



HOLYROOD UPDATE

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EVENTS IN PAISLEY NORTH...

- Organised **Heritage Lottery Fund** meeting with local groups and MSP's Hugh Henry and Trish Godman
- Visited **Linwood High School** to congratulate pupils on Xmas campaign
- Visited Strathclyde Police '**Safety and Security**' stand at Braehead
- Visited **Salvation Army** to donate Xmas gifts
- Attended display by **St. Mirrin's Scouts** and presented lottery award
- Met with new **Community Health worker** in Linwood
- Opened **BAA Business Support Centre** at Hillington
- Met with **Scottish Enterprise Renfrewshire**
- Presented **Renfrewshire Carers Association** with a prestigious **Investors In People Award**
- Met with **Hugh Henry MSP and Superintendent Kenny Murray** of Paisley K division re: Antisocial Behaviour.

This will be my last monthly newsletter until I return to work after my maternity leave.

GLASGOW AIRPORT JOBS BOOST

150 new jobs at Glasgow airport will be created within the next two years.

Airport operators BAA have increased the workforce at their Business Support Centre (BSC) in Hillington. The news will see the workforce rise to a total of 350 by 2008.

The BSC provides a wide range of services for the BAA group.

I was delighted when the BSC arrived in Hillington in 2000 and I welcome this latest expansion. It's a matter of real pride that we have a support centre for one of the world's largest airport operators here in Renfrewshire.



Wendy with BAA Business Support Centre managing director Jo Hart

The BSC has grown to become an important resource for BAA's airports and I think this latest expansion is a tremendous reflection of the success of the team at the BSC and the important work they do on behalf of BAA.

PRAISE FOR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS

I paid a visit to Paisley Fire Station to pay tribute to our local fire-fighters. There has been only one fatality over the 2004/05 period in Paisley and no fatalities in Renfrew over the past 2 years.

This progress is in part thanks to the efforts of the guys at the Paisley station in educating local communities.

The Fire and Rescue services, in partnership with the Scottish Executive, are working on a

number of initiatives aimed at fire prevention, including plans to purchase and install 10-year-life smoke detectors in homes on request.



Wendy with Paisley Fire-fighters.