

365 Days

£303,896.09
in Financial
Gains

Over 300
Written
Questions

26 EDMs




Pre-1997 Pension Compensation

Recently, I met with the Chancellor and Pensions Minister, where I pressed the case for “pre-97” pensioners.

As a result of our meeting, the Chancellor announced in the budget that all pensions accrued pre-1997 would be indexed for inflation in the Pension Protection Fund. This will finally deliver justice for 26,000 pensioners in Scotland

This year, I have opened 7,739 cases with constituents. I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me this year, and assure you that my office is always here to help. I'm looking forward to another year representing this wonderful community!

If you haven't already, please do sign up to my monthly newsletter here: 

Rare Cancers Bill-

Many of you either suffer from or know someone affected by a rare cancer—like my late father-in-law, who had a brain tumour. In fact, 47% of all cancer diagnoses are classified as 'rare and less common' yet these receive disproportionately little attention in research and clinical trials. That's why I introduced my Private Member's Bill: to change this imbalance. With the backing of over 40 cancer charities, the Bill proposes measures to accelerate the discovery of new treatments.

This progress wouldn't be possible without the advocacy of constituents like “Kira The Machine” and the Anderson family.

The Bill has passed its Third Reading in the Commons, and is scheduled to enter its Second reading in the Lords on the 16th January.



Dr Scott Arthur MP

Serving the Communities of Edinburgh South West

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



As we welcome the New Year, I'm looking forward to the new opportunities it brings for our community. Through our community hub in Fountainbridge, my team and I have supported thousands of residents with a wide range of issues, and in Parliament I've continued to raise your concerns - from community mental health support to job creation in Edinburgh South West.

It remains a privilege to serve you in Parliament, and in the year ahead I'll continue working hard to champion local priorities and support you however I can.

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and hopeful 2026. If there's anything you need, my office is always here to help.

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Wins for our community



Improved Transport Links for Curriehill Station-

After writing to the Council on your behalf, there will be a 20% increase in parking provision for the station. This means less vehicles crowding our roads and easier access to transport links into the City Centre.

Dreghorn military housing victory -

Campaigning by my team and residents resulted in a deal being agreed with the Council to purchase 38 MoD homes near Dreghorn Barracks preventing 15 families from becoming homeless - a fantastic result for the community.



Mobile Phone Ban in Schools-

After engaging with parents and teachers in Edinburgh South West, I submitted a report to the Council on mobile phone use in schools. This supported the Council's ongoing efforts to move towards a ban across Edinburgh schools.

The Council already moved in November to implement a ban on mobile phones in primary schools, and are consulting on a High School ban for this year. I am pleased to have played a role in supporting local parents in this process. This has secured a huge win for parents, teachers and pupils in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Fireworks -

Too many residents will remember the lawlessness associated with last year's bonfire night, particularly in Sighthill. My efforts to prevent this happening again has included persuading major supermarkets to cease selling fireworks in Edinburgh, and working with local police.

Thanks to these actions, we saw a notable reduction in antisocial behaviour this Bonfire Night.



Alistair Darling Award-

I am excited to announce the launch of the Alistair Darling Award, offering S5 students the chance to enter an essay competition, with winners receiving a short internship in my office. Successful applicants will gain first-hand experience in public affairs, communications, and policy - continuing Alistair Darling's legacy of service and learning.



Dangerous Bikes-

Too many residents in Edinburgh South West have been put at risk by dangerous E-bikes and dirt bikes. Last month, I chaired a public meeting with residents and the police to discuss the situation. It is critical that residents' concerns are listened to, and acted on, to ensure everyone feels safe in our community.



Pride in Place-

My team and I have worked diligently to prepare a neighbourhood proposal for Wester Hailes to secure a £20 million Pride and Place grant. While we await the outcome of our submission, the collaboration between local charities, community groups, and residents has already proven invaluable. Together, we have created a detailed development plan that responds directly to community needs, and I am committed to helping make it a reality.