

CROPTON WARD

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WARD CHANGES IN RYEDALE

The number of electors in Ryedale makes it one of the smallest district councils in England. On the other hand the area is very large. In recognition of this size and the vast number of parishes the government has increased the number of Ryedale councillors from 23 to 30.

It has also taken this opportunity to adjust the ward boundaries so that the number of residents in each ward is roughly similar.

Our new Cropton Ward includes Cropton, Marton, Normanby, Aislaby, Middleton, Wrelton, Newton and the Stape ward of the Pickering parish.

No, we don't understand the geography either!

CROPTON WARD LIBERALS

A local group of Liberals has been formed to work together in the ward. The main aims are:

*To keep the people of the ward informed.
To campaign for the people of the ward.
To gain Liberal representation.*

If you would like to know more about the local Liberals please contact
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HOW GREEN IS MY COUNCIL?

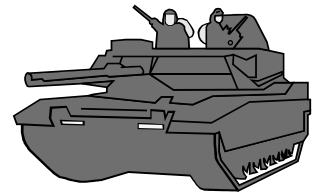
Many of us are concerned about environmental issues: global warming, GMO's, and the increased traffic levels.

Ryedale District Council obviously carries out its legal duties. However, rather than just acting as agents for the government, should Ryedale council not be taking a lead?

What are your views?

LIBERAL FOR LOCAL

Fight
for
Peace



WAR AGAINST IRAQ – John Clark writes

War should have been abolished long before the 21st century. However as we have not yet achieved this level of civilisation one basic rule must be observed. War must be used only as a last resort. i.e. when everything else has been tried and has failed

The war against Iraq looms ever larger.

We are told that we need to fight Saddam Hussein because of the threat to Britain.

What is this threat? – it must be made clear. Britain has never shirked its responsibilities – but to go to war following George W. without the facts cannot be right. It is not enough just to say we are fighting for democracy and civilization.

What I don't understand is that if we are fighting for democracy, why are the MPs not allowed to debate the **decision** and vote to go to war. In a democracy the people's representatives should make the decisions for the people.

.If they are not allowed to decide whether we go to war, how can we be fighting for democracy?

LIBERALS CALL FOR BUS SERVICES



Ryedale District Council appears to have the collective view that the villages don't exist. Having the services based in Pickering, Norton Malton and others is logical.

It is not logical that we should pay council tax for services that are not easily accessible.

Those without transport have very little access. Ryedale should run a bus service so that those in the villages have a fairer use of the services that they help to provide.

What are your views?



ASKING THE QUESTION



Many councils, including the North York Moors National Park Authority have a public question time.

This enables the public to ask a question. The questioner has the reply direct from the authority. Many councils then allow a supplementary in the light of the answer.

This provides a question that needs to be asked. Why does Ryedale not have a question time?

HAVE YOUR SAY

Any grumbles about your Village, Road, Ryedale? Let us know! We may be able to make a difference.

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