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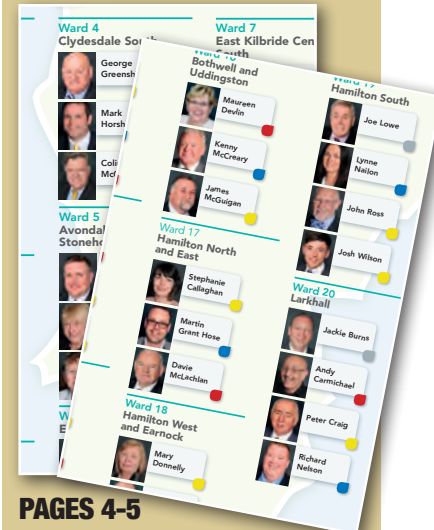
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JUMP TO IT AT HERITAGE PARK

GOOD SPORTS: outdoor activities classes at James Hamilton Heritage Park have opened up for the summer and looking forward to making a splash with the activities are (left to right) 13-year-olds Anna Rawdon, Ciara McCormick and Nyssa Rutherford. See page 7

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NEW COUNCIL LEADER'S TRANSPARENCY PLEDGE

THE new administration for South Lanarkshire Council is in place following the local authority elections in May.

The SNP has formed the new political administration for South Lanarkshire and its group leader Councillor John Ross has been

elected as Leader of the Council. Councillor Ian McAllan was elected as the Provost.

Depute Leader of the council is Councillor Maureen Chalmers and the Depute Provost is Councillor Collette Stevenson. Business Manager is Councillor Peter Craig. Councillor Ross said: "I am

delighted to be the new Leader of South Lanarkshire Council. It is an honour and a privilege.

"I have already set out ambitious plans for the new administration's first 100 days. We want to make the council more open and transparent - with all of our meetings open to

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'We're all fighting for the same thing – and that's to improve the lives and lifestyles of everyone in South Lanarkshire'

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the public.

"We need to get local people involved in how we go about doing something for each area."

Councillor Ross has also reached out to all political parties during his first few days as Leader.

He said: "We are very conscious of the fact that we are a minority administration.

"The first thing I did when I became Leader was to write to every party in the council and ask to have a meeting with them to talk about ways to go forward.

"Our manifesto is very progressive, with 220 action points we want to progress. It will benefit everyone living in our county.

"We're all fighting for the same thing – and that's to improve



LEADER: Councillor John Ross is delighted with his new role

the lives and lifestyles of everyone in South Lanarkshire."

Following the first meeting of the new Council, South Lanarkshire Council has also rejoined the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

NEW COUNCIL KEY APPOINTMENTS

■ Leader of South Lanarkshire Council - **John Ross.**

■ Depute Leader of South Lanarkshire Council - **Maureen Chalmers.**

■ Provost – **Ian McAllan.**

■ Depute Provost - **Collette Stevenson.**

■ Business Manager - **Peter Craig.**

■ Chair of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee - **Gladys Miller.**
The Depute Chairs are **Collette Stevenson** and **Graeme Horne.**

■ Chair of the Community and Enterprise Services Committee - **John Anderson.** Depute Chair is **Isobel Dornan.**

■ Chair of the Education Resources Committee - **Katy Loudon.** Depute Chair is **Peter Craig.**

■ Chair of the Housing and Technical Resources - **Josh Wilson.** Depute Chair is **Archie**

Buchanan.

■ Chair of the Planning Committee is **Alistair Fulton.** Depute Chair is **Isobel Dornan.** Both Chair and Depute Chair are the same for the Planning Review Body.

■ Chair of the Licensing Committee - **David Shearer.** Depute Chair is **Julia Marrs.**

■ Chair of the Recruitment Committee - **John Ross.**

■ Chair of the Clydesdale Area Committee - **Richard Lockhart.** Depute Chair is **Mark Horsham.**

■ Chair of the Hamilton Area Committee - **Peter Craig.**

Depute Chair is **Mary Donnelly.**

■ Chair of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee - **John Bradley.** Depute Chair is **Carol Nugent.**

■ Chair of the East Kilbride Area Committee - **David Watson.** Depute Chair is **Archie Buchanan.**

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JOIN EK@70 CELEBRATIONS

ON Sunday 9 July Calderglen Country Park will play host to the official East Kilbride 70th Birthday Party in the Park.

