

Renfrewshire pioneers neighbourhood wardens

Ferguslie's wardens' efforts to stamp out anti-social behaviour have earned them a prestigious *Standing Up to Antisocial Behaviour* award. Wendy says, "The wardens do a magnificent job of combating anti-social behaviour in their area.

"Renfrewshire led the way in pioneering neighbourhood wardens.

"There are now wardens in Ferguslie, St James, Gallowhill and Shortroods. In all those communities people feel safer."

Ferguslie wardens win award for going above and beyond the call of duty in tackling anti-social behaviour.



Gallowhill residents involved in road safety



People in Gallowhill are rightly concerned following a spate of accidents, including the tragic death of six year old Kirsty Greig.

Wendy has secured guarantees from

traffic police bosses and she says, "They have now agreed a three point safety action plan to reduce speeding, including:

■ Traffic police to discuss residents' sug-

gestions with the Council;

- The use of hi-tech equipment to gauge vehicle speeds in the area;
- An increased police presence until the speed survey is complete.

"By Christmas, the Council will have painted 20mph signs at the entrances to Renfrew Road, Montgomery Road, Brewster Avenue and Dundonald Road.

"The community's efforts should improve road safety and reduce the likelihood of further tragedies."

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MEET HER at an advice surgery on:

- 1st Friday of the month
Linwood Tweddle Hall 4-5pm
- 2nd Friday of the month
Renfrew Town Hall 4-5pm
- 3rd Monday of the month
Constituency Office (Seedhill Rd.) 4.30-5.30pm
- 4th Monday of the month
Tannahill Centre, Ferguslie 4.30-5.30pm

Wendy Alexander MSP

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Make Paisley town centre

a thriving area again

Wendy Alexander is campaigning hard for a new start for Paisley town centre.

Wendy said, "The growth of out-of-town retail parks like Braehead means town centres across the UK now face greater competition than ever before.

"However, I believe Paisley can rise to the challenge. I'm supporting a series of measures that should significantly improve the town centre within a couple of years including:

- Better street cleaning, replacement seating and litter bins;
- New street wardens;

- Tackling graffiti and litter;
- An increased police presence to combat crime and create a safer environment;
- A "Town Centre for Business" grant scheme to encourage new enterprises;

- Incentives to improve shop fronts and the productive short-term use of empty shops;
- Improved marketing and promotion of Paisley's cultural assets;
- Improvements to Gilmour Street station and Central Road bus area.

"Many of these steps were recommended in a recent report to the Council. There is no going back. We need to breathe new life into the town centre over the next decade.

"Our aim must be for Paisley town centre to become a thriving, bustling area once more, serving all residents of the town.

"I want quick action on measures to improve Paisley Town Centre."



Wendy gets things done

Paisley schools are top of the class



Wendy at the new St. Andrews Academy.

Youngsters in Paisley are benefiting from massive investment in local education, including 10 brand new schools across Renfrewshire.

Wendy says, "£5.5 million is being spent on the new primary school in Ferguslie.

"Pupils at St Fergus Primary will also see their school upgraded in the next few years.

"£17 million has been invested in the new St Andrews Academy and Paisley Grammar will also benefit from £2.5 million of improvements.

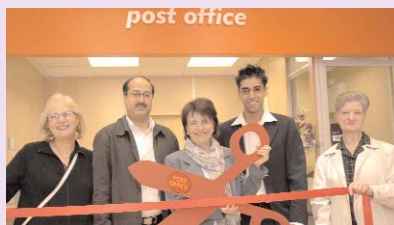
"The best facilities, combined with more teachers, great teaching and guaranteed nursery places are my priorities to give local children the best possible start in life."

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Post Office is 1st class

Wendy campaigned for, and was invited to open, (see across) the new Wellmeadow Post Office in Paisley North. Wendy says, "I was delighted to open this new branch. Many local people, especially older people, depend on their Post Offices. The Broomlands Road Post Office will be a vital asset to the local community."



500 new houses for Shortroods

Wendy is supporting the building of 500 new houses in the North End.

Wendy successfully lobbied Communities Scotland to invest in the North End.

This has seen the rebuilding of Shortroods with 140 new homes for rent and 360 private homes also being built.

Wendy says, "I also want to see a new supermarket for the North End on the Love Street site.

"That way the Saints should get the new stadium they deserve."

Sink the Stink

Wendy is lobbying Scottish Water to deal once and for all with the sewage works' stench.

Wendy gets things done

Working hard for Paisley's pensioners

Free Buses: The 16,000 people in Paisley over 60 are entitled to free, unrestricted bus travel throughout Scotland.

Almost 13,000 Paisley pensioners are now enjoying the benefits of travelling around the country without having to pay a penny.

When Wendy was Transport Minister in 2001, she fought for and put in place the arrangements for the first Concessionary Travel Scheme for pensioners.

Older members of the community who have yet to take advantage of

the scheme can find out more by phoning: 0141 333 3211.

Homeowners and private tenants over 60 and without central heating may qualify for the Executive's free central heating programme.

Wendy was the Minister in 2000 who introduced this measure, which has helped lead to the lowest levels of winter deaths ever recorded.

NHS: Pensioners in Paisley can also get free NHS prescriptions and eye tests. Many are entitled to help with other costs like NHS dental treatment.

To find out more about the potential benefits available to pensioners please ask for a copy of Wendy's **Dignity in Retirement** booklet by phoning her office on 0141 560 1025.

Wendy: "Give us more community policing."

Wendy says tackling anti-social behaviour is a personal priority for her.

She says, "In Parliament I have argued for the legal powers necessary to protect decent citizens.

"In recent years I have called for action at local hotspots like Barshaw Park.

"The Scottish Executive has given the police more powers to combat the problem.

"The police can now:

- Disperse groups of trouble-makers more easily than before;

"I want effective action to tackle underage drinking."



- Issue Anti-Social Behaviour Orders;
- Seize boy-racers' vehicles;

- Issue spot fines for littering, graffiti, permitting dog-fouling and causing excessive noise.

"Strathclyde Police now has over 1500 extra officers since 1999.

"I want to see community policing given the

priority it deserves and full use made of these new powers.

"Now I want effective action to tackle underage drinking, including:

- banning happy hours;
- giving the right to communities to object to the granting of more licences;
- jail sentences for those who persistently sell alcohol to youngsters."