



Liberal News.

SUMMER 2019

LIBERAL PARTY GAINS from Liverpool to Yorkshire

LIVERPOOL

A former Labour Seat in Tuebrook & Stonecroft returned to the Liberal Party with a resounding 67.96% of the vote to local Community Charity Tuebrook Hope Group Trustee, Joe Dunne.

Tuebrook & Stonecroft - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%
 Councillor Joe Dunne	Liberal Party	2132	67.96% Elected
 Rona Ellen Heron	Labour Party	798	25.44% Not Elected
 Martin Sydney Dobson	Green Party	93	2.96% Not Elected
 Jenny Goulding	Liberal Democrat	82	2.61% Not Elected
 Luke Andrew Hingley-Smith	Conservative Party	32	1.02% Not Elected

In Liverpool the Liberal Party out polled the Tory Party city wide.

YORKSHIRE

The Liberal Party gain a further seat in Ryedale and majorities rise in all wards.

Pickering East - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes
 Joy Andrews	Liberal Party	630 Elected
 Charles Henry Hopinson	Independent Party	376 Not Elected
 Paul Littlewood	Conservative Party	345 Not Elected
 Douglas Sutherland	Labour Party	122 Not Elected
 Clive Miller Wass	Liberal Party	396 Elected
 Clive Miller Wass	Conservative Party	285 Not Elected
 Peter Nicholas Winter	Liberal Democrat	109 Not Elected

Pickering West - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes
 Carrie-Anne Brackstone	Liberal Party	592 Elected
 Linda Cowling	Independent Party	297 Not Elected
 Philip Robert Hall	Conservative Party	209 Not Elected
 Matthew Jonathan Haynes	Conservative Party	206 Not Elected
 Michael John Potter	Liberal Party	567 Elected

Cropton - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes
 John Samuel Clark	Liberal Party	352 Elected
 Richard Adam Dent	Independent Party	167 Not Elected
 Truda Lansdowne	Conservative Party	128 Not Elected

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

'ALL THE SO-CALLED HATE CRIME LAWS SHOULD BE REPEALED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE UNNECESSARY, UNFAIR & DIVISIVE.

However, if and when the hate crime laws are repealed, if a judge passing sentence on a convicted defendant is convinced by the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the offender was motivated by prejudice then the judiciary should and will continue to have the discretion to increase the sentence.'

Dominic Allaway and Stephen Graham

1. THE LIBERAL PARTY NOTES THAT THE DEVASTATING FINAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORT FOLLOWING THE DIGITAL, CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT COMMITTEE'S 18-MONTH INVESTIGATION INTO FACEBOOK'S FAKE NEWS AND DISINFORMATION, FOUND THAT.

1. THE LIBERAL PARTY NOTES THAT THIS DEVASTATING PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORT FOUND THAT::

1.1. Facebook had deliberately and knowingly obstructed the Committee.

1.2. Facebook had failed to deal with attempts by Russia to manipulate elections in the U.S. and the U.K.

1.3. Facebook had targeted millions of citizens with disinformation and personalised "dark adverts" from unidentifiable sources delivered through the major social media platforms.

1.4. Mark Zuckerberg, Founder and Chief Executive of Facebook, was in contempt of Parliament by refusing three separate demands for him to appear before the Committee and give evidence.

1.5. Mark Zuckerberg continually fails to show the levels of leadership and personal responsibility that should be expected from someone who sits at the top of one of the world's biggest companies.

1.6. Facebook was associated with the Cambridge Analytical scandal by collusion and Facebook malpractice.

2. THE LIBERAL PARTY NOTES THAT FACEBOOK IS CURRENTLY BEYOND THE LAW AND THAT FACEBOOK MALPRACTICES ARE DESTRUCTIVE OF DEMOCRACY.

2.1. The Liberal Party supports the Parliamentary Committee's recommendation to the Government to establish an independent investigation into "Facebook's foreign influence, disinformation, funding, voter manipulation, and the sharing of data in the 2014 Scottish referendum, Brexit and the 2017 General Election."

3 THE LIBERAL PARTY REGRETS THAT THE FACEBOOK MALPRACTICES HAVE BEEN AIDED AND PART FACILITATED BY THE UNCRITICAL SUPPORT OF BRITISH CITIZENS.

