

Stirling Matters - April 2023

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[SNP Westminster Leader Visits Local Stirling Groups](#)

Local Stirling MP Alyn Smith welcomed Stephen Flynn MP last week, to discover more on the cost of living crisis and the disastrous impact of Brexit on Stirling businesses. As the leader of the SNP Group in the UK Parliament, Mr Flynn has a keen interest in championing the issues that matter most to Scots – and at the top of his agenda at Prime Minister's questions is the ongoing cost of living crisis affecting households and businesses across Scotland.

[Stirling MSP Questions Forth Valley NHS Chief](#)

Stirling MSP Evelyn Tweed recently quizzed NHS Forth Valley Chief Executive Cathie Cowan on recent service performance, and mental health provision for young people across Stirling and the wider Forth Valley area.

['Independence in Europe Within Scotland's Reach'](#)

SNP Westminster Group Leader Stephen Flynn MP and Stirling MP Alyn Smith recently led an exciting discussion at the University of Stirling on Scotland's journey towards independence in Europe, as well as taking questions from SNP members on what's next for the party and movement following the election of Humza Yousaf as party leader and First Minister of Scotland. The event, hosted by SNP Council

Leader Cllr Ellen Forson, engaged SNP members and supporters in an open and informative dialogue on the key issues facing Scotland today.

[Stirling MP Congratulates New SNP Leader](#)

Local MP Alyn Smith has welcomed the election of Humza Yousaf as Leader of the Scottish National Party, and expressed his confidence he will build support for independence over the coming months and years.

[Ceilidh Success For Local Fundraising Family](#)

The Ferrier family hosted a ceilidh in Dunblane earlier this month. Evelyn Tweed, MSP for Stirling, gave a speech at the event which saw around 120 attendees of all ages. At the last count, an impressive £2,264.61 had been raised for Cardiomyopathy UK. Morag and Gilbert Ferrier lost their son Callum to cardiomyopathy in 2008. He was 16 years old and enjoyed playing shinty and rugby. Since then, his family have raised over £30,000 for Cardiomyopathy UK through treks, ceilidhs, sky dives, and other events.

['People, not boats' says Stirling MP](#)

The UK Government have been closing off routes to asylum, and are instead focused on stoking fear against those fleeing war and persecution. Alyn Smith MP has stood proudly alongside Scottish National Party (SNP) colleagues in opposing this horrifying Bill every step of the way.

[Stirling MSP Meets With Community Group To Celebrate Funding Success](#)

Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme has recently been awarded £8,650 from the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland fund. The scheme was established in 2018, and offers a door-to-door voluntary car service for people who struggle with accessing public transport in the Killin Medical Practice area and Strathyre. All drivers are volunteers, they transport local residents to and from hospital appointments, health centres, clubs, day centres and activities, and have become a key service in the local community. Stirling MSP Evelyn Tweed lodged a

parliamentary motion celebrating their funding success and work and presented a framed copy of the motion with volunteers and organisers.

Stirling Community Enterprise Opens Newly Renovated Boilerhouse

Stirling Community Enterprise (SCE) has been an integral part of the employability landscape across Stirling for several years, providing a range of support to help young people and adults access training, education, and employability opportunities through a variety of activities, vocational training and accredited programmes. Their person-centred approach to delivery to empower people facing multiple barriers to employment to gain the confidence and skills to access training and progress onto fair and sustainable job opportunities that improves their quality of life and helps them move out of poverty.