

# FOCUS

KIRBYMOORSIDE DIVISION

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## NOT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

We are NOT the Liberal Democrats. The Liberals have a long history behind many social changes. Lloyd George introduced the state pension. Beveridge designed the NHS. Keynes showed that government spending was needed to stop a recession hurting the vulnerable. Liberal Democrats are propping up the Tories. ConDem policies are hurting the vulnerable, the poor, the elderly and the young. This is not a Liberal approach, it is a destruction of our social fabric.

### Blank Cheque

Next year North Yorkshire County Council's budget depends on taking money out of reserves. The Tories plan to have a further budget in June. They are asking you to vote for an unknown package.

The question is: "Do you trust the Tories?"

### Slush Fund

On RDC the Tories play a different trick. Last year they put £50,000 into the budget to spend 'if needed.' Normally this kind of money should go through a reserve fund. If there is an urgent need councillors can decide, for example, to support flood victims. By putting the money into a 'slush fund' the Tory Chairs can agree to money being spent without even informing other councillors. This year they have put £105,000 into the slush fund.

### Selling off the Silver

Ryedale Tories sold off Wentworth Street Car Park. It was a community facility that the people of Malton wanted to keep. Guess who called the protesters: "The Moaning Minnies of Malton." The legal cost is in the region of £200,000.

Ryedale Tories voted to sell Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club. The people of Norton and across Ryedale want to keep this invaluable community asset. Will they be called:

"The Noisy Naysayers of Norton?"

### Toys for Councillors

The Tories on Ryedale District Council have voted to spend £20,000 on new laptops for councillors. All the Liberal councillors voted against this waste. Will North Yorkshire County Council be next?



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## Potholes

For the last two years the number of complaints on the state of the roads 'potholes' has greatly increased. This is driven by three main factors:

1. The Tory County Council keeping the Council Tax down and accepting the government bribe. As a result there is less money in the budget.
2. Central Government (ConDem) cutting the funding to North Yorkshire.
3. Of course the appalling snow and ice over the last two/three years.

We will continue to push and hassle the highways department. However we must remember the above before shooting the messenger.



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## What A Waste

The biggest mistake by NYCC in the last 4 years was the decision to build a massive incinerator.

- Finance — £1,400 million is too much.
- Environment — burning recyclables is wrong.
- People — less jobs and more traffic are both wrong.

Now the government has withdrawn its £65 million support — more money for us to find. The North Yorkshire Liberals led the opposition campaign.

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