

Stirling Matters - May 2021 (21st Edition)

News from Stirling's Parliamentary Team

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## **Stirling Moves to Level 2**

Stirling MP Alyn Smith and MSP Evelyn Tweed have welcomed Stirling's move down from Level 3 to Level 2 of Scotland's Covid-19 Strategic Framework. Due to significant progress in national vaccination rollout, and declining case numbers, from Monday 17th May we will see eased restrictions on hospitality, entertainment, education and sport, as well as a relaxation on household visitor numbers.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/05/11/local-mp-responds-to-stirling-move-to-level-2-on-monday/>

## **Evelyn Tweed Elected as MSP for Stirling**

Evelyn Tweed has been elected as Stirling's next Member of the Scottish Parliament, as local turnout hit a record high of 69.3%. The count took place over two-days within The Peak's main hall, due to Covid-19 health restrictions. Evelyn vowed to work hard to represent Stirling in our national parliament, as we look to recovery from the pandemic.

Read more here:

<https://www.facebook.com/EvelynTweedSNP/posts/2899836190237583>

## **Evelyn Tweed MSP Sworn-In**

Evelyn Tweed has been sworn-in as Stirling's next Member of the Scottish Parliament, as she undertook her affirmation within the Parliamentary chamber. Evelyn joins Scotland's most diverse and representative Parliament yet, with a record number of women elected in particular.

Read more here:

<https://www.facebook.com/EvelynTweedSNP/posts/2903914619829740>

## **Stirling Political Leaders Promote 'Buy Local'**

Alyn Smith MP, Evelyn Tweed MSP and Stirling Council Leader Scott Farmer have urged Stirling residents to buy local, as pandemic-related restrictions continue to ease. Visiting 'The Book Nook' and 'The Allan Park', the group found out more about the impact of the pandemic on footfall and consumer habits.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/05/18/stirling-political-leaders-support-local-businesses/>

## **Alyn Hears From Third-Sector Leaders**

Local MP Alyn Smith has taken part in a roundtable discussion with a range of Stirling's third-sector leaders, to discuss their experience of the pandemic and their thoughts on recovery. Facilitated by Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise, Mr Smith heard from a variety of key stakeholders from across Stirling, from fields which included education, victims support, healthcare and environmental charities.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/05/12/stirling-mp-meets-with-local-third-sector-leaders/>

## **Action on Anti-Social Behaviour Welcomed**

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has welcomed a response from Stirling's Chief Inspector to his letter regarding anti-social behaviour in the City Centre. Businesses and residents have complained of an uptick in recent weeks, at a time where all stakeholders are trying to promote a positive shopping experience and economic recovery from the pandemic.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/05/10/stirling-mp-welcomes-police-commitment-to-crackdown-on-anti-social-behaviour/>

## **Stirling MP Backs Climate Emergency Bill**

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has joined cross-party efforts in the House of Commons, to push for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill to be at the heart of the upcoming debate on the Queen's Speech. MP Alyn Smith has added his name to an open letter from Caroline Lucas, and has backed a formal amendment to the motion discussing the Queen's Speech itself.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/05/14/stirling-mp-backs-uk-climate-and-ecological-emergency-bill/>

## **Stirling Council Pension Fund Divestment**

Local Stirling MP Alyn Smith has welcomed a commitment from Stirling Council to explore divestment of pension funds from the fossil fuels industry. Stirling Council workers are part of the Falkirk Council Pension Fund, a call back from the arrangements of the Central Regional Council which covered Stirling, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire.

Read more here:

<https://alynsmith.scot/2021/05/10/stirling-mp-welcomes-fossil-fuel-pension-fund-divestment-push-by-stirling-council/>

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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/>