Your Very Good (Mental) Health!



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The pub has been at the heart of British culture for many centuries. As a place to gather with friends, enjoy a pint and perhaps a smoke, to get the local news and discuss local, national and international affairs. In recent years it has even been a place where sustenance could be obtained, including the miraculous scotch egg, protector against the terror of Covid-19. People love their locals.

Pubs are also important elements in any economy supporting their immediate staff plus many others, as well as their unique role in enhancing community cohesion and well-being.

However, the ban on smoking in public places, coupled with the draconian and nonsensical rules imposed during the Covid panic have severely inhibited pub-going, to the detriment of all. The lack of an easily-accessible and affordable venue for free association has led to an increase in home drinking, with a concommitant increase in alcohol-related disease and mental health problems, not to mention the destruction of many small hospitality businesses.

We need our pubs. Reform UK Scotland will alter the licensing and excise regulations so that owner-managed pubs and tenanted free houses will enjoy greatly-reduced beer, wine and spirit duties so that they can continue to provide their very valuable services.

Cheers!

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