



HOLYROOD UPDATE

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EVENTS IN PAISLEY NORTH...

- Organised a public meeting between Renfrew residents and T-Mobile
- Met with Reid Kerr community managers
- Presented Reid Furniture with an Investors In People Award
- Met with Renfrew Cricket Club about lottery funding
- Consulted with Health Minister Andy Kerr on the Renfrew Health Centre
- Lodged a Parliamentary motion to congratulate St. Mirren FC
- Supported local campaigns to save the Accord Hospice
- Backed Glasgow's bid to host the Commonwealth Games in 201
- Investigated traffic concerns in Renfrew

TOUGHER SCENTENCES FOR CARRYING KNIVES

Knife crime has plagued the West of Scotland for too long. This month a range of new measures were announced to help tackle the problem.

A new knife amnesty came into force. Initiatives like this have already proved successful in reducing local crime levels and getting weapons off the streets.

The Scottish Executive has also announced funding for 1,000 more hand-held metal detectors to help detect knife carriers.

Prosecution guidance on



Wendy with Inspector Brian Lennox at a recent knife amnesty

knife crime has also been changed to ensure those persistently caught carrying a knife will be dealt more efficiently and face stiffer penalties.

We need to convince all our young people that carrying knives does not make them safer.

BOWLED OVER BY CRICKETERS

I recently visited Renfrew Cricket Club to celebrate a £5,000 lottery fund windfall. The cash boost has allowed the team to buy much needed equipment for the season ahead.

Renfrew are now enjoying life in the Scottish National Cricket League First Division and have a thriving youth section with some of Scotland's future stars making their way through the ranks.

Their success is down to hard work, enthusiasm and a fantastic club spirit.

I wish all the teams well in the rest of the season and look forward to hearing of further victories for the club.



Wendy with Renfrew Cricketers.

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