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STEVE CARR WITHDRAWS FROM LIBDEM GROUP AT BROXTOWE



**STEVE CARR
REMAINS AS
YOUR LOCAL
COUNCILLOR**

Steve Carr has announced that he has withdrawn from the Liberal Democrat Group on Broxtowe Borough Council. Steve remains Borough and County Councillor for Beeston North and continues to be a leading party member and part of the LibDem Group at County Hall.

Steve commented, *"I fully appreciate that my decision will come as a bit of a bomb shell for many people but I cannot sit by and accept the situation we have at Broxtowe. Since I was first elected in 2003, I have been happy to be part of the ruling partnership with the Labour Party. I am still happy to work with many of them. However, since the elections in May, the Group have been moving to the left faster than the speed of light. I simply cannot support a partnership that contains councillors who encourage people to look at pretty frightening websites for inspiration on how to oppose the coalition government – one contributor to this website is inciting riots during the Olympics next year! And I cannot support a group who have councillors who accuse the police of racism and harassment after having missiles and petrol bombs thrown at them during the August riots."*

"No doubt I will be pilloried and hounded by the left and probably accused of being a Tory (that one is pretty predictable actually but inaccurate) but there comes a time when as an individual you have to go with how you feel."

"For me this is one of those moments and I hope that many in the LibDem Group at Broxtowe will come to the same conclusion soon enough."

THE RIOTS. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Steve Carr writes, "I was appalled by the riots that took place in August. I was almost caught up in one returning from the Forest v County match when a group of thugs fire-bombed Canning Circus Police Station. I have to say I was shocked by how young people were singled out for blame. As far as I could see it, those throwing petrol bombs, setting fire to property and looting were from all ages. This perception of our young people is very harmful and was not helped by Labour's deputy leader stating on TV that it was all down to tuition fees and the abolishing of EMA for students. This has been echoed by your new Labour councillor in the Council Chamber – **I couldn't disagree more**. Another Labour councillor from next door Beeston West wrote on their website, *"Some will use the riots and looting to call for further police powers, but instead, the police need to be made more accountable to the communities they serve – and held to account when they kill."* Labour seem to be going back to the 1980s - they should remember their left-wing policies then kept them in opposition for 18 years. I agree with Adele Brunton, previous LibDem councillor for this area. She said, *"Most people have seen the riots for what they were, completely orchestrated over social networks, targeting flashpoints for violence, certainly at police stations, moving from one to the other to cause maximum chaos. Businesses disrupted and shattered. People injured or even worse killed. We all pay for the cost of chaos, and the damage and demands which falls onto the State."*

NEWS SNIPPETS

CAR PARK CHARGES

There is no doubt that the introduction of fees has been a disaster for Beeston North. The inconvenience for residents whose streets have been turned into car parks is unacceptable. Steve Carr has been assisting residents with this issue but he would like you to go one step further. The council have recently set up a Working Party to review the charges – I think we should all let them know what we think. Please write to Broxtowe Council and ask them to pass on your comments to this committee. The address is Town Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB.

A TALE OF TWO CONFERENCES – at Labour's conference Blair and Brown were booed! Our old leaders, who all turned up, were cheered!

TOY LIBRARY SAVED

The Toy library on Boundary Road was under threat after the new owners of the building, Hope Nottingham, decided to charge them rent. This is a fantastic amenity for the area and Steve Carr used his County Council budget to pay the rent. We are happy to report that the library had a re-launch event on 6th October. The library is open every Thursday 2pm to 3.30pm and is situated in the Boundary Road Community centre. **All Beeston North residents welcome.**

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY –Lowe's Estate Residents will be holding a Fun Day on 17th December from at 12pm on Carwood Road Car Park. All Beeston North residents welcome. Santa will be paying us a visit despite being very busy.

BARBARA'S BULLETIN



There is a great deal of talk amongst Tory politicians at the moment about the need to reduce the amount of tax that high earners pay. Currently, the top rate is 50% and in this time of austerity, I think that this figure is totally justified and fair.

At a time when families incomes are under huge pressure, I am proud that Nick Clegg has said that any money available to give away in tax cuts should be aimed at taking people out of paying tax altogether. Tax payers such as those on low incomes with families and pensioners need and deserve help in these difficult times. The LibDems will ensure that happens. Indeed, this did happen in the last budget where we took a huge step towards a £10,000 starting rate for tax – and Council Tax is to be frozen again next year.

You will have read the article about the Lowe's Christmas Fun Day. Please come along and support this local organisation. They organise trips for young and older residents. It would be great if the Fields Estate could have a similar organisation. Interested?

GOOD NEWS FOR SCHOOL

The coalition government have announced two initiatives that will benefit Beeston Fields Primary School. Firstly, they have announced that the Pupil premium will be £488 per qualifying pupil. **The school will receive an extra £49,776.** This will be paid directly to the school. The government have also announced a fund for school rebuilding projects called the Priority School Building Programme. This replaces Labour's programme in which millions was wasted in admin and consultation fees. We am pleased to report that Beeston Fields is **10th on the list of priorities** for the whole county. Let's hope they are successful.

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