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Introducing the LIBERAL PARTY

We are not the Liberal Democrats

The Liberal Party may be new to you in the Derwent Ward. We re-launched the Liberal party in Ryedale in 2003. We now have 3 District Councillors and 1 County Councillor.

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 are opposed to the excessive power of both government and the tax-dodging international corporations.

2. Track Record

Liberals introduced the state pension, unemployment benefit and designed the NHS.

3. Independence

We are in favour of Trade Unions but not being controlled by them or by big business. There are no Liberal whips in local council groups - they restrict free expression.

4. Inclusion

Liberals want freedom and justice for all - not just the well-off. Liberals believe we must raise millions of people out of poverty.

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. Our party policies can be read on the Liberal Party's website.

www.liberal.org.uk

Liberals in Ryedale

On Ryedale District Council we are the main opposition to the Tory council. When they get it wrong we oppose them. For example we have opposed their waste of more than £1/2million to date on the Wentworth Street Car Park.

By-election

There is going to be a by-election in the ward (DERWENT) on December 17th. Whatever the result of the election it will still be a Tory controlled council; it is however, an opportunity for the people in this ward to increase the voice of challenge on the council.

Liberals select candidate for Derwent Ward

Ryedale Liberals have selected **Mike Potter** as their candidate.

Mike is a community campaigner:

- Mike worked tirelessly for a “slow the flow” flood defence system.
- He has campaigned against fracking for the last 2 years.
- He is the Chair of Pickering Civic Society.

If elected as a councillor we are confident he will represent the people of Derwent Ward with a high degree of commitment.

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If you would like to help in the campaign please contact John Clark - see below.



We hope this gives you a flavour of the Liberal Party.

If you like what you have read please consider supporting Mike on the 17th December. If you would like to know more please contact the by-election agent, John Clark:

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