

SHIRLEY MCKIE UPDATE: 19 NOVEMBER 2004

Shirley's lawyers are gearing themselves up for the civil hearing in 15 months time. Although a long way away lots of work has to be completed collecting and developing evidence and obtaining documents so far denied us by the opposition. A number of high profile police officers and leaders from the Scottish Justice system are expected to be called to give evidence over the 5 week period set aside for the hearing. One interesting area of enquiry is why this whole affair ever started and was allowed to fester for so long. Theories range from those who feel that the experts involved and their supervisors were merely incompetent and once they were caught up in the controversy they were emotionally and psychologically unable to face the reality. Others favour a criminal explanation where an officer or officers in the original police enquiry team conspired together with an expert or experts to convict David Asbury and Shirley was the innocent victim caught in the crossfire. It is hoped to start an onsite debate shortly exploring some of the more important theories.

Shirley and Iain had a very successful meeting with a group of MSP's in the Scottish Parliament this week. In all 42 MSP's have indicated support for Shirley's cause and many have sent letters with advice and encouragement.. A number of options for cross party action are being considered and will be implemented before the end of the year.

As some of you might be aware Shirley and Iain were nominated as 'Campaigners of the Year' and narrowly lost out to a young Scots couple who had bravely campaigned in Scotland and Turkey after their young son was killed in crossfire while they were sitting in a Turkish restaurant.

Attending the recent inauguration of the Henry Fauld's memorial in Beith Ayrshire and meeting Ed German and Allan Bayle again was a particular pleasure. The failure of the Police, SCRO, the Scottish Fingerprint Service to be represented at this celebration of the Scottish pioneer of fingerprinting caused some raised eyebrows.

We hope everyone is keeping up to date with the Faulds memorial and other news at www.shirleymckie.com . There are almost daily updates.

The latest '**breaking news**' concerns a number of parallels that have become apparent between the 'Mayfield' and 'McKie' cases. Your comments on site would be interesting.

Thanks once again for the support that Shirley continues to receive. It has been an inspiration to us all.