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INTRODUCING THE LIBERALS

Let me introduce myself. I'm John Clark the Liberal candidate for Thirsk and Malton.

The Liberal Party may be new to you in the Thirsk part of the constituency. We re-launched the Liberal party in Ryedale in 2003. This is where most of our campaigning has taken place. We now have 3 District Councillors and 1 County Councillor. 5 years ago I was the Liberal parliamentary candidate for the Ryedale constituency. To give you an insight I enclose a copy of the 2005 Liberal Election Address. (The 2010 Election Address will follow by post)

Below is a statement of **Liberal Principles**.

1. Conviction

The Liberals were born out of the struggle for individual freedom. That struggle has placed us on the left of the political spectrum.

We will campaign against excessive government interference and the power of monopoly capitalism.

2. Tenacity

We are the oldest political party in Britain. Liberals introduced the state pension, unemployment benefit and designed the NHS. We have frequently been assailed from all sides but have shown a remarkable capacity to regroup and continue campaigning.

3. Independence

Our experience has been marked by individuals who have been prepared to make their stand. In our present parliament there are too few such members. The apparatus of party whips restricts free expression.

It is little wonder that many able members of parliament, of all parties, are not seeking re-election having felt that they have "had enough of it". It is equally unsurprising that fewer and fewer people want to join a party or be involved in any way. Some have even given up using their vote. This spells out a clear warning.

4. Inclusion

Liberals claim justice for everyone, irrespective of gender, sexuality, belief, class and ethnicity. Liberals are the champions of the disinherited, the oppressed and the weak. Liberals are needed to ensure that everyone counts, but that no one counts unduly (bankers beware). We believe that we must raise millions out of poverty by breaking the Tax/Poverty trap.



IT WORKS!

All over the country there are small groups of Liberals serving on major local authorities.

They have been elected frequently against fierce opposition from the self styled “three major parties” in Liverpool, Peterborough, Slough, Kidderminster, Exeter, Torridge, and Ryedale. Individual Liberals serve on other councils and on many town and parish councils.

WHY THE LIBERAL PARTY IS NEEDED NOW

It provides an opportunity for independent minded candidates to stand against the machines of the “three major parties”. In recent years we have seen how even a small number of councillors elected who have the character to stand alone can have a large influence on their local councils.

It also provides an opportunity:

- ◆ For disillusioned voters who cannot support the main parties .
- ◆ To cast a positive liberal vote for a complete change.

Liberals maintain an all year round presence on the political watch tower. Members of the party agree party policy in open debate. Full accounts can be read on the Liberal Party’s website.

www.liberal.org.uk

If the above statement of Principles is of interest to you please contact us. We intend to continue campaigning in Thirsk after the election has been and gone. If you have any comments or suggestions about our Principles or Manifesto, or would like to offer us your help, please contact us.

ACTION NOT PROMISES

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