

Stirling Matters - July 2021 (25th Edition)

News from Stirling's Parliamentary Team

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[Stirling MSP Urges Safe Summer Swimming](#)

Stirling MSP Evelyn Tweed has urged visiting groups and local residents to stay safe and cautious whilst enjoying themselves this summer, especially around bodies of water, as tragic news emerges of several recent drowning incidents.

[UK Government Must Act on Global Plastics Crisis, Says Stirling MP](#)

MP for Stirling Alyn Smith has urged the UK Government to take firm action on addressing the international crisis around plastic pollution, as scientists report plastic debris in practically every biome on Earth.

[Stirling Politicians Praise Local Fire Service](#)

Alyn Smith MP and Evelyn Tweed MSP have welcomed efforts by local Stirling firefighters to keep communities across the constituency safe and informed. Mr Smith and Ms Tweed met and spoke with Group Commander Bryan Todd, Watch Commander Eddy Fotheringham and Ally Boyle MBE about their work and experiences.

[Alyn Smith Urges Pension Credit Sign-ups](#)

Local MP Alyn Smith is urging those who are eligible to take up Pension Credit. This is extra money to assist with living costs if the applicant is over State Pension age and on a low income. Pension credit can also assist with housing costs such as ground rent or service charges.

Local Politicians Welcome Stirling Smith Art Gallery & Museum Funding Award

Alyn Smith MP and Evelyn Tweed MSP have welcomed a funding award from Museums Galleries Scotland, to the Stirling Smith Art Gallery & Museum Trust, as part of the Scottish Government's *Get Into Summer* initiative. £9,491 in funding will support a one-day event of 'wonder & imagination' in the gardens at the Smith Art Gallery & Museum, including theatrical performances, circus skills and educational activities aimed at 4-13 year olds.

Parliamentary Praise for Local Athletes Entering Tokyo Olympic Games

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has praised four athletes from across the local area, who have been selected to compete in the Olympic Games in Tokyo which start on 23rd July 2021. Mr Smith has laid down a motion to the House of Commons congratulating their hard work and wishing them every success.

'Transition Stirling' Vital for Reducing Stirling's Carbon Footprint, Says Stirling MSP

Stirling MSP Evelyn Tweed recently visited the Transition Stirling premises on Wellgreen Lane, to meet with team members to discuss the organisation's activities. Running an excess food distribution centre, a Tool Library, repair and wood reuse operations – and with hopes to open a full-scale Reuse Hub – Ms Tweed was extremely impressed by the level of enthusiasm and community spirit as demonstrated by the Transition Stirling team.

Evelyn Tweed MSP Visits Big Noise Raploch

Stirling MSP Evelyn Tweed has visited Raploch's Big Noise programme, run by Sistema Scotland which uses a high-quality, long-term approach to music education and activities, alongside a commitment to nurturing relationships, to support children, young people and families.

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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/>

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