Bill writes...

“Since my annual report was published in May, I’ve been very busy meeting local groups across the Glasgow Anniesland constituency and working for constituents on a range of matters.

“I recently visited a community pharmacy in Old Drumchapel, where I heard from staff about the role they play in improving people’s health and wellbeing. Pharmacy staff now provide a range of advice on minor ailments as well as their traditional role of dispensing medicines.

“It was clear that those using the pharmacy had a high regard and trust for staff and they received a friendly and professional service in return.

“The Scottish Government’s policy of free prescriptions has been very well received by constituents; I was glad to see an end to the tax on ill-health. I am proud of our health service in Scotland and the variety of support we can offer to people in every community.”

Police and Fire Reform

The Scottish Government recently passed legislation to create single Fire and Police Services for Scotland.

**Bill Kidd said:** “I believe it’s vitally important that front-line Fire and Police services are protected. The new single services will be able to make the best use of the skills and resources we have in Scotland, and allow local staff to focus on making our communities safer.

“On my recent visit to Knightswood Community Fire Station, I learned of the excellent work going on locally to inform people of the risks of fire in their homes. This includes everything from school visits to their well-attended open days.

“Fires caused by cooking and smoking are still very common occurrences, but the good news is they can be prevented. If you would like a free home fire safety visit for you or someone you know, call Knightswood Fire Station on 0141 959 2223.”

Representing the communities of Anniesland, Blairdardie, Broomhill, Drumchapel, Knightswood, Jordanhill, Netherton, Old Drumchapel, Scotstoun, Scotstounhill, Temple, Whiteinch and Yoker

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Bill recently visited Drumchapel Women’s Aid, who have been working in the North West of Glasgow for many years. They provide advice, refuge, outreach support, and work with children and young people.

Commenting on his visit, Bill said: “It’s very sad that in this day and age, violence against women still exists in our communities. “Drumchapel Women’s Aid provide 24/7 support, which can be a real lifeline to woman facing domestic abuse. The refuge accommodation and counselling can also give women safety and support at the time they need it most.”

Should you require any help or advice, further information is available on the website: www.drumchapelwomensaid.co.uk or call 0141 944 0201

Bill recently organised local seminars throughout the constituency with Cath Logan from the Big Lottery Fund to help local groups make the most of the funding opportunities open to them.

Bill said: “I know a lot of local groups are struggling with funding in these difficult times. I feel it’s important now more than ever that as an elected member I support local organisations in any way I can.”

If you would like to be sent an information pack from the Seminar contact Bill’s Constituency Office on the details below.

The Forestry Commission in Scotland is encouraging members of the public to get out and about in their local environment.

Bill said: “In the Glasgow Anniesland Constituency, we are lucky enough to have the Drumchapel Woods—which takes in Garscadden Wood West, the Bluebell Woods and Drumry Woods. It’s a great bit of nature to explore here on our doorsteps.

The Forestry Commission and the local community have worked very hard to improve the paths in the Woods, and have created the ‘Leg-it Around Drumchapel’ trail. There are great views over Glasgow, and plenty of birds and butterflies to spot. The trail takes you on a thirty minute walk, which is good both for your physical and your mental health.”

More information on the woods can be found on www.forestry.gov.uk

Bill with Naila Akram and her family at Garscadden Woods

A walk in the woods

Big Lottery Seminars

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