Stirling Matters - March 2024 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

## Stirling Labour's Budget Cuts Pass with Tory Support

I've added to warnings of severe strains to communities and services, following the approval of Labour's Stirling Council budget with support from the Tories.

# Alyn Smith MP: Reaction to UK Budget

My reaction to the recent UK budget - the fight for a 5% VAT rate for hospitality businesses continues.

# 'Cheaper Electricity for Stirling': Alyn Smith Welcomes Move Towards Location-Based Energy Pricing

I welcome a move towards Location-Based Energy Pricing, which could see lower household bills for Stirling.

## Push for Bridge of Teith Connectivity Upgrade

I've backed calls for investment in rural transport links, as local Councillor Gene Maxwell has also urged transport authorities to investigate improved connections between Doune and Deanston.

# Stirling Talent Shown in V&A South Kensington

I'm celebrating the recent showing of work in the V&A South Kensington by constituent and master weaver Louise Trotter. The tapestry triptych piece, 'The Edinburgh Seven Tapestry', was created in celebration and memory of the first women who attended university in the United Kingdom.

# Stirling LNER Train Service Cuts 'Short-sighted', Argues Stirling MP

I'm urging LNER to reconsider service cuts to trains connecting Stirling to London, with the operator's public consultation closing on 18th March 2024.

## MP Backs Citizens Advice Scotland Debt Campaign

I'm supporting a campaign from Citizens Advice Scotland, aimed at offering free, expert advice relating to debt through the Citizens Advice Network.

## Nominate Alyn's Local Heroes

Do you know of a fantastic Stirling business, charity or group who go the extra mile for their community? Nominate them below to become one of 'Alyn's Local Heroes', and help celebrate their success.