

Local Advice Surgeries

No Appointment Needed!

GALASHIELS, Asda
1st Monday of the month
12:00 - 13:00

NEWTONGRANGE, Library
1st Friday of the month
10:30 - 11:00

GOREBRIDGE, Library
1st Friday of the month
11:15 - 11:45

PEEBLES, Tesco
2nd Friday of the month
11:00 - 12:00

GALASHIELS, Tesco
3rd Friday of the month
11:00 - 12:00

PENICUIK, Tesco
4th Friday of the month
11:00 - 12:00



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Looking Ahead

As I prepare to step back from elected politics at the 2026 Holyrood election, I want to express my deep appreciation to everyone across Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale. Representing you has been an extraordinary experience — one that has shaped not just my work, but my understanding of what community really means.

Over the years, I've met so many remarkable people — volunteers, campaigners, local business owners, and neighbours looking out for one another. You've shown me the best of what our area stands for: kindness, perseverance, and a quiet determination to make things better.

What I've valued most is the chance to listen and learn — whether in a community hall, a farmyard, or a busy high street. Those conversations have grounded everything I've done in Parliament, reminding me that real change always begins locally.

I will continue to work hard on your behalf until my final day in office, and I'll always remain grateful for the opportunity to have served this unique and resilient part of Scotland.

Thank you — for your honesty, your directness, and your trust.

Christine



CHRISTINE GRAHAME MSP

MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT
FOR MIDLOTHIAN SOUTH, TWEEDDALE & LAUDERDALE
CONSTITUENCY



26 Years of Service & Reflection

This will be my final Annual Report, as I will be retiring next year after some 26 years as an MSP. During that time, I have had the privilege of representing parts of the Borders and Midlothian.

Over those years, I have witnessed many changes — the closure of much of the Borders textile industry and the end of Edinburgh Crystal in Penicuik are two that stand out. Yet I have also seen the remarkable resilience of our communities, not least through the return of the Borders Railway, my very first campaign, and the expanding communities of Penicuik, Gorebridge and Newtongrange.

I have seen first-hand the incredible work of local charities, businesses, and individuals. My supermarket surgeries and Summer Surgery Tours, I hope, have helped me stay in touch with local and personal issues. From hamlets and villages to towns across the constituency, these 26 years have taught me — and reminded me daily — what a privilege it is to serve as your elected Member of the Scottish Parliament.

I have had the honour of chairing four parliamentary committees and serving as a Deputy Presiding Officer of the Parliament itself. I have also pursued a lifelong commitment to animal welfare, chairing the Cross-Party Group for many years and successfully bringing forward my own legislation: the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025.

Most of all, I will miss meeting you — and helping to resolve your problems — whether you miss me or not. I will hand over to my successor having learned so much from you, and I thank you sincerely for the trust you have placed in me by re-electing me over the years.

Yours for Scotland,

Christine

A Year of Progress 2025

Delivering for our
Communities
Parliamentary Hi-lights

Your Voice in Action

Your Top Issues raised



Housing & planning



Education & School Transport



NHS & Social Care



Anti-social behaviour

In this Session



Over 50 regular surgeries & 21 Summer Surgeries



Contributed to 169 Parliamentary Debates



More than 3,400 Casework Emails Received - 509 in a single month

Powering Up Local Causes



Borders Railway 10th Anniversary



Family Learning Centre, Penicuik



Community Shop, Broughton



Postmasters for Justice



Gorebridge Men's Shed

From Parliament to Pavement

This year, I've continued to meet people and organisations across the constituency — hearing about **local challenges** and **celebrating community successes**. The dedication and spirit shown across the Borders and Midlothian are truly inspiring, and your ideas and experiences continue to shape my work in Parliament.



Additional Support Needs Debate



Passing of The Welfare of Dogs Bill

From Doorstep Debates to Decision-Making

I've continued to speak up in Holyrood on the issues that matter most to our communities — from **dog theft** and **organ donation** to the war in **Gaza**, **Scotland's place in Europe**, **behaviour in schools**, and **assisted dying**. My priority is ensuring local voices shape national debates and that Parliament's decisions reflect the needs of people across the Borders and Midlothian.

Voicing your Values

I've always believed politics should make a real difference for local people. In Parliament, I've supported **Baby Boxes**, helped **reduce child poverty**, and **backed free bus travel** and **better bus services** to keep our communities connected.

I've worked to improve healthcare — from **cutting cancer waiting times** to keeping **eye checks** and **hospital parking free** — and championed **nursery expansion** and **community pharmacies** so families can access care close to home.



Channelkirk Nursery



Peeblesshire Foodbank

Supporting Local Causes & Events

Serving our communities means getting involved — and I've been proud to do just that across Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale. From **village galas** and **school celebrations** to **charity fundraisers** and **local business events**, I've always valued being part of local life. I've helped local groups **secure government grants**, supported **road safety improvements** and **community transport**, and backed **local businesses** and **volunteers** who make our area thrive. Working together, we've achieved real, lasting change for the communities we call home.

HEALTHCARE

Expanding Hospital at Home in the Borders, marking Organ Donation Week and sponsoring awards.

HOUSING & REGENERATION

Exploring new ways to fund affordable homes and breathe new life into old mills and community buildings.

TRANSPORT & CONNECTIVITY

Backing the Borders Railway extension to Carlisle and calling for improved bus links across Midlothian.

FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Tackling food poverty through the Scottish Child Payment, celebrating local groups like Peeblesshire Foodbank, and supporting widowed families.

ECONOMY & ENERGY

Celebrating small business successes across Midlothian & Borders, and demanding fair regional energy pricing and local bill discounts.

EDUCATION

Helping pupils with dyslexia and neurodivergence get the support they need, meeting local schools at Parliament and supporting rural nurseries.

LOCAL PRIDE

From Earlston in Bloom and the Borders Together Tartan to Midlothian & Borders' community champions.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Supporting Borders Pet Rescue, Fur Free Britain, and pushing for cruelty-free farming and a full ban on glue traps.

Politics should be practical - helping people and communities

It all comes down to one thing — politics should make life better, for everyone.