

Representing **Kintyre and the Islands**

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Councillor **ALASTAIR REDMAN**

CLLR ALASTAIR REDMAN SECURES FUNDING FOR LOCAL SERVICES

Alastair Redman, your local Scottish Conservative and Unionist councillor has welcomed the recent Council budget which agreed funding for some of the campaigns Alastair has been fighting for.

TOILETS SAVED FROM CLOSURE

Alastair was delighted that in the recent Council budget the public toilets that were under threat of closure have been saved. Alastair said, "Keeping our public toilets open is one of my top priorities and I'm glad I have been able to help keep these facilities open."

MORE INVESTMENT IN ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Alastair has campaigned consistently for the Council to address the state of local roads, a vital concern for local people. He was very pleased that the Council has decided to spend £15million on roads over the next two years. Alastair said, "Our roads link every corner of Argyll and Bute and have to be properly maintained. This is particularly true in the



Kintyre and the Islands ward where we contribute huge sums of tax revenue from our world-famous distilleries yet have historically received little in return when it comes to public spending. I recently backed a motion at the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee that highlighted the urgent requirement for funding to address the additional burden on road budgets caused by severe weather as well as sought greater recognition of the

importance of roads to the economy of Argyll and Bute – especially in regards to the whiskey, renewables, timber, marine and tourism industries. I am pleased that additional and overdue investment is now allocated and as your local councillor will do all that I can to ensure that the Kintyre and the Islands ward receives its fair share."

SUPPORT FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Alastair has also welcomed extra money for health and

social care in the budget.

Alastair added, "Argyll and Bute faces a huge demographic time bomb when it comes to health and social care. The increasing elderly population in Argyll will lead to great challenges in funding health and social care which is why I am delighted that Scottish Conservatives on the Council Administration agreed to increased social care spending by £1.5 million."

REDMAN PUTS PRESSURE ON THE BROADBAND PROVIDERS

Broadband issues over the Christmas period saw local people in Islay, Jura and other parts of the Kintyre and Islands ward without internet services.

Cllr Alastair Redman has been contacted by many local residents who were unhappy with the response from the internet service providers. Alastair said, "In the future, we need much more joined up thinking by the internet providers when

monitoring line faults. Far too many times they are failing to spot patterns and understand the problems facing the Internet service across the Kintyre and Islands. As your local Councillor, I will continue to press our internet providers to dramatically improve their service and pay out compensation to customers. A quality internet service is an essential part of living in the modern world - not a luxury."



ROAD FLOODING PROBLEMS MUST BE RESOLVED



Councillor Alastair Redman has had numerous productive meetings regarding flooding and drainage with Council Officials and fellow councillors.

Alastair said, "Huge swathes of the Kintyre and the Islands ward and the larger Argyll area often have flooded roads and I am determined to work locally, and with both the Scottish and UK Governments, to find a permanent solution to this."

REDMAN WELCOMES POST OFFICE RE-OPENING

Alastair was delighted to attend the opening of the Bowmore Post Office in the newly renamed Islay Community Shop. This is a great expansion of the terrific local service and employment offered by the Islay Development Initiative. Alastair is keen to support the hard work being done by the Islay Development Initiative across Islay.

Alastair said, "Having run a post office myself, I know all too well that these offices are very much pillars of the community that provide an essential service across the Kintyre and Islands ward. As your councillor, I will do all that I can to see our Post offices stay open and that service levels are maintained."



SMALL SCHOOLS ESSENTIAL TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Alastair recently visited Clachan Primary School and heard first hand of the fantastic service being provided there. Commenting on his visit, Alastair said, "Coming from a village that had its own primary school

until its closure in 1998, I can say that I'm keenly aware of the importance small schools have to their local communities and the need to keep them open in order to keep our small towns and villages viable."



100 YEARS ON - SERVICEMEN REMEMBERED

Alastair was delighted to attend the commemoration on February 5th at the Oa Peninsula of Islay marking 100 years since one of the most dramatic moments of World War One when the S.S. Tuscania was torpedoed by a German U-boat with more than 2,100 Americans and

300 British crew aboard resulting in the loss of life of hundreds of soldiers and crew.

Alastair said "It is so important that we never forget the sacrifice of these young men who died so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted."

MOBILE PHONE SIGNAL ISSUES AND UNFAIR ROAMING CHARGES

In the past few years the problems with mobile phone signal in the Kintyre and Islands ward has become more and more prevalent, with residents in some areas waiting days and days before being able to receive a decent signal. There has also been far too many unjustifiable roaming charges. Much like our broadband, we depend heavily on our

mobile phones and are not getting a fair deal.

Alastair is currently working alongside his Conservative colleagues on the Council and in the Scottish Parliament to press the various mobile phone providers to improve their levels of service and looks forward to updating you on the progress of these discussions.



A BETTER FERRY SERVICE



Alastair says, "Our Island and mainland communities depend heavily on our ferry service and it is essential that regular sailings are reliably maintained. I will continue to press for more sailings across the ward - particularly in our busier seasons."



PROTECTING LOCAL SERVICES



Alastair is working relentlessly for his constituents across the ward - fighting to protect services and infrastructure for local residents. Alastair says, "As your local councillor I pledge to work hard for you, to be visible and accessible not just in press releases and around election time but all year round."

SPEEDING THROUGH OUR VILLAGES

Alastair continues to welcome comments as to how traffic can be slowed when passing through local villages. He said, "One of the benefits of living in an area like this is that we can take advantage of the great outdoors. Cars speeding through villages pose a threat to both residents and livestock."

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Issue or concern:

Alastair would like to keep in touch about local issues and the things you've said concern you most by post, email or phone. Please tick the relevant boxes and fill in your details to indicate how you would like to receive this:

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