

Stirling Matters - December 2023
News from Alyn Smith MP

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Welcome to 'Stirling Matters' - my regular newsletter update as Stirling's MP, straight to your inbox.

As ever, it's my pleasure to serve households, families, businesses and organisations across Stirling and represent you in the Westminster Parliament.

My team and I can assist you with the following types of issues:

- Personal Independence Payments
- HMRC, including tax problems
- Armed Forces & Defence
- Environmental problems
- State Pension queries
- International Trade
- Immigration issues
- Child Maintenance
- European issues
- Universal Credit

I work closely too with Stirling Council and Scottish Parliamentary colleagues. Please don't hesitate to get in touch: alyn.smith.mp@parliament.uk

[City Centre Survey](#)

I've launched a survey on the future of Stirling city centre, asking residents, visitors and businesses for their views on Stirling's strengths and opportunities for improvement.

[Views Sought from Residents and Businesses on Cash Access](#)

The Financial Conduct Authority recently launched their consultation on new rules for 'access to cash' services.

[Tory Rwanda Scheme Total Farce](#)

A lively debate on BBC Politics Live this week, where I was able to tell Labour and the Tories just how absurd the doomed Rwanda scheme really is.

[National Praise for the Tolbooth](#)

The team there has recently won the Venue of the Year award at the annual MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards.

[Compensation for Infected Blood Approved](#)

I was very glad to back an amendment to ensure victims of the infected blood scandal finally get their compensation.

[Hospitality Businesses Need Business Rate Cut](#)

I've written to the Scottish Government, urging further support to retail, hospitality and leisure businesses across Stirling - as economic anxieties mount ahead of the festive period.

[Stirling Highland Games Moving from Strength to Strength](#)

Matt and his team really did pull out all the stops for this year's Games. Over 4,500 people attended the Games this year from over 35 different countries, visiting the Games Field close to the Stirling Sports Village on the banks of the River Forth – in full view of the Wallace Monument, Stirling Castle and Cambuskenneth Abbey.

[Alyn's Local Heroes: Got one in mind?](#)

I've met with dozens of businesses, organisations and groups in recent months - all nominated as Alyn's Local Heroes! Do you know someone who goes the extra mile for Stirling?