

Stirling Matters - April 2021 (20th Edition)

News from Stirling's Parliamentary Team

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20/04/21 Update on Covid-19 Restrictions

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has today updated the public on new changes to pandemic-related health restrictions in Scotland. Alyn Smith MP welcomed the changes, and encouraged communities right across Stirling to keep up their efforts at suppressing the spread of Covid-19.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/04/20/stirling-mp-comments-on-20-04-21-covid-restrictions-update/>

Hospitality in Need of Further Support

Alyn Smith MP met with local and national leaders in the hospitality industry, to hear directly from business about the further measures required to see them through the pandemic. As thoughts move from the immediate danger posed by the pandemic to recovery, local industry in Stirling will need targeted support.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/04/13/hospitality-businesses-tell-mp-what-support-they-need/>

Religious Leader Roundtable a Success

Stirling MP Alyn Smith met with local Stirling religious leaders, to discuss their experience of the Covid-19 pandemic. Leadership from 4 of Stirling's churches spoke with Alyn over how the pandemic has affected their organisations, and had influenced their community campaigns.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/04/15/snp-mp-hears-pandemic-experience-of-local-religious-leaders/>

Stirling Politicians Urge Responsible Travel

Stirling MP Alyn Smith and local Councillor Evelyn Tweed have issued a plea to would-be visitors to tourist hotspots in Stirling, asking them to abide by Covid-19 regulations when visiting Stirling. As seasonal breaks approach and the weather improves, there is considerable anxiety in some of Stirling's rural communities over the impact large numbers of visitors may have.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/03/29/stirling-politicians-urge-responsible-holiday-travel/>

Condolences for the Duke of Edinburgh

Writing to the Lord Lieutenant of Falkirk and Stirling Alan Simpson, Alyn Smith MP expressed his deep condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family, as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/04/09/stirling-mp-sends-condolences-on-passing-of-duke-of-edinburgh/>

New Livestock Protection Law Welcomed

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has praised the passage of a Bill at Holyrood which will offer better legal protection to livestock from domestic dogs. The Private Member's Bill, brought forward by SNP MSP Emma Harper, was backed unanimously in the Holyrood chamber.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/03/25/stirling-mp-welcomes-new-law-to-protect-livestock/>

Stirling MP Demands Apology for Trade Mess

SNP MP for Stirling, Alyn Smith, has demanded an apology from International Trade Minister, Greg Hands, over the severe loss of trade following the end of the Brexit transition period. Rather than apologising, the Minister attempted to spin the figures to suggest trade had increased as a result of Brexit.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/04/15/snp-mp-demands-apology-from-ministers-over-lost-scottish-trade/>

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NHS Inform: COVID-19

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Scot Gov:Business Support

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

Stirling Council: Guidance

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/planning-building-the-environment/emergencies-emergency-planning/coronavirus/>