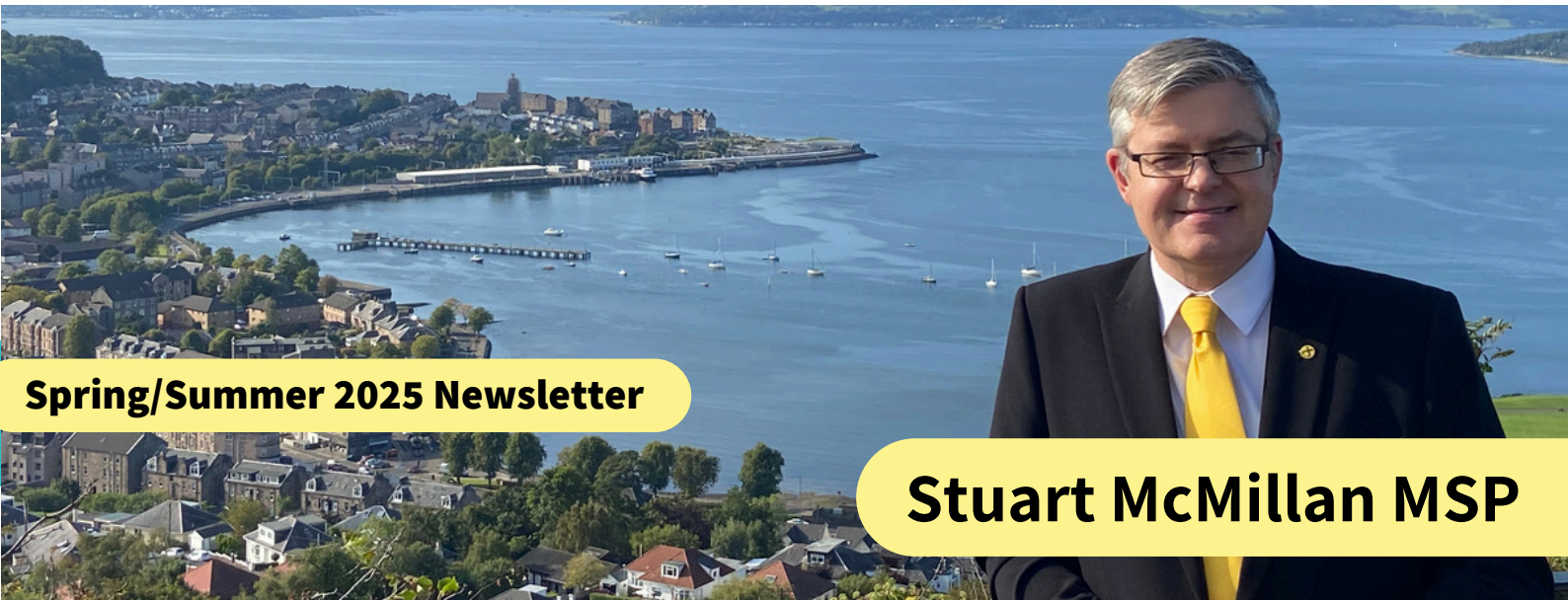




Spring/Summer 2025 Newsletter

Stuart McMillan MSP

HELLO AND WELCOME TO MY LATEST NEWSLETTER.

The last few months leading up to summer recess are always busy – with numerous Bills before the Scottish Parliament being debated at Stage 3 before MSPs vote on whether it should become law.

Although only at Stage 1, one of the Bills that has dominated this period has been **Liam McArthur MSP's Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill**.

I've received a huge volume of correspondence about this subject since being re-elected in 2021 – with **over 400 constituents getting in touch to advise me of their position**.

Knowing this would be debated this parliamentary term, I met with many people and organisations over the last four years who are both advocates and opponents of the Bill.

I treated this Bill in isolation, notwithstanding the two previous Bills which I voted against.

After much careful consideration, **I did not feel I could support Liam's Bill**. I took a considerable time to arrive at this decision and it was not one I took lightly. Regardless of how I voted, I could not please everyone.