From 12noon – 4pm there will be a host of arena events, live music, children's rides and stalls.

As always at Calderglen there will also be the opportunity to visit the growing collection of exotic animals in the zoo, including the ever popular meerkats and the more recently introduced prairie dogs, porcupines, coatis and fenecces.

There is also plenty of opportunity for children to burn off some excess energy in the fantastic, new multi-level play area.

The focus will be back on East Kilbride Arts Centre on Saturday 19 August as EK plays host to the world's biggest celebration of the written word - the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

ReimagiNation: East Kilbride is part of a tour of Scotland's New Towns organised as part of the Book Festival, marking 70 years



FUN IN THE PARK:
Marney McCafferty tries out the new play equipment at Calderglen Country Park

since the New Towns Act was passed in the wake of the Second World War.

Launching in the Arts Centre on the evening of Saturday 19 August ReimagiNation: East Kilbride will offer an action packed weekend programme starting with fun and laughter with Unbound, the Book Festival's free cabaret caper.

On Sunday 20 and

Monday 21 August The Arts Centre, Village Theatre and the Village Centre will play host to a packed programme of performances, events, stalls, activities and more (including a pop-up bookshop).

Ticketed events will be £5 (£3.50 concessions) while non-ticketed events will be free. You can stay up to date with developments by

following the Edinburgh international Book Festival on social media and visiting <https://booked.ebookfest.co.uk>
ReimagiNation: East Kilbride is presented in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, and the Village Centre and is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery.



WINNERS: Sanderson High School with their award (above). Angela Sneddon was a finalist in the Headteacher of the Year category (below).

HIGH SCHOOL SCOOPS AWARD AT EDUCATION'S 'OSCARS'

SANDERSON High School scooped the prestigious Employability Across Learning (Secondary) award at this year's Scottish Education Awards.

Judges were impressed with the way staff valued and promoted partnerships and networks across the community, to gain positive career destinations for students. Young people at the school are offered industry days, work experience, college experience and tailored timetables so that they feel comfortable joining the world of work when the time comes.

Representatives from the South Lanarkshire school attended the glittering award ceremony in Glasgow recently to collect the coveted award.

Executive Director of Education Resources Tony McDaid said: "This is a marvellous achievement by the school and the staff, pupils, parents and wider community should all be very proud."

"The award recognises the positive impact Sanderson High School is having, particularly in engaging with businesses and industry to develop children's understanding of the world of work."

"Preparing our pupils for life after school is always one of our priorities and I am

delighted the hard work and dedication that has been taking place at Sanderson has been rewarded in this way.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the other finalists we had this year - Angela Sneddon for Head Teacher of the Year, Calderdale Academy for Parents as Partners in Learning, and James Aiton Primary School for Raising Attainment in Literacy."

"I know how high the standards are for the Scottish Education Awards and I am delighted that we had four finalists from South Lanarkshire for the first time ever this year."

"Well done to them all."

The Scottish Education Awards recognise and reward the people who dedicate their lives to children and young people and showcase the valuable work and innovation happening in classrooms across the country.

Although Angela Sneddon was a finalist in Education Scotland's Headteacher of the Year category, she is quick to say that she doesn't feel it should be focussed on

her alone - rather it should have been an accolade for every pupil, teacher, staff member and parents and carers too.

Angela has been Headteacher at Carstairs Primary School for the past three years and says that in that time she and the rest of the school community have formed 'Team Carstairs'.

She said: "I look forward to coming to the school every day and I can see that same enthusiasm in all of my staff and each pupil in the school."

"We have created a lively school and nurtured a positive culture and ethos which has resulted in happy children and happy staff. That shines through and is something I am very proud about."

Angela was nominated by the school's parent council with a little help from principal teacher Lorna Hyslop. She said: "I'm actually mortified as I really don't think the focus should be on me alone, but it is such a lovely thing. I am very flattered and grateful that people took the time to nominate me and indeed thought I had a chance in the first place."

"But once again, I'd like to stress that we have a lovely school here where each and every pupil, member of staff and parent contributes to our continued success. We've had a great year and have lots of exciting things planned for the next school session. Watch this space!"

