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## Apology

Ryedale Council had given me an e-mail address. My messages from early May until well into the autumn have gone astray. Unfortunately I was not informed. If you have tried to contact me and not received a reply I'm sorry.

## Join us

If you would like to know more about the Liberals or help us in any way, please contact us.

Your Local Liberal contacts are:



### **John Clark** (Cropton Ward):

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### **Nelly Trevelyan** (Dales Ward):

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**AT YOUR SERVICE NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME BUT ALL  
YEAR ROUND**

**Thank you for electing me to be your Liberal  
councillor on Ryedale District Council**

- Sorry this newsletter is late. Finding our way round and being on a council with no overall control has taken up much more time than we first thought.

It has been very useful having two Liberals on the council. It means we can move and second motions. The council now has to discuss issues. We are creating an effective opposition. We are asking questions on your behalf - why is the council doing this? Or that? Why is the council spending money where it is not needed?

May we just remind you of our three promises?

- ☞ To work hard
- ☞ To be honest
- ☞ To keep you informed – through FOCUS newsletters like this one

We are, of course, endeavouring to represent everyone within our wards - those who voted for us, those who voted against us and those who didn't vote for anyone.

## Has Blair got the Bottle?

The residents of Ryedale are paying tens of thousands of pounds a year to collect and remove empty plastic milk bottles. They are bulky, numerous and nearly worthless. John Clark and Nelly Trevelyan put forward a motion to Ryedale council that all milk containers should be reusable, returnable and have a deposit. This deposit to be refunded when the empty bottle is returned. This motion called on the government to pass laws to make it happen. Will Tony make his cronies in the supermarkets do it? Until they do the people of Ryedale are paying to clear up after the supermarkets. The only opposition to this came from the conservative councillors. Does anyone know why?



## Campaign Corner

Would your organisation like the opportunity to publish its messages in one of our newsletters? Obviously some common ground with our aims is desirable. Please make contact and we can discuss what you would like to go into 'your' issue.

**WORKING FOR YOU**

**ALL YEAR ROUND**

other facts come into play

- The vast size of North Yorkshire means that there will be increased costs in handling a planning application from Northallerton. Add to that the fact that it is hard for the officers on RDC to know the whole of Ryedale. North Yorkshire officers would have no chance.
- At present, 30 councillors represent the whole of Ryedale. If NYCC were to become the only local council, there would only be 7 to 10 elected councillors. At present, Cropton Ward stretches from the north of Stape to the south of Normanby. Where would it cover if it were four times larger? A big loss in democracy.

Ryedale combined with Scarborough would be more local, more democratic and easier to 'keep an eye on'(!) than the whole of North Yorkshire. Still the best solution is to vote no to the Assembly.

## Broadband

RDC and others have been celebrating broadband's arrival in northern Ryedale. Those of us 'in' northern Ryedale know it hasn't!

Please sign up to request broadband at <http://www.bt.com/broadband>. If enough people register, it will put pressure on BT