The Bill passed and is now at Stage 2. I will lodge amendments to help ensure robust safeguards are included, should the Bill pass at Stage 3.



In May, Stuart attended Playlist for Life's parliamentary exhibition

Stuart's office took on over **740 new cases during April, May and June** — highlighting his commitment to supporting constituents and local businesses.

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April highlights

During April, I **spoke in two debates** and **asked three questions** on topics including health, social care and fuel poverty.

I was also delighted to welcome Inverclyde Chamber of Commerce President, Lizzy Todd, to this year's **Business in Parliament Conference**.

During Easter recess, I visited local groups that take place during the week that I can't normally attend due to being in Parliament. This included **visiting Larkfield Community Centre's Warm Hand of Friendship drop-in**, and **participating in a Dance for Parkinson's class** at the Beacon Arts Centre.

I also spent a day **shadowing Isla, a Scottish SPCA Inspector**, to see what her job involves on a daily basis.

Other local visits and meetings in April included:

- **St Michael's Primary School**
- **Meeting the new Police Divisional Commander, CSI Rhona Fraser**
- Attending the **Worker's Memorial Day Service**
- **Public meeting for Shore Street residents** to discuss building improvement works with RCH



Stuart and Lizzy Todd at the Business in Parliament Conference 2025



Stuart creating an Easter Bonnet at Larkfield Community Centre



Stuart shadowed a Scottish SPCA Inspector for the day



Stuart taking part in a Dance for Parkinson's class at the Beacon

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May highlights

In May, I **spoke in three debates and asked 13 questions** on issues including wraparound care for ASN children, gambling harm, the MV Glen Rosa, and local depopulation challenges.

In Parliament, I attended several parliamentary events and exhibitions, including **Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland's Tartan Tea Party** photocall.

Ahead of hosting a **drop-in event with Virgin Money in June**, I **visited their Greenock branch** to learn more about how they're tackling financial and digital inclusion in Scotland.

It was also a pleasure to **welcome Pastor Paul Coventry to the Parliament to lead Time for Reflection**, having nominated him to take part.

May also saw another group of American students arrive in Inverclyde from Spring Arbor University, and I was yet again delighted to organise a community day for them – **helping out at Morton in the Community and also at the new community garden in Devol**.

Other local visits in May included:

- **Kilmacolm and Port Glasgow Show**
- **Gourock Highland Games**
- **The Big Clyde Beach Clean Picnic**
- **Shamanic Echoes**



Stuart at the Kilmacolm
& Port Glasgow Show in
The Knapps



Stuart visiting Virgin
Money's Greenock branch



Stuart helping at the new community garden in
Devol with American students visiting Inverclyde



Stuart supporting Chest, Heart & Stroke
Scotland's Tartan Tea Party

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June highlights

In June, I **led a Member's Debate** marking the **60th anniversary of the Scottish Law Commission**, and **asked 5 questions** on topics including UK Government funding and supporting young people's neurodivergence.

In Parliament, I **showed my support for Carers Week** as I recognise the selfless work that carers do to support their loved ones.

There was lots to celebrate in the local community in June – the **Gourock Garden Party**, the **Kip Fest in Inverkip**, and the **Comet Festival in Port Glasgow** which was extended to the full weekend to mark Port Glasgow's 250th birthday this year.

June also saw the **official opening of Ardgowan Distillery** – and I **was delighted to welcome the Deputy First Minister** to Inverclyde for the occasion. I **was also honoured to pipe at the event**.

Other local visits and meetings in June included:

- **Public meeting with Prospecthill St residents & RCH**
- **Clyde Coast Radio**
- **Recovery Café** in Greenock East End
- **Merino Court Care Home**
- **RBS Mortgage Centre**



Stuart supporting Carers Week



Stuart at Inverclyde STEM Festival



Stuart and the Deputy First Minister on the very first tour of Ardgowan Distillery



Stuart at the Comet Festival celebrating Port Glasgow's 250th birthday

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