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NEWSLETTER



A POST-ELECTION THANK YOU

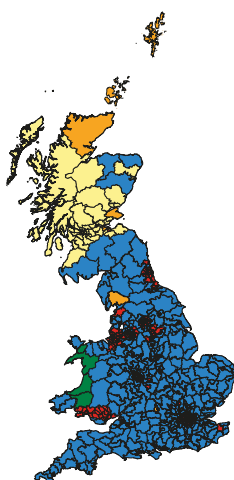
There wasn't supposed to be a General Election in 2019 but I'm absolutely delighted to have not only been re-elected as your Member of Parliament for Glasgow East, but to have been returned with a significantly increased majority, an increased share of the vote and an increased number of votes.

Additionally, across Glasgow, the Scottish National Party had a clean sweep, winning every single seat. I would like to extend my very sincere thank to all those who put their faith in me to represent them at Westminster and assure you that I've wasted no time in getting straight back to work!



A BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR BRITAIN

Despite the Conservative Party only managing to win 10% of Scottish seats, we are once again faced with a Tory government we didn't vote for. To make matters worse, voters south of the border have given Boris Johnson a sizeable majority, and we will now have his very damaging version of Brexit imposed upon us against our will. Make no mistake though, your strong team of SNP MPs will continue to stand up for Scotland at Westminster until we have the full powers to determine our own future as an independent nation.



DODGING DEMOCRACY

By every metric, the SNP won the General Election in Scotland. The result in Scotland was such a landslide that we now hold four times more seats than all of the other parties combined. Despite this, the Prime Minister is deliberately ignoring the result. Across Glasgow East and right throughout Scotland, Conservative candidates put leaflets through doors to tell people that a vote for the SNP was a vote for a second independence referendum, yet they now assert that Scottish voters should be denied the right to choose their own future. This ridiculous situation will not stand the test of time. By holding us prisoner, the Tories will no doubt continue to drive up support for independence.



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SALVATION ARMY EFFORTS RECOGNISED

I met up recently with Major Colin Bradshaw from the Salvation Army to present him with a parliamentary motion of commendation in recognition of the church's outstanding local work over the festive period. Working alongside local partners in the community, the Salvation Army ensured that 471 local children were given toys and over twenty people enjoyed a two course Christmas day meal. Their outstanding effort will have made Christmas 2019 memorable for many people in Glasgow's East end and it was a pleasure to be able to show my appreciation.

BACK OUT ON THE DOORSTEPS

The election may be done and dusted, but I'm certainly not the type of politician to only turn up at your door when there's a big vote coming up. I've already been out chapping doors again to pick up casework from constituents and to keep my ear to the ground to help resolve any local problems. I'll be out every single week in different parts of the East end. It's impossible for me to call at every single home personally, but get in touch if you need my help!



NEW FRONTBENCH CHALLENGE

It's a brand new parliament and following a reshuffle of the SNP frontbench team, I'm now the party's housing, communities and local government spokesperson at Westminster. I'm delighted to take on this new challenge. Housing, and in particular social housing, is a real passion of mine. I follow in the footsteps of the great John Wheatley, my predecessor who revolutionised access to social housing across the UK and hope to keep his legacy alive.



LOCAL CABBIE SHORTLISTED FOR AWARD

Having nominated local taxi driver Michael Smith for a prestigious award from the Parliamentary Taxi and Private Hire Awards, I was delighted to find out he'd been shortlisted for taxi driver of the year. Michael is a courteous and conscientious driver who cares a great deal about his trade and having his service recognised like this at a UK level makes me incredibly proud. It was a real honour to be able to present him with his official certificate of recognition and to thank him personally for his service. Although Michael just narrowly missed out on the 2019 award, there's always 2020...

