

On the Road: Summer Surgery Tour 2025

During the parliamentary term, I hold regular drop-in surgeries in Penicuik, Newtongrange, Gorebridge, Galashiels, and Peebles. But each summer, I take my surgeries on the road across Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale as part of my annual Summer Surgery Tour.

It's a fantastic way to reach even more communities and give people the chance to have a face-to-face conversation with their MSP, right in their own area. You'll find the full list of dates, times and locations below. Just look out for the van and A-boards - no appointment needed, just drop by for a chat!



Day 1 Monday 25th August

10:00 - 10:30
Oxton - Station Road

10:45 - 11:15
Lauder - Market Place

11:30 - 12:00
Earlston - High Street

12:20 - 13:20
Melrose - town centre

13:30 - 13:50
Tweedbank - outside
Community Centre

14:15 - 14:45
Stow - Townfoot

Day 2 Tuesday 26th August

10:00 - 10:20
North Middleton - outside
Village Hall

10:30 - 10:50
Heriot - near Bank Cottage

11:00 - 11:20
Fountainhall - outside village
Hall

11:40 - 12:00
Clovenfords - near hotel

12:15 - 13:30
Walkerburn outside
Caberstain Café

13:40 - 14:10
Innerleithen (Town Centre)
Peebles Road

14:20 - 14:40
Cardrona - outside Village
Hall

15:00 - 15:20 Eddleston -
outside Horseshoe Inn

Day 3 Wednesday 27th August

10:00 - 10:25
Auchendinny - outside
Glencorse Centre

10:30 - 10:50
Howgate - near
roundabout

11:00 - 11:35
Lamancha - outside Hub

12:00 - 12:25
Broughton - outside
Village Hall

12:40 - 13:10
Tweedsmuir - outside
Crook Inn

13:40 - 14:10
West Linton - centre of
village

14:25 - 14:45
Silverburn - near phone
box



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2025 Summer Newsletter



As your local MSP, I remain as committed as ever to delivering the best outcomes for our community—just as I have for the past 26 years. While I plan to retire just before the Holyrood elections in May 2026, please be assured that I will continue working hard for our community right up until then.

This summer therefore marks my final round of local summer surgeries, and I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has come along over the years to share their concerns, ideas, and experiences. It has been a real privilege to represent you in this way.

I hope you find this update on my work informative, and I look forward to meeting and assisting as many of you as possible over the summer.

If there's an issue you'd like to raise, please don't hesitate to get in touch—my team and I are here to help, and all casework is handled with the utmost confidentiality.

Yours for Scotland



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Penicuik Medical Practice



Broomhill Day Centre



Tweedbank Primary Reading Retreat



Tackling Rural Crime



Assisted Dying Debate



Penicuik Hunter & Lass



Walkerburn Village Hall Presentation



Tweeddale Rideability

Supporting Local Events & Causes

Over recent weeks, I've been proud to support a number of important events and initiatives across the constituency. These included a **Dogs Trust** drop-in highlighting animal welfare, a session on tackling **rural crime** with NFU Mutual and the National Rural Crime Unit, and the official launch of **Stow Station House** alongside the Transport Secretary. I also enjoyed delivering a planter and sharing lunch with staff and residents at **Broomhill Day Centre**, took part in a drop-in event raising concerns about **electric shock collars**, and joined others to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the **miners' strike**—a moment of reflection and respect for those who shaped our communities.

Speaking Up for Our Communities in Parliament

In recent weeks, I've spoken in several important debates at Holyrood to highlight the issues that matter most to our community. From supporting our **health and social care workforce** to standing up for **local libraries**, I've made sure the voices of our communities are heard. I've also contributed to debates on **fair trade**, supporting **Scottish industry**, and the need to protect our iconic **food and drink sector**. During discussions on the **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) Bill**, I spoke about the value of outdoor learning for young people in our area, and I also marked the anniversary of the **Lockerbie bombing**, paying tribute to those still seeking justice.

Out & About in the Community

It's been a busy few months engaging with organisations and residents across the constituency. From discussing student housing with **Heriot-Watt's Student Union**, to meeting **ambulance service staff** in **Penicuik** and **local GPs**, I've been listening closely to community concerns. I've also enjoyed visiting fantastic local projects, including **Tweedbank Primary's new Reading Retreat**, **Borders Pet Rescue**, and the **Tweeddale Rideability Group**. Events like the **Tweeddale Youth Summit**, **Scottish Apprenticeship Week**, and the unveiling of the **Borders Together Tartan** have showcased the energy and talent in our communities. It was also a pleasure to support local efforts on the future of the **Borders Railway**.



Borders Tartan Event

Raising Local Issues in Parliament

I've recently spoken in Parliament to highlight key local concerns—calling for better support in mainstream **education**, greater protections for **rural nurseries**, and expanded **Hospital at Home services** in the **Borders**. I also pressed the UK Government on **local energy pricing**.

Across every issue facing you, I'll continue to speak up for the people I represent.



Stow Station House Opening



Penicuik Ambulance Service Staff



Penicuik Street Fayre



Peebles High Tweeddale Youth Event



Kellock Club, Penicuik



Nursery Demonstration



Great Polish Map of Scotland