

# FOCUS

on Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank

News from Grant Toghill and your local Scottish Lib Dem team



## GP CRISIS CRITICAL

### Liberal Democrats demand action as GPs hit breaking point

**The Renfrewshire 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 particularly in rural villages.

Grant Toghill said, "It is important that the NHS is there for us when we need it. However, under the SNP it feels so many of us can't see a GP when we need to.

**"We need a change in direction in the country where public services, like GPs, come first."**

"Many GPs feel they are at breaking point, with a lack of support from the Government meaning many are leaving the profession altogether.

"With some services in Bridge of Weir almost moved to Linwood and Dargavel still waiting on the building to start on its health centre, it feels that focus is missing.

"The Lib Dems 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, come first.

"The Scottish Lib Dems 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 have a plan to tackle the GP crisis

## SNP TAX BOMBSHELL

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



The Scottish Liberal Democrats are demanding the SNP and Greens scrap their Council Tax hikes

**Local campaigner Grant Toghill 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 in bands E-H will see increases of their bills of between £141.52 and £791.69.

Grant Toghill 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. Residents are already having a new garden waste charge. People would be paying more for less.

"It won't make up for the SNP/Green Government's underfunding of local government which has devastated essential local services.

"These tax hikes must be scrapped. The government should instead 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."

**More updates online: [RenfrewshireLibDems.org.uk](https://RenfrewshireLibDems.org.uk)**



# FOOD PRICES CONTINUE TO SOAR

Liberal Democrats shows that food prices have risen by 30% over the last two years

**Liberal Democrats are demanding urgent action to tackle the biggest rise of food prices on record over the last two years.**

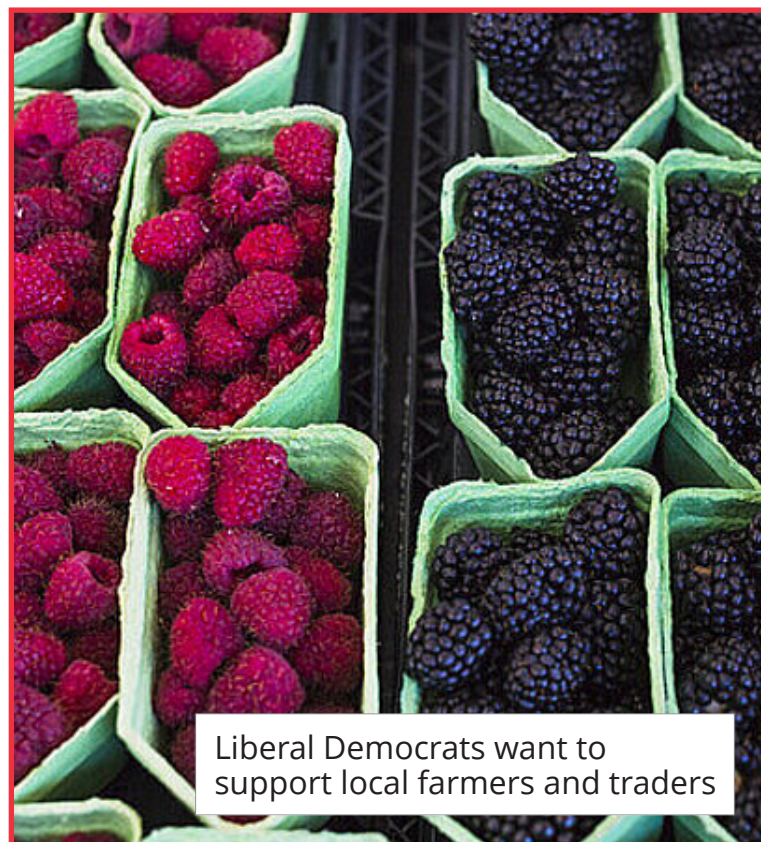
The 30% two-year rise in the Office for National Statistics' index of food prices between July 2021 and July 2023 dwarfs the previous record of 19.3% between February 2007 and February 2009, at the height of the financial crisis.

Grant Toghill said, "The UK Conservative Government has failed people on food inflation. This Government should be standing up for struggling families

"and pensioners hammered by soaring food prices.

"Yet this out of touch UK Government seems happy to stand by as people across Renfrewshire struggle just to pay for the weekly shop with many struggling to afford what they need.

"Liberal Democrats want to see the government cracking down on anyone profiteering - from supermarkets to food multinationals - and helping local farmers and traders hit by costly red tape, so people get the fair deal they deserve."



Liberal Democrats want to support local farmers and traders

## DISAPPOINTMENT AS CARE HOME TO CLOSE



**Renfrewshire Liberal Democrats are disappointed in the Scottish Government answer to Erskine Park Home closure.**

The veterans care home in Bishopton that will be closed by March next year because of lack of funding from the Scottish Government.

Grant Toghill said, "Honestly, the response that came out from the government saying it is not in their remit to intervene is so disappointing but not surprising.

"While yes, the National Care Home Contract rate is set between Cosla and Scottish Care that does not let the government off the hook for making cuts to local council funding.

"The Scottish Government need to start delivering for the sector now. The money from the national care service plans should be instead given to local authorities to deliver a better deal to help prevent closures."

## 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 raw sewage in our lochs, rivers and sea
- ✗ NHS and GPs in crisis
- ✗ Millions lost on the failed deposit return scheme

## SIGN OUR GP PETITION

**"We back the Liberal Democrat plan to save our GP service."**

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