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Local police counter closure

I was alarmed to read in both the national and local press about the closure of our local police counter in Bowmore on Islay, and the inevitable local job loss of someone who has worked diligently for over 25 years. We were all told that this would never happen under the latest plan to centralise and amalgamate our many local police forces in Scotland, but once again promises have been broken by the Scottish Government. The people of Islay will be dismayed that once again our local provision of public services are being reduced, despite that fact that central governments and assemblies across the UK and of all political persuasions benefit substantially from the vast sums of tax revenue amounting to hundreds of millions per year in whisky revenue alone.

Poor condition of local roads and pavements

On Islay we don't drive on the left of the road, we drive on what's left of the road. Some of the recent patch work is not of high quality and will not last. I believe that improving our roads is a top priority. Our Council should not forget us on the islands. We pay our taxes, just as they do on the mainland.

Wear your poppies with pride

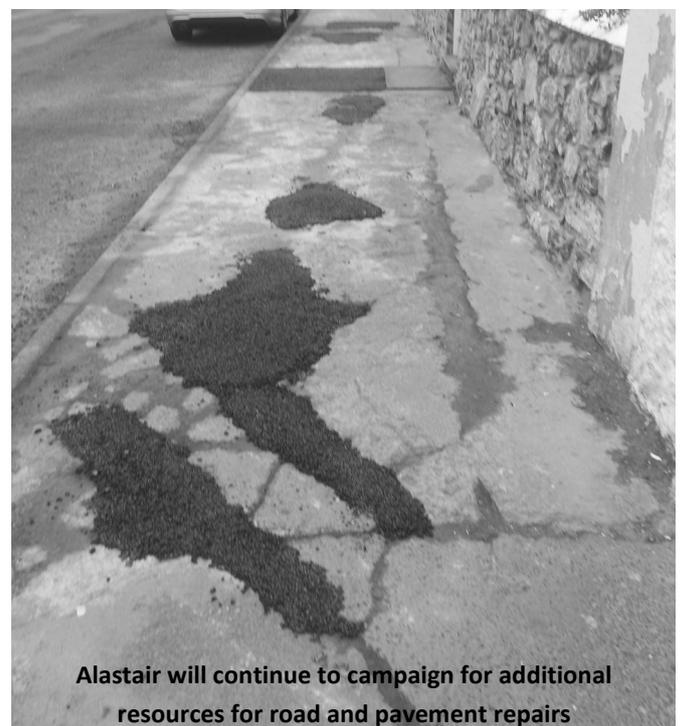
I was delighted to voice my support on the Poppy Appeal on BBC Radio 2 recently. We can all take pride in our UK armed forces that are second to none and we must never forget their sacrifice.

Two ports are better than one



Alastair understands the importance of our Ports

Our ferry ports are an essential lifeline to our island. It is of paramount importance that both of our ferry ports stay open and, wherever possible, have an equal amount sailing to both Port Askaig and Port Ellen.



Alastair will continue to campaign for additional resources for road and pavement repairs