

Liberal News

Summer 2026

**THE
LIBERAL
PARTY**

LEADERS ADDRESS

I hope I speak for everyone when I say I am sickened by the relentless turning of every tragedy, every crime into a mere question what was the ethnicity or race of the victim or culprit. Has the concept of compassion and humanity been forgotten?

One incident involving an attack by a Sikh young man seems to have wiped clean the history of generations of Sikhs serving in our armed forces - during World War II been recognised by over 20 Victoria Crosses for bravery.

On social media every time my team and I report fly tipping the same hysterical few wish to blame immigrants regardless of facts. One would ask before levels of immigration rose did we have no crime or no fly tipping by the indigenous UK populations.

But equally we must recognise that large levels of immigration does cause problems

Not so long ago a Christian Iranian family had to be emergency rehoused from Liverpool as they had been visited by 3 Iranian men- all claiming to be refugees- who tried to murder the father as he had converted from Islam to Christianity and was critical

of the IRGC.

There are clear clauses in refugee treaties to allow the British Authorities to refuse applications on grounds of security.

The government need to ensure that those who support causes diametrically opposed to western liberal democracy are not allowed to land or stay in this country.

I have to say I admire the Italian Government who deported a preacher advocating child marriages and attacks on non Muslims within days if not hours of his sermon of hate.

It is the feebleness of our government and judiciary to protect the security and stability of the country which is allowing others to inflame fear and division.

Over the last few weeks I took the opportunity to support Pride in Southport and a Sri Lankan festival in Croxteth. As Liberal party leader I felt it was more important than ever we are seen to support communities being isolated and targeted by the far right wing media

Scottish and Local Elections May 2026



With the increasing move towards all out elections every 4 years, rather than thirds, we were restricted in the number of candidates who were able to put themselves forward this year.

The threat of delays to elections across a swathe of the country were lifted allowing the electorate to fully express their will at the ballot box in time-honoured fashion.

West Scotland Region

We are grateful to Allan Steele and Andrew

MacGregor for putting themselves forward for election where they took 1748 votes.

City of Lincoln Council

A big thank you to Tinashe Chipawe for standing in Carholme Ward.

Reading Borough Council

Stephen Graham stood for his eighth time, distributing almost 2500 leaflets across Norcot ward, introducing himself to the widest possible audience as well as a wide variety of breeds of dogs and cats on the doorstep.

We anticipate we should be seeing candidates next year in Liverpool, North Yorkshire, Devon and Reading which is still on thirds.

As ever we are grateful to our supporters, benefactors and local election agents for their support in perpetuating community politics and liberalism in our local communities.

Liberal Party Leader at Everton LGBT Together Event

"I joined the Everton LGBT Together event with its wide range of community activists. I have always believed that the battle for equality would never won by legislation but needs cultural change where organisations like the Sports LGBT initiatives can make a profound impact".

Cllr Steve Radford, leader of The Liberal Party



Liberal Party NEC Statement The Resumption of North Sea Oil and Gas Production

The ongoing Gulf conflict and its impact on global oil and LPG shipments has again highlighted the UK's continued dependants on imports of fuel.



We believe the freeze on North Sea extraction is no-longer sustainable when we have the risks from the Middle East crisis, caused by the USA and we would

want to avoid Russian oil and gas when we have untapped fields that could be put into use.

The Liberal Party therefore believes that there must be a limited resumption of North Sea oil and gas extraction to cover UK demand, but production must prioritise domestic consumption to allow us to retain our commitments to tackling global warming.

The license fees and tax receipts from any such extraction needs to be placed in a sovereign wealth fund and not simply used for day-to-day spending as has happened over the history of North Sea production.

Liberal Party Support for the Petition

calling for essential services to keep telephone and face to face access for anyone who needs it.



More and more organisations including the NHS, banks, utilities and public bodies are removing staffed phone lines and in person options. This shift is leaving many older residents, disabled people and low-income households unable to access vital healthcare, banking and public support. Not everyone has the skills, confidence or reliable internet needed to use online systems, and no one should be excluded from essential services because of this.

A petition has been launched calling on the Government to require essential services to keep telephone and face to face access for anyone who needs it. We believe this is a simple, practical step to ensure fairness and protect the most vulnerable in our community.

You can read and sign the petition here:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/760313>

*or scan
here:*



If you agree that essential services should remain accessible to everyone not just those who can navigate digital systems, please consider adding your name and sharing the petition with others.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for supporting a more inclusive approach to essential services.

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An Appreciation Michael Meadowcroft (6th March 1942 – 1st June 2026)

We are greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Michael Meadowcroft, former MP for Leeds West and first Liberal Party Leader post 1988.

Following the merger of 1988 Meadowcroft became a co-founder and the first leader of the continuing Liberal Party, provisionally called Liberal 88, and perpetuated by a minority of the party who saw the merge as an unworkable compromise.

Cllr Steve Radford, leader of the party stated "Whilst we often disagreed, I always enjoyed Michael's humour , his candour and respectful nature. Really wish there were more in politics like him. Just a thoroughly decent human being."



Assembly 2026

**THE 141ST LIBERAL PARTY ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY THE 10TH OCTOBER.**

Full details of the venue, travel options, and local accommodation will be made available at the start of August after we have confirmed availability with Britannia hotels.

A call for motions will be made in August and as ever we welcome submission from members on subject for debate and to development party policy.

Liberal Party Membership Details

We remain conscious that we do not have direct home contact details for some members which does affect our ability to distribute material. Please complete and return the below form to advise us of any change in home address details.

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