

A selection of letters

**To: John McGregor, John Dingwall, Gary Dempster,
Subject: congratulations**

Congratulations to the three of you.

I'm proud of you for showing the bravery and conviction and for doing something that I could never have done.

I hope that you all get the recognition that you deserve.

T M, Scotland
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As a currently suspended Police Officer I must thank you for highlighting your plight as I have taken some comfort in that we are not alone

Best wishes

PL, Scotland
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Iain

I normally have 5/6 hours of sleep every night, wake up before 6am, turn on my personal radio and listen in bed to Today on Radio 4 at 6 o'clock (I like John Humphries). I turn over to Radio Scotland just before 7am and listen until 7.30. It was a delight and a joy when I heard that the Scottish Executive had at last conceded that Shirley had been wronged and were looking at the possibility of settling matters out of court. Of course I then heard the interview with your good self.

I have a daughter who has year's service in Police and I only hope that I would have the same courage to support her as you have shown with Shirley over these passing years.

Good on you ma man.

MR, Scotland
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Was delighted to read the news in the Herald, and heard Iain on the radio this morning. Great News. But don't trust the lawyers the civil servants or the politicians though is my advice.

Thank God I am not in any of these categories!!

RF MSP, Scotland
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Dear Shirley and Iain,

The news breaking this week is the best I have heard for ages. WHAT a relief to you all for endless labours and sheer grit and determination. How sad that the Scottish Executive only gave way when some furtive 'leak' came to light when they could have themselves broke this news ages ago. How hard it is to trust politicians and many in high office.

Thank you for sending me regular news releases although my old apple mac must lack some software because I could never open your attachments. But you were never forgotten. Now

we all wait to see how big and brave they will be in facing up to their responsibility towards Shirley personally.

The great Robert Louis Stephenson once said "O what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive."

God bless you. May the final act soon be over.

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Dear Iain,

From my daily HERALD report on my computer, I am delighted that, at last, something positive is being done to clear Shirley's name. I agree with you, Iain, that the opposition's proposals leave no doubt that they were in the wrong, yet unable to admit their errors, nor give an apology to Shirley. This is not the way to instil confidence in our police force, Mind you, there are "the good guys and bad guys" in all walks of life, and this shameful exhibition of injustice, does not mar my faith in the police. They have a rotten job, in this day and age, to cope with the dreadful amount of crime. With clever lawyers, crooks get away with anything, which must be soul destroying for the police.

J.. joins me in wishing you and Shirley well with the proceedings, whatever steps you decide to take. Hope you are well, as we are.

Take care,

JJ, New Zealand

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Dear Iain,

I tip my hat to the courage and integrity of these three gentlemen. Finally it appears that the strangle hold of organisational power has been broken and the light of informed comment is now streaming through. Let's hope the effect is like a hole in the dam wall and it flows right through the whole British fingerprint community.

Regards from Australia.

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Dear Iain,

When something is as black and white as the fingerprint "error" in Shirley's case, it is ludicrous that things should continue for years as if some question continues about whether she was really wronged.

Thank goodness the fingerprint professionals at Grampian Police have the guts to point out the emperor's invisible clothing. Unless their superiors are equally as upright, John McGregor, John Dingwall and Gary Dempster will probably have to face some negative consequences for their statements. I applaud their willingness to speak the obvious and undeniable truth.

Best wishes in Shirley's struggle for justice.

BA, US

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Iain

Saw a report on the Television last night and an article in the Herald (on-line) this morning, then discovered Shirley's website It is appalling that she is still suffering after all these years from 'evidence' that was assuredly wrong and no one is prepared to even say sorry. As a former police officer, I am appalled that justice is not being seen to being done.

There is no doubt by the evidence of the website that Shirley is receiving support from all over the world, not only from experts but also from lay people as well. There is a lot on the website which I will have to go through and I have made it my home page just now

Sincerely

LR, Scotland

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Dear Shirley,

I think about you a lot, in fact I was out the other night there and discussing your case with a group of Guide leaders. Little did I know that you would be back in the headlines soon. Keep your chin up Shirley, I've supported you from the beginning.

Maggie, Scotland

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My faith in true Scots who understand basic concepts of right and wrong has been restored. I have now added three names to the list of people I would be proud to shake their hands. I only hope there are more.

GL USA

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I have just read the amazing story about Shirley and the SCRO in Scotland and I can only wonder what is the reason for the 'cover-up'. It seems so obvious from the material presented to the court that Shirley was not guilty of perjury and that a 'mistake' had been made. An apology should have followed immediately afterwards so why is there so much animosity being displayed by the SCRO?

I can only think that there is a sinister background to the SCRO's behaviour and from what I have read I would look at any connections that exist between those involved and the local Masons.

I wish you both all success with your fight for justice.

Thank you

BP, Germany

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Hi,

I have just read the article on Shirley McKie on the BBC news web-site. I had forgotten about this case, having first been made aware of it some years ago, and had assumed that it must have been resolved by now. I am appalled that it has not been, and grateful that I have been made aware of this fact.

I am a private citizen with no relevant expertise or connections, and do not live in Scotland (so have no MSP to write to). But I would like to offer my wholehearted support for your campaign. I hope that the BBC's publicity will bring you many more such offers.

I wish you the very best of luck.

DA, England

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Hi,

I've followed this case with a great deal of interest and this new turn seems to continue the case against the establishment. Can I take this opportunity to wish Shirley ever success with her ongoing battle.

Kind regards,

WJ, Scotland

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Dear Iain and Shirley

I am so sorry to hear that Shirley is still being subjected to these farcical examinations but that is just what they are what they are seen to be by all of us. She is a lovely sensitive female and all we can do is offer encouragement through tears. You are changing so much for everyone. The politicians involved in this will have to answer surely for not doing the right thing now.

I know Shirley will do her best to rise above what has happened
Thinking of you both

Regards

RG, Scotland

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Dear Sir,

I must apologize for only now being aware of your website.

I am not really an e-mail person but we have mutual goals'

Also I have come up against brick walls ,inc. Cathy Jamieson ,Crown Office ,Police, the investigatory power tribunal etc.

All the best to you and your daughter.

Kind regards,

LB England

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