

The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Michelle Ballantyne MSP  
Member for South Scotland

Ally Skidmore  
InChorus,  
High Street,  
Peebles,  
EH45 8AN

Dear Ally,

5th September 2017

I am writing to you to congratulate you and all your volunteers on the success of your recent community flashmob. This is a fantastic event to have organised and I am delighted to hear that it was such a success. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend in person, however I very much enjoyed watching the music video online and I feel Mick Jagger and David Bowie would be proud of your efforts. In recognition of this worthwhile project, I have submitted a motion in the Scottish Parliament which reads as follows:

*That the Parliament notes that 700 people recently gathered on Peebles High Street to take part in a community flash mob as part of the Creative Peebles Festival; understands that the event was organised by the Eastgate Theatre and the choir, InChorus, and that footage of the event will appear in a music video online; notes that participants also included children from local schools, Peebles-based Fiona Henderson's School of Dance, Stardust Musical Theatre, the adult dance classes at the Eastgate and LiveForDance; recognises the hard work put into the event and co-operation of numerous local businesses and bodies, including Peebles Girl Guides and Brownies, the Tontine Hotel and Lemon Digital Design, and congratulates the participants, helpers and organisers on the success of the event.*

If you would like to discuss matters further, if there is anything I can do to help promote the creative arts in Peebles, or if you have any issues or enquiries to raise, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing [michelle.ballantyne.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:michelle.ballantyne.msp@parliament.scot) or calling 0131 348 5661 and we can arrange a visit for the near future.

Yours Sincerely,