

Andrew Duffield

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WHO...

Born: **Plymouth (1963)**
Home: **Northumberland**
Pronouns: **He / Him**

Employment history:

- **Royal Navy Officer**
- **Brewery Executive**
- **NHS Trust Directorate Manager**
- **Newcastle University Union CEO**
- **Middle School Assistant Headteacher**

Political service:

- **Liberal Democrat member (1990)**
- **Ex-District and County Councillor**
- **Four-times UK Parliamentary Candidate**
- **Former Federal Policy Committee Member**
- **Local Party Officer and Election Agent (2024)**
- **Co-Founder and Chair of Liberal Democrat ALTER**

Supported by:

Andrew George MP: affordable housing CEO and Vice-president of Lib Dem **ALTER** (*Action for Land Taxation & Economic Reform*).

Sir Vince Cable: former Liberal Democrat Leader and Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and President of **ALTER**.

Andrew Dixon: Liberal Democrat Business Network co-founder, Economic Working Party member, and sponsor of party policy to replace Business Rates with our *Commercial Landowner Levy*.



Elect ANDREW DUFFIELD as your FPC 1st preference

WHY...

- ✓ **TAX PRIVILEGE – NOT PRODUCTIVITY** ~ As a previous FPC member, I helped develop our “Green Tax Switch” – off income and jobs, and onto pollution and resource use. We need fair, progressive taxation, shifted from work to wealth.
- ✓ **A GREEN GROWTH AGENDA** ~ Micro-generation and energy saving are key to climate crisis containment, but infrastructure investment needs to be urgently up-scaled and self-funding. Tapping Britain’s tidal power should be a top task.
- ✓ **GENERATIONAL JUSTICE** ~ The wealth gap is widening, debt is unsustainable, and young families can’t afford a home. We need policies for inter-generational equity – stabilising rents and house prices via long overdue property tax reforms.
- ✓ **WELFARE THAT WORKS** ~ Our policy for a universal, non-means tested Basic Income benefit is radical and progressive, but still needs a plan for full funding. By recycling community-created wealth we can secure that sustainable support.
- ✓ **LIBERAL LEADERSHIP** ~ Let’s strengthen the centre with our bolder vision for Britain: a programme for fiscal fairness; firm proposals for a federal UK; and a plan to join the European Free Trade Association, restoring some EU influence.

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HOW...



Dear Member,

In the end, it all boils down to money – or, too often, a lack of it.

Public investment cancelled, public services cut, and the great British public consistently let down by policy impotence – with public purse pressures adversely affecting our ambitions too.

How can we fund our plans to turn things around? Education? Welfare? Green growth? Energy security? Our NHS? Defence?

Britain is a rich country, not least in talent terms – yet a broken fiscal system allows the wealth created by hard-working British families to be syphoned into the pockets of privilege. How so?

If only we could collect and recycle this wealth in ways that are:

- *unavoidable – especially to offshore tax dodgers;*
- *sustainable – which windfall taxes are NOT; and*
- *equitable – for fairness and generational justice.*

Fortunately, the impetus to initiate such solutions now exists in our Business Rates replacement, opening opportunity for TOTAL tax reform and an array of alternatives to the deadweight taxation of work and ‘value added’ – taxing value removed instead.

The answer begins with LVT (*Land Value Tax*), plus other fiscal, economic and monetary reforms – reclaiming the many natural and community-created ‘resource rents’ that belong to us all.

Britain may never match Norway’s two trillion-dollar LVT-based *Sovereign Wealth Fund** but let’s make a start. LVT is powerful, principled and potentially highly popular – even in Tory targets if sold as a tax switch. Let’s deal with the difficulties and articulate the advantages. If we care and strive for fair, then it’s time to dare!

Please give me your first preference vote for FPC. Thank you.

*Yours in Liberalism,
Andrew*



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