

lourer Andrew Henderson, 29, was in an accident when he was just eight years old.

He said: "The NHS took care of me when I was knocked down by a car. The staff treated me like a king and took the edge off the situation."

Margaret McGuire, 59, who currently works in IT for the NHS, stated: "The NHS is truly remarkable."

"I'm very proud to work for them and think that external support must continue."

Phil Edwards, 56, Campbelltown youth worker, said: "I had a spinal operation two years ago and it was a complete success. Thanks to the NHS."

Visitors to Campbelltown Ms, 64, and Peter, 65, preferred not to give their surnames.

Ms, who is a retired personal officer for the NHS, said: "I think that the funding is wasted on CEOs and admin, more should be given to the hospital itself and the nurses."

Huband Peter claims that working for the NHS is 'a thankless job' and he believes that 'it is ironic as they have become a victim of their own success'.

He added: "Advances in medicine have resulted in overpopulation which has led to even more pressure on the staff."



Diane Crawford and Alison Lee.



Andrew Henderson and Lewis McFadyen.

## Letters extra:

### Why cut wildflower verges?

Sir,  
Once again Argyll and Bute Council has sent someone, at whose door I lay no blame whatsoever, to cut the grass verges along the Leaside Road.

In the middle of July, which is when many of our most precious and somewhat endangered plants and flowers are in full bloom.

Red campion, ragged robin and orchids, to name but a few, have all been cut off in their prime.

Many important grasses and other plants which are, or are about to be, in seed and which so many birds and other creatures rely on for food, have been mown away.

Many of our most beautiful and environmentally essential insects are at various stages of their life cycle, among the foliage at this time of year, but will now be dead.

No doubt the council will say that this action was necessary, perhaps for 'safety' reasons, but I would disagree. I would argue that it is largely unnecessary and envi-

ronmentally damaging. But, once again, what the council has not done is fill in the ever-increasing number of potholes along the same road, which are rapidly making it almost impassable for many vehicles.

I have had to report dangerous potholes along this road several times over the years and usually, within days, the boys have been out and fixed them.

Not this time. It seems my concerns have been ignored and there are now so many deep holes that

in some sections, especially south of Second Water, the road is in danger of breaking away down the steep cliff-side.

For the first time ever, we have had several tourists commenting, as they have passed, on the state of the Leaside.

Well, at least they sent the cutters out so now, instead of a host of colour and beauty, scents and sounds, we have neatly trimmed verges.

Alan Moffitt,  
Fochabair,  
Leaside Road,  
Southend.



Some of our endangered plants and flowers are in full bloom at this time of year.

## Independent review of proposed RBS branch closure in Inveraray



**Johnston Carmichael has been appointed to independently review the proposed closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Inveraray. If you are likely to be affected by the closure we would like to hear your views by 5pm on 14 August 2018.**

Johnston Carmichael, the largest independent firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisers in Scotland, has been appointed by the Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("RBS") to independently review the proposed closure of ten branches in Beuly, Biggar, Castlebay, Comrie, Douglas in Lanarkshire, Gretna, Inveraray, Kyle, Melrose and Tongue.

We will be reviewing the usage of each branch on its own merits and then providing RBS with a recommendation on whether we consider each branch should remain open or be closed.

As part of our independent review, we would welcome the views of anyone who uses the RBS branch in Inveraray and who would be directly affected by its closure. Specifically, we would like to hear how often you currently use the branch and what you use it for. We would also like to hear if you are aware of alternative ways to bank if the branch was to close and whether those alternatives would reasonably fulfil your everyday banking needs.

You can share your views with us at any time by:

- Writing to us at The RBS Review Team, Johnston Carmichael LLP, 29 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB9 1YL; or
- Completing a short online questionnaire available at [www.jccs.co.uk/rbsbranchreview](http://www.jccs.co.uk/rbsbranchreview)

You can also talk to us in person at the branch on **Wednesday 8 August 2018:**

- Members of our review team will be visiting the Inveraray RBS branch on Wednesday 8 August and would welcome the opportunity to meet customers and users of the branch to discuss their banking needs on a one to one basis. Our team members will be at the branch during normal branch opening times and will be looking to meet with as many people as possible. Appointments of 20 minutes will be made available.
- We strongly advise you to book an appointment to avoid extended waiting times. To book an appointment, please telephone 01224 259353 between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Please note that the deadline for the submission of your views is 5pm on Tuesday 14 August 2018 and all comments that you share about how you use the branch will be kept confidential. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Johnston Carmichael RBS Review Team