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News from Stirling's Parliamentary Team

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[Lame Duck PM Continues Tory Melodrama](#)

Commenting after more than 40% of Tory MPs voted to sack Boris Johnson, in a confidence vote on Monday night, Alyn Smith MP said:

'I'm heartily sick of this tawdry Tory melodrama, at a time when too many people are suffering from Covid or the economic crisis and patchy recovery from Covid exacerbated by the Brexit we didn't vote for, this shabby psychodrama makes politics look awful.

[Westminster Failing in Cost of Living Crisis](#)

Evelyn Tweed MSP recently asked Bill Scott, Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission, about the impacts of the Cost of Living Crisis on households in Scotland. His response was stark, Scottish Government mitigations can only go so far and there is a requirement for ongoing assistance for low income households from the UK Government.

[Sue Gray Report Shocks Nation](#)

Alyn Smith MP offered his thoughts on the publication of the Sue Gray report, emphasising that decency and integrity in public office really does matter - and the report had shone a light on the deep rot at the heart of the UK Government and establishment.

[MP Chats Politics With Balfon High Pupils](#)

Alyn recently video-called pupils at Balfon High School, who asked about local and national political issues as part of their educational development.

[Scotland Has Strong Record on LGBTQI Rights](#)

Evelyn Tweed MSP spoke recently in the Scottish Parliament, highlighting the need to review alcohol services aimed at the LGBTQI community to ensure services are inclusive and, most importantly, can make a difference to all those who need support.

[Local MP Hails World-Class University Research](#)

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has praised the ongoing research efforts at the University of Stirling, as the local institution continues to top national polls for impact and excellence. Analysis of the REF results from Times Higher Education places the University of Stirling in the top 5 for research impact, tying with the University of St Andrews in fourth place. Stirling ranks 43rd across the UK overall, joint with St Andrews and Royal Holloway: University of London.

[UK Immigration System Failing Scottish Needs](#)

In the Scottish Parliament, Evelyn asked the Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, Ivan McKee MSP,

about the UK's immigration system which is failing to meet Scotland's needs.

[Scottish Crime Down 40% Since 2007 Under SNP Government](#)

Under an SNP Government, Scotland has seen crime fall by 40% since 2006/2007, and to one of the lowest levels since records began in 1974. Scottish Crime and Justice Survey figures also show that just 11.9% of people experienced crime in 2019/20, compared with 20.4% in 2008/09. It is also lower than the equivalent figures in England and Wales of 13.3%.

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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/>