



# LIBERAL NEWS SPRING 2021

## Liberal Party Policy Statement Post Brexit UK



The Liberal Party is confident that the period after December 2020 will be more hopeful for the UK than at any period since the UK definitively voted to leave the EU.

We must now turn our attention to actions we can take independent of the EU.

We must encourage investment to return manufacturing and diverse and sustainable agriculture and horticulture to the UK.

We must secure our fishing waters and invest in delivering sustainable forms of fishing to our coastal fishing communities.

We must support local growers to reduce waste by ensuring more of the product they grow is sent to market

or to a local processing cannery to be preserved to meet future needs or export.

We must enter into trade deals favourable to the commonwealth and other developing countries and the goods and services they supply.

We must form strategic trade and reciprocal migration alliances with our closest allies. It's time for the UK to take its place in CANZUK.

We must exploit our world leading role in medical science, research, banking and other professional services to the benefit of the UK and our strategic partners.

In all endeavours, we must ensure that standards are maintained or improved.

# Liberal Party Special Assembly

## Environment Policy Motion - Climate Change



The Liberal Party acknowledges that there is now little doubt that we humans, along with most other species on the planet, will face the most challenging time in recorded history during the remainder of this century – and that challenge for each species will be survival.

We humans have a particular responsibility to do whatever we can to minimise the extent other species are being forced into extinction, primarily through climate change and loss of habitat, more so as it is we who have knowingly and recklessly created the conditions that have caused these events - which have rightly been described by Sir David Attenborough as CRIMES.

The Liberal Party accepts it is not all humans who are responsible for these criminal acts, but a select few. The primary task for The Liberal Party and others with similar concerns, is to

expose and publicise these culpable acts by all legal means available. Additionally, we must network with like-minded groupings at home and in other countries to ensure they too are working to expose global corruption and to press their government for change.

David Attenborough in his book and supporting video 'A Life on Our Planet' has set out his vision of what we must do to prevent a catastrophic mass extinction. As part of our Post Pandemic Recovery & Renewal manifesto, the Liberal Party adopts his vision to guide the establishment of policies that support the delivery and promotion of practical solutions. Following this the Liberal Party will be revising its green and environmental policies to reflect the current scientific consensus.

The Liberal Party NEC

## Opportunities to stand as a Liberal Candidate.

For anybody wishing to stand as a Liberal Party candidate but daunted by the prospect of the elected duties of a councillor in a large ward, there are opportunities to stand for election to parish councils or for statutory organisations such as drainage boards.

These give people the chance to gain experience at a local and community level but without the expanded obligation of a councillor at a more involved level.

There are 8000 parish councils in England, providing local services to 25% of the population, covering the provision of local

services and supporting the wellbeing and function of local communities.

The rule of thumb for parish councils is the immediate area within 3 miles as the crow flies from the boundary although sizes vary and there is some overlap with town councils. Many vacancies are uncontested or are co-opted on an ad hoc basis when vacancies cannot be filled.

If you are looking to stand for election, please contact our party Nominating Officer Stephen Graham for assistance and clarification on the nominating process.

## Scottish Liberals and Regional Branches

Following the sad loss of our Scottish branch leader John Hein, the party is appealing to the membership for a volunteer to take over the position covering the region.

The role would involve managing the regional branch, collection subs, distributing the party newsletter and developing local links. It is envisaged

that the role would also involve accepting nominating rights to allow the local management of regional candidates.

We would also welcome offers from members to act as contacts on a regional basis within the United Kingdom.

We encourage members to join one of our regional branches if suitably located.

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A full list of regional contacts is on the Liberal Party website at [Liberal.org.uk](http://Liberal.org.uk)

## John Hein – Liberal Party NEC member passed away after a short illness at the end of 2020

The Liberal Party is sad to learn of the passing on 23rd December of Edinburgh' Pride founder, LGBTQ rights and Liberal Party campaigner, John Hein.

John was a passionate and dedicated campaigner for the Liberal cause. Once Chair of the Liberal Party and ongoing Liberal Party Executive Committee member, he stood for the Liberal Party in Westminster parliamentary elections in Tweeddale Ettrick and Lauderdale (1992, 1997, 2001), Roxburgh and Selkirk (2005) and Edinburgh North And Leith (2010); in European Parliamentary elections for South of Scotland (1994); in Scottish Parliamentary elections for South of Scotland (1999) and Lothians (2003); and in City of Edinburgh Council elections for New Town (2003) and Leith Walk (2007, 2012).

His dedication to the causes he believed in through political activism and in his contribution to the communities in which he lived, often against all the odds, are a testament to his conviction and faith in the human spirit.



Steve Radford, President of the Liberal Party said: "John Hein brought his own unique style and humour to his tireless campaigning for LGBTQ rights and for the Liberal Party in Scotland. He will be missed by many people. On behalf of the Liberal Party, I offer condolences to family and friends he leaves behind."

Farès K Moussa, NEC Member

## Wladyslawa Gerlowska-Poole (Vicki) 1951-2020

It is with much regret that the Cornish Liberals report the death of one of its most loyal supporters known to us all as Vicki Poole.



Vicki was born in a Polish Refugee Camp in Wales; both her parents were Polish. Her father fought in the Polish Army in WWII and her mother was forced to work for the German occupying forces. Her mother escaped and made her way to the UK as a refugee.

Vicki started at the local school at five and learnt English. Leaving school, she moved to Seaton in South Devon working in hotels and married a local boy who was in the Royal Navy. She was active in the Liberal Party in Seaton. When her husband was posted to RNAS Yeovilton, they moved to Somerton in Somerset. She was active in the Liberal Party there and worked hard in Yeovil for Paddy Ashdown. In the early 1980s Vicki moved

to St Illogan in Cornwall, joining the local Liberal Party. In 1988 when the Liberal Democrats were formed, she refused to join them and along with a group of loyal Liberals stayed with the original Liberal Party and helped reform the Cornish Liberal Party. Vicki was elected to Illogan Parish Council and was a member for over 20 years before ill-health forced her retirement. Vicki was Council Chairman in 2007/8. She was also a member the Liberal Party National Executive for 16 years, travelling to London to meetings and regularly attended the Party's Annual Assemblies around the country. In 2019 she was presented with a certificate for 50 years of loyal support to the Liberal Party.

When Vicki was 16 her eyesight began to fail and eventually she lost most of her sight. Later in life other disabilities meant Vicki needed the use of a wheelchair. Despite all this Vicki was alert with a fantastic sense of humour and never took prisoners when debating issues at Council meetings or even when chairing local Liberal Party meetings. Vicki caught an infection and died at Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro. Our sympathies are with her daughter, Zoe.

Cllr Paul Holmes, Leader Cornish Liberal Party.