■ For more information on the winners, visit www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk

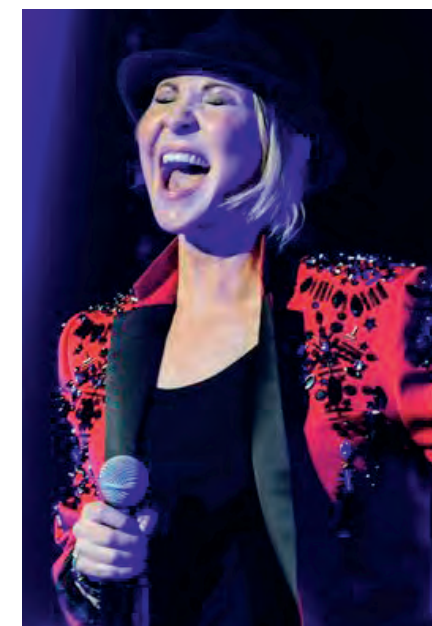
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MUSIC ICON LULU COMES TO LANARK

FOLLOWING on from her smash hit 2016 tour Lulu returns with her biggest tour yet - and this time, she's coming to South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture's very own Lanark Memorial Hall on Saturday 11 November.

The acclaimed singer, songwriter, actress, businesswoman, Grammy and Novello Award nominee, sums up her career by saying it has always been "all about the music".

Coming to Lanark, Lulu will deliver a show packed full of all her hits, songs that



LEGEND: Lulu is set to wow the crowds at Lanark Memorial Hall

have influenced and guided her throughout her incredible career and some of her brand new songs.

The star herself says: "I toured for the first time in 15 years in 2015 and haven't stopped since. I absolutely love playing live and can't wait to be out on the road again in autumn this year performing the music that I have shared with you throughout my career...it has always been all about the music... so please come and join me!"

■ Tickets are £29.00 and can be purchased from the Box Office on 01555 667999 or online at www.sllcboxoffice.co.uk

UPGRADE TO KEY SECTION OF CLYDE WALKWAY

A VITAL part of one of Scotland's Great Trails, the Clyde Walkway, has been restored.

The Clyde Walkway runs for 40 miles from the centre of Glasgow to New Lanark World Heritage Site and the Falls of Clyde where it provides a scenic access route into Mauldslie Woods.

Mauldslie Woods is one of six woodland areas that make up the internationally protected Clyde Valley Woodlands National Nature Reserve (NNR), one of the most

ecologically rich parts of Scotland.

A crucial part of the path network both within the NNR and the wider network, a core path, and a part of the National Walking and Cycling Network, this part of the trail is used by a wide variety of visitors.

In recent years the path had significantly degraded, with often very wet and muddy sections developing.

The project is part of the Heritage Lottery Fund supported Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership

(CAVLP), with support from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and South Lanarkshire Council. It has seen the re-establishment of well over a kilometre of footpath.

The project was managed by the council's Landscape and Access Development Manager, Simon Pilpel. He said: "More than 15,000 visits a year are made to this section of the route and we anticipate that now the path has been upgraded even more people will visit and enjoy the beautiful natural heritage of the area."



your councillors

Ward 1 Clydesdale West



Poppy
Corbett



Lynsey
Hamilton



Eileen
Logan



David
Shearer

Ward 2 Clydesdale North



Richard
Lockhart



Julia Marrs



Catherine
McClymont

Ward 3 Clydesdale East



Alex Allison



Eric Holford



Ian McAllan

Ward 4 Clydesdale South



George
Greenshields



Mark
Horsham



Colin
McGavigan

Ward 5 Avondale and Stonehouse



Graeme
Campbell



Margaret
Cooper



Isobel
Dorman

Ward 6 East Kilbride South



Archie
Buchanan



Fiona
Dryburgh



Geri Gray

Ward 7 East Kilbride Central South



John
Anderson



Gerry
Convery



Collette
Stevenson

Ward 8 East Kilbride Central North



Joe Fagan



Hugh
Macdonald



Sheena
Wardhaugh

Ward 9 East Kilbride West



Ian Harrow



Monique
McAdams



David
Watson

Ward 10 East Kilbride East



Gladys
Miller



Graham
Scott



Jim
Wardhaugh

Ward 11 Rutherglen South



Robert
Brown



Margaret
Cowie



Carol
Nugent

Ward 12 Rutherglen Central and North



Janine
Calikes



Gerard
Killen









Jared Wark









Following the Local Government Elections on 4 May 2017, 64 councillors were elected to represent South Lanarkshire. Here, The View has provided a handy guide to who they are.







