

Queen's Birthday Honours

News story

The Scottish Secretary congratulates to all those recognised by the Queen in her Birthday Honours list



Secretary of State for Scotland Alister Jack said:

In the year of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, my whole-hearted congratulations go to all those across Scotland who have been recognised for their extraordinary public service. They truly exemplify the dedication, ambition and generosity of spirit that has defined the Queen's 70-year reign.

We were all gripped by the Winter Olympics and Paralympics in Beijing, as our curlers swept to gold and we topped the podium in Alpine skiing. Eve Muirhead is awarded an OBE, while the rest of the team get MBEs, along with Alpine skier Neil Simpson and his brother and guide Andrew.

One of Scottish literature's most recognisable names, Ian Rankin's knighthood is richly deserved; his Inspector Rebus novels have kept us entertained and in suspense for decades.

It's great to see recognition of Scotland's fantastic food and drink. James Walker of Walker's Shortbread is being knighted, and OBEs are given to Ian and Michael Urquhart from the family-run Gordon and MacPhail whisky company.

Honours also go to those whose dedication and resilience helped make Glasgow's hosting of COP26 safe and successful, including a well-deserved knighthood for Police Scotland's Chief Constable Iain Livingstone.

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