

FOCUS

on Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank

Scottish
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From Grant Toghill
and your local Lib Dem team

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PROTECT OUR SERVICES

School blunder is going to cost local taxpayers to fix

Grant Toghill is demanding the SNP Government step up to fix local council blunders over lack of school capacity in Bishopton.

With the SNP led council in Renfrewshire having to pick up a bill of £75 million, action is required from the national government to protect taxpayers and services in Renfrewshire.

The Dargavel school scandal has shown both primary and secondary school capacity needs

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improvement. The council leadership needs to listen to the voices of local residents.

Local campaigner Grant Toghill said, "The council is not just letting Bishopton and Dargavel down with this dreadful scandal, but the whole of Renfrewshire with a black hole in the budget to fix.

"When a parent council has no confidence in the council, you know that something has gone wrong. This was such a preventable issue that is going to cause harm to wider local services.

"The SNP/Green Scottish Government must step up and sort out this mess and make sure that local services don't need to be cut because of this planning disaster."



The Renfrewshire Liberal Democrats are calling the Scottish Government to protect taxpayers

ACTION NEEDED ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Local bus connections to villages need improvement



Villages need improved bus services

The Renfrewshire Liberal Democrats are demanding the Government steps up to improve local bus services.

With cuts to bus services across Renfrewshire particularly impacting villages, the Scottish Government needs to offer more funding for local government to be able to support services for transport routes.

Liberal Democrat campaigner Grant Toghill said, "For many people buses are a key lifeline for travel, even more so in villages such as Bridge of Weir. Cuts to bus services are pushing us backwards when we need more routes not less.

"SNP claim victory through giving more powers to councils, but with no funding to back it this is just an empty promise.

"The Scottish Government need to put money into local government, so they can help support services to connect our villages.

"This is also crucial if we want to tackle the climate emergency by giving reliable options that residents will want to use.

"Bus routes need to get investment and the SNP and Green Scottish Government don't seem to be interested."

Working hard locally all year round

DENTIST CRISIS STARTS TO BITE

Renfrewshire Liberal Democrats are calling for urgent action from the Scottish Government to improve access to local dentists.

Shocking new figures show patients are having to wait up to **112 WEEKS** to get the treatment they need across the Greater Glasgow and Clyde health board.

Grant Toghill said: "Dentistry in Renfrewshire is struggling and that is impacting people's lives.

"Waiting times have shot up and the number of dentists performing NHS treatment have fallen. This is not just happening locally but across Scotland.



"The SNP are so obsessed with other priorities that they are failing to focus on the day-to-day issues of people in areas like Renfrewshire.

"We are calling for the government to rewrite the NHS Recovery Plan to properly recognise dentists and to reform funding structures to enable many more people to be seen and drive down wait times."

SEWAGE OVERFLOWS ARE A SCANDAL

SNP oversaw 244 "disgusting" sewage overflows last year in Renfrewshire



Scottish Lib Dem campaigner Grant Toghill has demanded that the Scottish Government take action on local sewage dumping.

Grant Toghill said, "This is absolutely disgusting. Our rivers should be protected and places like Erskine beach should not be at risk of being polluted.

"At the moment in England almost every sewage overflow is monitored but in Scotland it's only a small fraction. The new Environment Secretary needs to record and publish all sewage discharges so we get a true picture.

"Our rivers should be protected and places like Erskine beach should not be at risk of being polluted."

"Scottish Lib Dems are campaigning for an acceleration of measures to upgrade Scotland's Victorian sewage systems and prevent almost 19,000 Olympic pools worth of sewage from flowing into our rivers and onto our beaches."

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

AFTER 15 YEARS OF SNP-RULE, THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE

SNP in a "tremendous mess"

Daily Record

Plea for more GPs and consultants as NHS crisis spirals

Daily Record

Scots now set to pay £1,000 more than the rest of the UK for energy bills

The Herald

Record high hospital waiting lists increase again

BBC NEWS

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