Ward 13
Cambuslang West

-  John Bradley 
-  Ann Le Blond 
-  Margaret B. Walker 







Ward 14
Cambuslang East

-  Walter Brogan 
-  Alistair Fulton 
-  Katy Loudon 

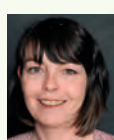





Ward 15
Blantyre

-  Maureen Chalmers 
-  Mo Razzaq 
-  Bert Thomson 









Ward 16
Bothwell and Uddingston

-  Maureen Devlin 
-  Kenny McCreary 
-  James McGuigan 









Ward 17
Hamilton North and East

-  Stephanie Callaghan 
-  Martin Grant Hose 
-  Davie McLachlan 









Ward 18
Hamilton West and Earnock

-  Mary Donnelly 
-  Allan Falconer 
-  Graeme Horne 
-  Mark McGeever 

Ward 19
Hamilton South

-  Joe Lowe 
-  Lynne Nailon 
-  John Ross 
-  Josh Wilson 

Ward 20
Larkhall

-  Jackie Burns 
-  Andy Carmichael 
-  Peter Craig 
-  Richard Nelson 

Key to political party

-  Independent
-  Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
-  Scottish Labour Party
-  Scottish Liberal Democrats
-  Scottish National Party

As at council meeting on 18 May 2017

Did you know

You can find out who your councillor is online using your postcode:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/councillors/search





ENTHUSIASM:
Kathryn felt Graeme deserved recognition for all his help and support

TEACHER GETS TOP MARKS FROM PUPIL

A TEACHER from Biggar High School is the only one in Scotland to receive a prestigious award from Oxford University.

Graeme Morrison, a history teacher at the school, received the award for the inspirational role he played in the education of a former pupil.

Graeme inspired Kathryn Sandilands to go on to study law and French at the UK's oldest university.

He said: "I was taken aback when I received the news that Kathryn had nominated me for this award, and I am overwhelmed that she felt I was deserving of recognition.

"I am honoured to receive this award from such a prestigious institution. However, I must stress that pupils like Kathryn make a teacher's job very easy indeed.

"She is a model student with all the attributes, both academic and personal,

to succeed in whatever she wishes to do in the coming years. I am very grateful she took the time to recognise my work."

The Inspirational Teachers scheme recognises the role teachers and careers advisers play in encouraging talented students in their schools or colleges. A selection of current first-year Oxford undergraduates were asked to nominate

teachers or careers advisers who inspired them to apply to Oxford, fostered their passion for a particular subject, or supported them through the application process.

Kathryn said: "Mr Morrison was the first person to tell me I'd make a good lawyer, and without his support I would never even have considered the University of Oxford as a possibility.

"But Mr Morrison is the kind of teacher who pushes people to find out what they're capable of, and he deserves to be reminded of the kind of impact that can have.

"This award is a thank you for four

years of enthusiasm, kindness and support."

South Lanarkshire Council's Executive Director of Education Resources, Tony McDaid said: "This award is tremendous recognition for Graeme and is a perfect example of how teachers can play such a huge part in shaping the future of individuals.

"To receive an award like this from such a prestigious institution as Oxford University is a marvellous achievement."

Oxford University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Louise Richardson, said: Inspirational teachers make a lifelong impression on their students. Every one of us, of any age, can remember a teacher who challenged and inspired us, who brought out the best in us, and motivated us to do more.

"Oxford's standing as one of the world's pre-eminent universities is underpinned not only by the excellence of its research against global benchmarks, but by the acknowledged quality of its teaching. Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients."

The winning teachers received their awards at a ceremony held at Oxford's St Peter's College.

FLAG RAISED FOR ARMED FORCES DAY

A SPECIALLY commissioned flag was raised outside South Lanarkshire Council Headquarters in Hamilton recently to mark Armed Forces Day.

The flag was raised on Saturday, 10 June to increase public awareness of the vital role that the Armed Forces play in maintaining the security and well-being of the country.

The ceremony was opened by Provost Ian McAllan and prayers led by the Reverend James Gibson. Also in attendance were Depute Lord Lieutenant Sherrif Bobby Dixon, councillors and officers from the council, regular soldiers, reservists and the cadets.

