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**LOCAL MSP ENDORSES CONSTITUENCY HERITAGE GROUPS**



**DAVID TORRANCE MSP CREDITS COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS AND PLEDGES SUPPORT**

Community activists in Fife were given a full endorsement from David Torrance MSP on Friday afternoon at the Mercat in Kirkcaldy.

Several community groups had set up stalls in the shopping centre, alongside an impressive exhibition of coal mining artefacts from the Fife Mining Heritage Preservation Society.

The insightful exhibition was accompanied by displays from the Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society, the Kirkcaldy Civic Society and the Methil Heritage Friends. Each stall was manned throughout the week by a committed team of volunteers.

David Torrance MSP said; "It's been great to see so many committed community activists working together to keep the spirit and memories of our local heritage alive."

He added; "These groups are full of hard-working volunteers who give up much of their free time. We should all be grateful for their efforts to preserve and celebrate our history."

David pledged to support the groups, particularly the Fife Mining Heritage Preservation Society, which is currently seeking premises to store its extensive collection of artefacts from Fife's coal mining past.

Tom Slaven, Treasurer of the Fife Mining Heritage Preservation Society, said; “We’re trying to preserve our mining heritage to give young people an insight. We’re currently looking for safe, secure and accessible premises to store the collection between exhibitions.”

“It will be great to work together with David to find a solution to our needs.”

David also renewed his commitment to supporting the Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society (SWACS). The society works to preserve the ancient Wemyss Caves and their unique Pictish carvings, some dating as far back as two thousand years ago.



Commenting, David said; “These caves and their contents are an incredible historic resource on the Fife coast. It is in the shared interest of everyone in the local area to support SWACS and this unique collection of carvings, which is unlike anywhere else in Scotland.”

David spoke to each of the groups in turn, encouraging them to engage with the Scottish Government to seek support and raise awareness of their own individual ambitions.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

The Fife Mining Heritage Preservation Heritage Society exhibition ran throughout the Mercat Shopping Centre in Kirkcaldy from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The society has held several exhibitions in the Mercat over the last year.

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