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STIRLING MATTERS

News from Stirling's Parliamentary Team

'With patience and caution, the Scottish Government are progressing with their phased plans to return Scotland to the "new normal". This pandemic has been tough for many - from those shielding and unable to see their loved ones, to businesses struggling to get by, to the disruption to children's education. We're succeeding in fighting back this dreadful disease, and by sticking to the rules we can push infection rates down even further. Stay Safe, Protect Others, Save Lives.'

- Bruce Crawford MSP & Alyn Smith MP



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Stirling residents need answers

Alyn has taken the Leader of the House of Commons Jacob-Rees Mogg to task, over lengthy delays in responses to MP enquiries.

In some instances, letters and correspondence on behalf of constituents have gone unanswered for months.

Alyn spoke of his understanding regarding the severity of the pandemic, yet people and businesses still required urgent clarity on issues.

[Watch the clip.](#)



Student support most welcome

Alyn and Bruce have welcomed additional support from the Scottish Government, for students affected by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Student loans and bursaries typically run during semester time, and casual work over summer has dried up as a result of COVID-19.

Students remain unable to claim Universal Credit due to UK rules. The news will come as a relief to many students, including those in Stirling.

[Read more here.](#)



Call for Holyrood borrowing powers

Writing in the Stirling Observer, Bruce has made clear that businesses across Stirling and Scotland deserve further certainty of financial support, and this can only be achieved through UK Treasury commitment or with the temporary lift of borrowing constraints on the Scottish Parliament.

Under current arrangements, the Scottish Government has limited room to maneuver, with few borrowing powers akin to those of the UK Treasury.

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young lives***
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Raploch memorial plans backed

Alyn and Bruce have backed plans from the Raploch community for a new memorial for their war dead.

The area has suffered heavy casualties in wars past, and the community believe the time has come to honour this sacrifice.

Plans have also been put forward to commemorate local football legend Billy Bremner.

MP backs heart health campaign

Alyn has thrown his support behind a national campaign, raising awareness over Young Sudden Cardiac Death (YSCD).

The charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) have asked MPs to pledge their public support for the campaign, aiming to implement important changes to national screening regimes.

Stirling COVID-19 volunteers praised

Hundreds of Stirling residents have offered their time and dedication to their communities, throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Whilst some have yet to take part in active service, many have already begun assisting with vital services such as food and medicine delivery.

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Plea to avoid overcrowding rural natural attractions

Bruce and Alyn have pleaded with incoming tourists to Stirling's beauty spots to reconsider their visits, after continued chaotic scenes at the Devil's Pulpit.

Residents remain deeply concerned for community safety as visitors continue to flout lockdown travel restrictions, parking unsafely on local roads.



Tories must address support gaps for millions left behind

Alyn has called on the UK government to address growing concerns millions are falling into 'gaps' within existing coronavirus-related support schemes.

Chancellor Rishi Sunak once committed to do 'whatever it takes' to support people through this crisis, and the SNP are determined to see that commitment delivered.

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