Provost McAllan said: "This event conveys our deepest gratitude for the sacrifices that those in active service are unfortunately still asked to make all too often to retain the freedom the rest of us enjoy.

"It is this selfless dedication to duty in times of war, providing humanitarian relief or as international peace keepers - often in the most trying and dangerous conditions - that we must never take for granted.

"The raising of this flag reflects our thanks for everything they do to keep us safe and secure at home and abroad."



RESPECT: The flag is raised outside council HQ to mark Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is an opportunity to:

- Raise public awareness of the contribution made to our country by those who serve and have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

- Give the nation an opportunity to show their support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community - from currently serving troops and Service families to veterans and cadets.



BEE PROJECT BRINGS A BUZZ TO TRINITY



THERE has been a real buzz about Trinity High School recently – and it wasn't just down to the fact popular BBC TV show *Countryfile* was filming at the school.

Two beehives are now located permanently at Trinity in the school's eco-garden, thanks in no small part to an idea by maths teacher and chair of the school's eco-group, Colin McIntyre.

He said: "Having a project like this was a first for the area, so I thought it was a good idea to email *Countryfile* to see if they would be interested in coming to film their arrival.

"We worked with the beehive management company, Plan Bee, to bring the idea to reality and the whole school was delighted when the BBC agreed to come and film.

"The presenter Ellie Harrison and the rest of the crew were very impressed with the hard work the pupils had put in and their enthusiasm for the project.

"They also complimented the fact that this is something that will create a legacy for the school."

The project will aim to educate the students about the plight of the honeybee and their importance in our environment.

Over the next academic year and long into the future, beekeeping will be thoroughly integrated into the school's teaching programme. In science, the pupils will learn about bee behaviour, their anatomy and habitat and be able to visit the beehives (under supervision) to see them in that environment.

Colin said: "The area where the beehives are located is fenced off and padlocked, so no-one can access it without proper supervision and without the correct clothing."

The beehive project has been sponsored by gas network company SGN, including the bee suits and footwear, for the next three years and Clyde Gateway also helped fund the creation of the eco-garden.



Colin said: "None of what we have achieved would have been possible without SGN and Clyde Gateway.

"I also have to thank my colleagues Raymond Duffy and Rachel Sheridan, as

well as head teacher Peter Bollen, for all their support."

SGN's Environment and Sustainability Manager, Andy Breckenridge, said: "Honeybees play a crucial role in

BUZZING: Pupils learn about the new hives (above) and meet *Countryfile*'s Ellie Harrison along with their teacher Colin McIntyre

agriculture and food production, yet the British bee population is declining at such an alarming rate they have now been placed on the endangered species list.

"Embarking on this innovative project is allowing us to 'do our bit' to sustain the UK's bee population for future generations, while at the same time giving us the opportunity to work with young people and build our relationship within the local community. It's also a great way to show how important it is that we all care for our environment and how we can volunteer our time and skills to benefit charities and good causes."



Fun on water and land with outdoor learning and adventure

ANOTHER exciting new season of water sports has launched at James Hamilton Heritage Park.

There is something for everyone both on the water and on dry land, with a range of activities that caters for all ages, tastes and levels of ability.

The team of fully-qualified instructors is on hand to help with a raft of taster sessions in canoeing, dinghy-sailing and windsurfing



PACKED: A full range of activities are on offer at the Heritage Park

on offer as well as a wide range of water sport courses, while the water has responded well to treatment and is clear for those who wish to take part in open-water swimming classes.

The new Outdoor Learning and Adventure programme is now online and contains a variety of activities running until October, including water sports, after-school clubs, climbing and

mountaineering, mountain biking and more.

For those who just like the relaxation of a gentle walk, a day out in the park is perfect and can work up an appetite for lunch at the picnic area. If the thought of making your own sandwiches does not 'float your boat', however, then coffee, snacks and light meals are available in the Waterside Café.

The James Hamilton Heritage

Park has long been a popular and exciting venue for all who visit and promises to continue this attraction this year.

■ Anyone wishing to find out more about the range of activities on offer can visit www.sleisureandculture.co.uk/OLA where the brochure can be downloaded. There is also a link on that page for further information or you can call 01355 276611.



The View speaks to two people who have transformed the lives of young people

Catherine urges would-be carers to offer 'short breaks' to families

A CAMBUSLANG woman who has helped to care for more than 100 children is urging others to follow in her footsteps.