3.1. Facebook malpractices have been facilitated by the public, (including Liberal Party members). Millions have supported Facebook despite the highly publicised condemnation of Facebook for facilitating criminal activities including human trafficking, child grooming sexual exploitation, dog fighting, hare coursing, and other forms of illegal animal cruelty,

4. THE LIBERAL PARTY NOTES THAT THE WIDESPREAD PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR, AND PARTICIPATION IN, FACEBOOK ACTIVITIES HAS MADE FACEBOOK ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST PROFITABLE COMPANIES IN THE WORLD.

4.1. Facebook's enormous income is derived from advertisers who are charged high fees which are directly linked to the number of Facebook users. Thus the public are not only facilitating Facebook's illegal, and immoral anti-democratic activities, the public are indirectly financing Facebook and enabling the company to impose high charges on their advertisers.

5. THE LIBERAL PARTY NOTES THAT FACEBOOK SHOWS NO INCLINATION TO REFORM, CONTINUES TO EVADE TAXATION, AND ALLOWS THE NUMEROUS MALPRACTICES TO PERSIST.

5.1. Accordingly the Liberal Party calls for a national boycott of Facebook until Facebook abandons its illegal and immoral activities.

Richard Stokes & Stephen Graham

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The Liberal Party accepts there is sufficient scientific evidence of climate damage, for a Climate Emergency to be declared and actions taken to reduce the impact humans are having on our planet.

We therefore open up the Liberal Party policy set to scrutiny and resolve to review and edit any policy which is demonstrated to cause or exacerbate climate damage.

We also encourage our elected representatives and wider membership to ensure a request is submitted to local authorities in their area, to debate and consider a Climate Emergency motion.

Paul Bradshaw and Stephen Graham

BROWN-FIELD SITES

In line with existing Liberal Party Planning Policy - Environmental Consideration and to help facilitate greater protection of Greenbelt land, we encourage local authorities to establish a Direct Labour Organisation to provide services to ensure that Brown-field sites are safely cleared, decontaminated and returned to available stock to meet local housing needs.

Where appropriate local authorities could share resources or buy resources from another authority.

Paul Bradshaw and Stephen Graham

REPEAL THE GOVERNMENT'S AGE VERIFICATION LAWS ON ADULT CONTENT SITES ONLINE:

The government will be mandating from July 2019 stronger enforcement on verification to access adult content via the Digital Economy Act. This identification process will likely require the giving out information of Credit/Debit card details, Driving License numbers or for a pass to be purchased.

Citizen's data privacy lays at risk of potential data leak or hacking that we have seen over the years with systems that incorporate online facilities i.e. NHS, Ashley Madison scandal, for the sake of State control of adult material and it's consumption when other methods of parental guidance and restrictions exist via software for Computer, smartphones and tablets.

Software like this should be encouraged for the parent to use at home and education available for them to understand how to use it.

Richard Phillips and Stephen Graham

PARLIAMENT'S FAILURE TO DELIVER BREXIT ON TIME: INCOMPETENCE OR CONSPIRACY?

Perhaps it's both! We need to remember that the House of Commons, which a 2016 Press Association survey revealed was pro-Remain by 480 to 159, started this hare running when Conservative, Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green MPs voted in gay abandon for a referendum in the complacent expectation that it would be a shoo-in for Remain. Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that MPs have since conspired to delay, water down or even defeat BREXIT altogether. The post-referendum EU flag waving and Project Fear Mark II have been orchestrated to give the impression that BREXIT is a failure, even though we have not actually experienced BREXIT yet. It seems that the political establishment is quite prepared to defraud the electorate, which is tantamount to toppling a newly-elected government before it has actually taken office, for no other reason than the powers that be dislike the result of a ballot. One of the Remainer ruses has been to question the sort of BREXIT we voted for in 2016 notwithstanding the fact that it was clearly a "clean break" BREXIT voters had supported because that was what the Government had described as the undesirable alternative to remaining in the EU in their pamphlet sent to every UK household. The semi-detached "soft" options currently being pedalled in the nooks and crannies of Westminster are not what we voted for in 2016. We certainly did not vote for continued membership of the EU Customs Union or the EU Single Market.

WHAT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED?

