

Campaigning for Better Communities



◀ Winning More Wardens

Renfrewshire will get over £1 million in the next 2 years to support its successful Neighbourhood Warden Scheme.

▶ Halt to Happy Hours

Anti-social binge drinking, causes misery. Wendy said: "I am campaigning for a halt to daytime Happy Hours which encourages binge drinking and can often lead to violence in the community."



Wendy is backing the Renfrewshire Against Drugs campaign. This year over 94 people have been arrested locally on drug dealing offences. Over £200,000 has been confiscated in drugs and cash as a result.

If you have any information call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Wendy Backs Drugs Campaign ▼



Bringing Dignity in Retirement ▼



Wendy working hard to ensure all pensioners have dignity in retirement. Pensioners now qualify for free personal care, free local bus travel, free eye tests and free central heating. The UK Government has added a minimum £200 winter fuel payment, free TV licences and the pension credit, but local pensioners need to claim these new entitlements.

Wendy has published a new local guide to help Renfrewshire pensioners make sense of what is on offer. For your copy please write to Wendy at Mile End, 12 Seedhill Road, Paisley, PA1 1JS.

▶ Warmer Winters for Pensioners



From Wendy: "One of my proudest moments as a minister was developing the Free Central Heating Scheme - a scheme still missing in England. No longer do our poorest pensioners have to choose between heating and eating. Yet I amazingly still meet local pensioners who have no idea that they could qualify for help. If you know someone who is over 60 and does not have a central heating system - have them call 0800 316 1653 now to see how they can benefit."

Wendy Alexander MSP

PARLIAMENTARY REPORT



SPRING 2004

Tough New Laws to Tackle Crime



• "Stronger measures to deal with Graffiti, Fly Tipping & Nuisance Neighbours"

• "Ban the sale of Spray Paint to under 16's"

• "Holding Irresponsible Parents to account for the actions of their Children"

"Make Vandals clean up their own mess"

Vandals, neighbours from hell and jobs are to be targeted by tough new laws being backed by Wendy Alexander MSP.

Wendy held an Anti-Social Behaviour consultation in Paisley last year, asking residents from across Paisley, Linwood and Renfrew to tell her what they wanted to see done to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Local residents have now been credited with shaping the new Anti-Social Behaviour Bill which Wendy has backed in Parliament. Paisley constituents also called for action against rogue off licences selling drink illegally to youngsters - now the Executive has proposed a new clampdown.

Welcoming the new laws Wendy said: "This bill belongs to my constituents in

Paisley, Linwood and Renfrew because it is based on their experiences. These new laws are the laws local people asked for. I am supporting the decent hard working people of my constituency who have had enough of vandals, irresponsible parents and gangs who are spoiling their community."

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Find out what the Scottish Parliament is doing for Education



Campaigning for 20's Plenty Zones

How to contact Wendy

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Meet Her:

at an advice surgery from 4pm till 5pm
on the dates shown opposite.

Surgery details

1st Friday of the month
Linwood Advice Works 4 - 5pm

2nd Friday of the month
Renfrew Town Hall 4 - 5pm

3rd Friday of the month
Constituency Office,
12 Seedhill Road Paisley 4 - 5pm

4th Friday of the month
Tannahill Centre, Ferguslie 4 - 5pm

Wendy campaigning for you...

- Saving Johnstone Hospital
- New Renfrew Health Centre
- Cutting Speeding in Paisley
- Road Safety in Linwood
- Helping Pensioners
- Renfrewshire Against Drugs
- Better Bus Services
- Control of Fireworks
- Anti Nuisance Neighbours
- Tackling Vandalism

To contact your Local MSP please see details on back page

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Working for the Residents of Paisley North



▲ Twenty's Plenty Zones Save Lives

Appallingly there were 16 children fatally or seriously injured trying to cross a road in Renfrewshire last year. Almost £1m is being invested in an effort to reduce the number of children injured, 20mph Zones will be introduced around all local schools in Paisley, Linwood and Renfrew.

Wendy said: "20mph Zones are good news for anyone with a young family: when 20mph Zones are introduced accidents fall by 67%."

Wendy is also campaigning to go further, with mandatory speed limits around the busiest schools.



▲ Campaigning for Renfrew . . .

Wendy has helped lead the campaign for a new Renfrew Health Centre - with a growing town a new health centre is badly needed.

More Doctors . . .

Argyll & Clyde Health Board now employ 50 more doctors and 200 more nurses than 7 years ago. Wendy said: "Services are improving but we need to do more to cut waiting lists."



◀ Investment Boost for Local Schools

A multi million pound new investment programme has been promised to modernise, rebuild and refurbish Renfrewshire Schools. Two new secondary schools and four new primary schools are planned.

▲ New Information for Parents

Parents can now get instant and easy access to information about local schools from www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk, which contains exam results, attendance rates, inspector's reports etc. Alternatively parents can call **0870 333 2870** for information about their child's school.



▲ Challenging Exploitation . . .

Wendy urging Paisley Grammar pupils to 'claim their rights' with the first ever minimum wage for 16 and 17 year olds, starting in October 2004.

▲ Tackling Discrimination . . .

Wendy working with the disabled community in Paisley North to ensure better parking spaces outside their homes, at shopping centres and local amenities.



▲ Better Buses

Wendy winning better bus services to Largs for this summer. She said: "Having given all pensioners free bus passes, we now need better local bus services."



▲ Action on Dog Fouling

Wendy is supporting new measures on dog fouling in Paisley. In the future, owners of offending pets will face fixed penalty fines of £60.



▲ New Fireworks Laws

Tough new controls on fireworks are on the way. Wendy Alexander MSP voted to support the Fireworks Bill in the Scottish Parliament. The new laws will:

- Remove the licences of shops who sell fireworks to children;
- Limit the time of year when fireworks can be sold;
- Restrict the time of day, circumstances and places where fireworks can be used;
- Ban particularly dangerous fireworks and regulate the safety of organised displays;

Welcoming the laws, Wendy said: "I know how fed up local people are with the irresponsible use of fireworks. No one wants to be a killjoy, but we need to tackle the nuisance and danger of the misuse of fireworks."



▲ Saving Johnstone Hospital

Wendy supported the campaign to Save Johnstone Hospital. This important victory retained vital beds for our frail elderly, and new modern residential homes for the more active are on the way.