Catherine Alexander is retiring from her role as a respite carer for South Lanarkshire Council this month, having spent 35 years helping local families.

The 65-year-old describes her career as "fulfilling and heartwarming" and treasures at least one piece of artwork, thank you card or memento from every young person who has passed through her Halfway home.

Under the 'short breaks' programme she has worked with the council's family placement team to offer short-term respite care to children and families with additional support needs.

And now she wants others who might be considering the role to get in touch with the team.

She explains: "A 'short break' is

whatever the individual family needs it to be. It can be every now and again, one night a week, every other weekend. It really differs a lot. The idea is that it can help families who might be close to breaking point - time and space can make a huge difference to relationships where there are additional needs or other issues at play. Effectively, I'm like an extension of the family unit."

'It's really about having the room in your heart to help those who need you'

Catherine's own background is in childcare. A childminder since the early 1980s, she was also a founding member of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Befriending and Respite Group, through which she began to work more closely with Social Work to offer regular and emergency short term care.

The mum-of-three then went on to balance her own family life with her career as a childminder and long-term member of the short breaks team.

She added: "My youngest is 29 now but has always been happy and comfortable to welcome the young people



CARING: Catherine is retiring but urging others to follow her

into our home. Even now she is still like a big sister figure to many of them. It's just always been a part of me to want to help those who need it, especially families and children.

"And that's what I want people to know. It's not about formal qualifications or experience or anything else, it's really about having the room in your heart to help those who need you."

Short break carers from all walks of life and backgrounds are required by the council. Applications are welcome from single people, married couples, couples in

a stable relationship and people from the LGBT community, as well as families with or without children.

Anyone over the age of 21 can work with the team to offer crucial respite care – all that is needed is a room in your home and the enthusiasm, skills and qualities necessary to give children and families some breathing space.

■ **To register interest or find out more, contact 0303 123 1008 or email familyplacement@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**

WORLD IS JAMIE'S OYSTER

JAMIE, 19, has just gone on a six week trip to Brussels as part of his law degree and will study the next semester in Milan. To top it off he is musically gifted as well as being academic. To the outside world it must look like things have come easy to him, but things could have been so different for him had it not been for his foster mother Phil Collins.

Phil says: "Jamie came to me aged nine and it quickly became apparent that he was a wee boy that needed stability and nurturing.

"He was a bit of a handful when he first moved in as he had been used to having to fight for attention, but we soon sorted that out and it transpired that he was a bright and loving boy."

Jamie was placed with Phil on a temporary basis but

after discussions with her family and with the support of South Lanarkshire Council Phil wanted it to become more permanent and, now aged 19, Jamie still refers to the house as "our house".

Phil said: "I have fostered well over 100 children for various lengths of time, but something with Jamie was different. I knew that he was better off with the stability of eeing with me long term."

Jamie is such a high achiever he sailed through school and attained fantastic exam results. Additionally he attended the Conservatoire in Glasgow and left with distinction in piano, organ, saxophone and guitar. He is an active member of his local parish where he was an alter server and latterly played music and offered support to



SUPPORT: Foster carer Phil with Jami

the priest and bishop in other ways. Jamie said: "I think that by the time I went to Phil's house I had been in at least 10 other houses – whether it be friends of the family, aunts or in other foster carers. I know myself now, looking back, that I was already starting to go down the wrong path. I had nothing to lose and realised that I could get attention through

bad behaviour. Phil put an end to that. She provided a calming house where I felt safe and secure and she has continued to do so. I really do owe her everything."

"I have absolutely no doubt that Phil changed my life and I really do owe her everything."

"The support I have received from South Lanarkshire Council has been second to none and

I have developed really close relationships with the team there.

"I'd encourage anyone who is even remotely considering fostering to get in touch as the team will be able to answer any questions or help progress.

"I am extremely proud of each and every child I have fostered along the way and know that I have helped shape their lives. It is a great feeling to know that I have made a difference."

■ **If you are interested in finding out more please come along and meet the family placement team and foster carers at our open evening, on 22 June from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Corporate Dining Room, Headquarters, South Lanarkshire Council, Amanda St. Alternatively contact: familyplacement@southlanarkshire.gov.uk or call 0303 123 1008 for an informal discussion.**