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Brede, Broad Oak and Udimore

Introducing Derek Greenup

Derek Greenup is a long-time resident of Rother who, now retired, spent 40 years in secondary education – 16 as a headteacher.

He is a proud and committed husband, father and grandfather. He wants to be part of building harmonious communities which prioritise public (particularly mental) health, the environment, and inter-generational leisure time and activities.

He is appalled at the lack of investment in local services by the Conservative Party, and has been motivated to stand for election because at a local, and a national level, the Conservatives seem to have stopped listening to residents and voters.



3 REASONS TO VOTE FOR DEREK ON 2nd MAY.

1) Rother is dominated by Bexhill and the Tories. Half of the councillors, but more than half of the money and time go into Bexhill. Brede & Udimore need a Voice.

2) Rother's extreme application of Tory austerity policies have made its finances even worse. Austerity is now damaging the country and stifling Rother.

3) Listen to the people of Rother District - across the country & the district the Tories are no longer listening to us nor speaking for us.

COUNCIL TAX BLUE RINSE

The Tories are being at least economic with the truth when they compare Council Tax between Lib Dem Eastbourne, Hastings & Rother. Those towns do not have parishes, who carry out many of the services across Rother. Add on the parish precept to the Tory claims, and there's very little difference (except in what you get for your money).

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DEREK GREENUP - A VOICE FOR THE VILLAGES

WHAT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WILL DO FOR ROTHER

Rother residents have been ruled by the Conservative majority for too long. They work for Bexhill's interests before the rest of us. If elected Rother Liberal Democrats priorities are:

A Town Council for Bexhill.

Following the overwhelming support shown by Bexhill residents we would work for a Town Council for Bexhill. This may seem distant to us but it is key to unlocking the time for Rother to meet the needs of all of its communities. It works for Rye after all.

Encourage and support Neighbourhood Plans for all rural areas.

We would encourage and support all rural Towns and Parishes to complete their own Neighbourhood Plan in order to have a say in their planning future, and provide more support from Rother's Planning Department.

More sustainable homes.

We need to build more of the right homes in the right places for local people and their children to live in. We would see whether Rother could build and manage their own housing again. We will work to achieve a five year housing supply, to protect against unwelcome development.

Emptying the bins.

With a new company collecting the bins later this year, we would insist on a better service, better monitoring and fewer mistakes this time around. We would like to simplify the collections and bring a food waste collection into the service.

Housing.

The local housing situation is most unsatisfactory. It is impossible for elderly residents in Brede, Broad Oak and Udimore to downsize because smaller homes are simply not available with the result that they are forced to leave the town and their circle of supportive friends, to our and their impoverishment.

More generally, the exception of housing sites providing affordable homes for local people should be a priority. New housing must, however, be appropriate and sustainable and not impinge on the High Weald Area of Natural Beauty (AONB). We would work to achieve a 5 year housing supply to protect against unwelcome development.

Other Priorities for the Rural Areas

Better broadband services for all.

Support for rural and community shops, pubs nurseries, and businesses.

Strengthen the protection for the High Weald AONB.

Priorities for Rother District:

Recording of meetings at Rother to be available on the web.

Devolve more services to Towns and Parishes.

Retain and improve the Community Grants scheme, and publicise its existence.