This skulduggery has conspired to create the impression that BREXIT is too difficult but if we pause to look back on events since 2016, we can clearly see that, if the process had been handled with any degree of competence, we would have left the EU by now. To begin with, David Cameron should have instructed the Civil Service to draw up an "in case of need" plan for a "clean break" BREXIT once he had decided in 2015 to proceed with a referendum; then, after the 2016 result, Cameron should have stayed on as PM to keep the promise he made to voters to carry out whatever they decided when he launched the referendum on February 20th, with the result that there would have been no need for the time-wasting Conservative leadership contest or for the 2017 general election; Cameron could have flown to a shell-shocked Brussels on 24th June 2016 with a withdrawal agreement already prepared, a request to trigger Article 50 immediately and a timetable allowing for 12 months of negotiations followed by 12 months of preparation for a "no deal" withdrawal if there was no agreement, giving industry and commerce sufficient time to prepare. It is reasonable to assume that a Cameron-led government armed with a working majority, a clear referendum mandate and a prepared plan for a "clean-break" BREXIT would have caught Brussels on the back foot and that we would have left the EU by the end of June 2018, accompanied by a national mid-summer celebration of our having restored our independence, not to mention our faith in our democracy. All achievable then, but seemingly beyond our grasp now.

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW?

The promise made in the Government's 2016 Referendum Pamphlet to carry out whatever voters decided has not yet been honoured, for which a breakdown in party discipline is in large part responsible. What is the point of party politics if MPs are free to renege on promises made in manifestos they stood under? What's currently happening in Parliament is more indicative of anarchy than democracy. Clearly, if this Parliament won't carry out the wishes of the voters then we need a new Parliament, but there is no point in holding another general election unless the parties of government can restore order in their ranks. The following measures are suggested: Firstly, the 2015 Recall of MPs Act needs altering to allow constituency voters to petition for a by-election if their MP walks out of, or is expelled by, the political party he/she stood for in the last election. Secondly, all candidates of parties of government should be required to sign up to core manifesto pledges before they receive the paperwork from their party HQ which they require under law to stand as the official candidate for that party.

A general election is not without risk, not the least because of our outdated voting system but, unlike a 6-month-long referendum, a snap election could be done and dusted in 25 working days and offers the prospect of a fresh mandate, a working majority and even a new Speaker! Above all, a general election would force each of the parties of government to present their own distinct policies on implementing BREXIT.

Assuaging Remainers with a Referendum...in 2029

It would be wrong to inflict another referendum on the public now; how many voters really want 6 months of politicians and BREXIT-related material piled up on their doorsteps, not to mention a torrent of BREXIT social media and 24/7 BREXIT news and propaganda on an unprecedented scale? In any case, to have another referendum now subverts the democratic principle that a nation votes in the light of its experience, on the understanding that it may vote differently in a following ballot if things do not work out. We have to experience BREXIT first before we can make a judgement.

**THE ONLY WAY TO SETTLE THE NATIONWIDE ARGUMENT
ABOUT BREXIT IS TO TRY IT.**

LEADING LINCOLNSHIRE LIB DEM JOINS US



I am formally emailing to confirm that the membership of The Liberal Democrats which I hold and is in the lapse period is now resigned. I have met with the local party chair and explained the reasons for my resignation. Once I have a formal name at Lib Dem headquarters to write to I will do so with a further outline of reasons but essentially:

1. The party stance on brexit and unwillingness to recognise and provide a platform for liberal leavers.
2. The appalling internal communications emails which effectively make it almost impossible for activists and members to directly contact officers.
3. The lack of promotion of Town and Parish Councillors on an equal basis with other member politicians.
4. The lack of new selection procedures to abolish central approval lists and the drafting in of candidates nationwide. (e.g like you did in Hazel Grove and other constituencies)

5. Deliberate obstruction of electoral pacts with Liberals.

7. Complete lack of public speaking out about the costs and political intentions of the EU and therefore miss informing young people of the dangers in the EU as opposed to the benefits and potentially surrendering constitutional independence and their future freedom and human rights in order to keep MEP's, EU appointments and party funding.

Consequently I have resigned my Liberal Democrat membership very sadly having worked with officers and MP's since the time of Richard Wainwright MP of Colne Valley....a great Liberal and am consequently joining The Liberal Party hopefully as one of their Councillors

I very deeply regret having to do this after 40 years but please confirm by return that you have received my resignation.

Sincerely

Cllr Charles Shaw

I wish all Lib dem colleagues well but can no longer be identified with a party which so wilfully works against the express will of the people in a referendum whose outcome it promised to observe.

PLEASE JOIN US

for Special Assembly Saturday

22nd June from 12.00PM

Tuebrook Hope Centre, Buckingham Road Tuebrook L13 8AZ

Anyone who requires a lift from Lime Street please email us the day before to arrange