

FOCUS

on Paisley East & Central

From Jack Clark and your Scottish Liberal Democrat team



GP CRISIS CRITICAL

Liberal Democrats demand action as GPs hit breaking point

The Scottish Liberal Democrats are demanding action by the SNP/Green Scottish Government to resolve the GP crisis that is unfolding across Scotland.

Patients all over have faced the brunt of this as they struggle to be able to see a GP.

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP said, "The NHS is so important to us all, but years of neglect by the SNP mean so many of us can't see a GP when we need to.

"Many GPs feel they are at breaking point, with a lack of support from the Government

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meaning many are leaving the profession altogether.

"When he was health secretary, Humza Yousaf did nothing to secure the future of our GP system. We need a change.

"The Liberal Democrats have a plan to train more GPs and also help tackle the burnout issues that are leading so many to leave the profession.

"We need a change in direction in the country where public services like GPs, not the same tired arguments about independence, come first.

"The Scottish Liberal Democrats will be part of that change. We will make sure it is a priority for people to be able to see a GP when they need to and tackle the crisis in our healthcare."



The Scottish Liberal Democrats will tackle the GP crisis with better training and better support to prevent burnout and keeping doctors in the jobs they want to keep doing.

SNP TAX BOMBSHELL

Scottish Lib Dems call for SNP to scrap massive Council Tax hike



Scottish Liberal Democrats are demanding fairer taxes to support local councils

Local campaigner Jack Clark and the Scottish Liberal Democrats are demanding that the Scottish Government scrap proposals to hit households with huge Council Tax rises.

In Renfrewshire, 22,492 households will see increases of their bills of between £141.52 and £791.69.

Jack Clark said,

"The SNP and Greens are planning on hammering households in Renfrewshire with a storm of council tax rises during the worst cost of living crisis for generations.

"These changes would see bills go up and services still cut. People would be paying more for less.

"It won't make up for years of SNP cuts to council budgets, coupled with their decision to freeze rates for so long, meaning that big jumps have been made to try and fill in the gaps. Their underfunding of local government has devastated essential local services.

"These tax hikes must be scrapped and a better, long-term solution found. The SNP and Greens should do the right thing and back Scottish Liberal Democrat plans that would deliver the power surge which councils need and end the underfunding of local government once and for all."

Back our campaign: scotlibdems.org.uk/take-action/campaigns/scrap-the-council-tax-hike

More updates online: ScotLibDems.org.uk

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Help to get you through the colder months

The nights are drawing in, leaves are falling, and supermarkets are full of Christmas products. Autumn is here!

However, many people in Renfrewshire will be feeling the cold start to creep in and some will once again have to calculate how much they can afford to heat their home – if at all.

What will make this winter that much harder is that this year there will not be an energy support payment. Despite the energy price cap coming down by 7% this month, some families will be forced to scrape together whatever they can to pay for their energy.

Schemes like the Warm Home Discount and Cold Weather Payment can help your energy bills, while The Priority Services Register provides advice and support to people who are of State Pension age, or considered vulnerable. You can find out more about these and more by going to citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/energy

Food banks are a vital service providing support to hundreds of people across Renfrewshire. You can find out more renfrewshire.foodbank.org.uk

Also, warmspaces.org gives a map of places where you can keep warm for free. There is one at Hope Hall Church, Alice Street, Paisley.



You may also be entitled to a Council Tax Reduction. This can be a huge saving off your bills, so check if you're eligible at renfrewshire.gov.uk/counciltaxreduction

Local campaigner, Jack Clark, said, "The cost of living is still going up, and many people in Renfrewshire will be filled with dread about their bills this autumn. I want to make sure that people are given as much support as they need to get through the colder months. If you're struggling, please contact Renfrewshire Citizens Advice on 0141 889 2121."

STILL WAITING FOR TREE FELLING CLARITY...



Months on from the felling of 7 trees on Glasgow Road in August, Scottish Liberal Democrat campaigner, Jack Clark, is still waiting for Renfrewshire

Council to respond to his calls for clarity over tree felling, and for them to be replaced as soon as possible.

Jack Clark said, "Residents have expressed dismay about this felling, and I am disappointed to have not received a response from the Council at time of writing.

"The recent vandalism of Sycamore Gap gives new symbolism to the issue of tree protection. This is a time when we should be protecting and promoting trees for the good of our environment.

"I hope that these trees are replaced as soon as possible, to protect and promote a good environment in and around Paisley."

THE SNP HAVE LET US DOWN

More and more SNP voters are thinking its time for a change. The SNP have been in power in Scotland for 16 years and things are getting worse:

- ✗ Millions wasted on delayed ferries
- ✗ Allowing Scottish Water to dump sewage into lochs, rivers, and sea
- ✗ NHS and GPs in crisis
- ✗ A huge attainment gap and broken promises on education

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Please rank the parties below in order of preference (1 being most liked)

- Lib Dem SNP Con
 Green Lab Other _____

What do you think is the most important issue for Paisley today?

Name: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____

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Can we keep you updated about campaigns, events, fundraising and how to get involved?

Yes

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More and more people are getting involved to support Liberal Democrat campaigns.

Let us know if you want to join our winning

- I will vote Liberal Democrat
- I will put up a poster at election time
- I will help deliver leaflets in my area
- I want to join the Liberal Democrats*

*Please send this form back with a cheque for £15 to 'Liberal Democrats' or sign up online at LibDems.org.uk/join-local

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