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#### MEME OF THE MONTH



# **Eastern Region News**



Hi everyone,

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#### Norma Saggers

Eastern Region Manager.

A few weeks ago, I was having a phone conversation with an Eastern Region Spokesperson. After we had discussed what he needed to do to get his campaign up and running he said "What about you, what drives you to do what you do?"

Up until then I hadn't given it much, if any, thought, so I did stop and think about it and I found the answer to be a very simple one.

My parents were good, honest hard-working people and they brought me up to have principles and values.

My dad could often be heard saying "always try to do what you believe to be the right thing" and as an unashamed Daddy's girl, I hung on his every word.

So, the answer to the question, what drives you? is as I said a simple one and it is because I believe it to be the right thing to do.

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#### Ben Habib

Deputy Leader

#### First 5 steps to fixing broken Britain

Rishi Sunak is not in good faith. If he genuinely cared about the social fabric and economic prosperity of the United Kingdom, he would instantly take the steps I have outlined below.

broken Britain.

First, enforce our borders and 90% of them. stop the boats. Doing so cannot be achieved through ever elaborate legislation deportation programmes.

preventing the launching of these fabric of our country. boats.

Border control has always been and year. remains a physical process.



Border Force must cease being a taxi service and do its job - turn These are my first 5 steps to fixing back the boats. Belgium, which also has a problem with boat launches successfully turns back

more Second, radically reduce legal and migration. The minimum wage required for a qualifying work visa is some £26,000 per annum, 30% Deportation is what is needed when below the UK's median wage – no border control fails. Neither can it wonder we are being swamped by be achieved through throwing cheap labour undermining our own money at the French. There is not a labour market, straining public hope in hell of open border France services and tearing at the social

Set the minimum qualifying wage Stopping them requires unilateral for a work visa at £50,000 per British action in the Channel annum, inflation adjusted each

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#### Norma Saggers - What Drives Me?

I believe that Reform UK is the only Party that can and will restore our once great country.

In my view, we have, in Richard, the best leader that we could possibly have. If Richard is the Head of our Party, then Paul, our CEO, is its beating heart as he keeps us alive. My colleagues in the Management structure all work with the same goal, for the good of the people in our Country. We fit together like a jigsaw to make a complete picture.

As a new Party, not even three years old yet, we are doing well, regularly polling in double figures and often in third place, establishing ourselves as a viable opposition. Recent polls show us a mere eight points behind the Tories. Yes, we have a lot more to do and brand recognition is a vital part of that. You can all help us by spreading our message and telling people about us.

I am positive that Reform UK is the future of British politics. I love this country that I was born in to and I believe it's' people deserve so much better than we have.

It was often said that everyone remembers where they were when John F. Kennedy was killed. I don't. I do remember where I was when Reform UK was born. I was there.

As this is our last Reformer of the year, whether you celebrate Christmas or not, on behalf of the Reform UK Eastern Region team, I would like to wish you all a peaceful end to 2023. We will go into 2024 ready to Save Britain.

If you have any questions, ideas or thoughts about our Region or our Party please contact me for a chat.

Norma

Eastern Region Manager

Ben Habib - continued...

And, prohibit the higher education scam giving all and sundry – and their families – visas for to study in the UK. In these two simple steps legal migration would be radically reduced.

Third, stop the hugely inflationary impact and economic emasculation of Net Zero. Ditch the hard and fast carbon emission reductions required by the Paris Accord and all associated legislation and regulations. It is not good enough only to delay the banning of internal combustion engines and gas fired boilers. The North Sea's resources should be fully harnessed, as should the gas under our feet.

Building regulations should be relaxed. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) obligations should be eliminated.

Net Zero has its knee on the neck of the people of this country. Remove that knee.

Fourth, reduce taxes on business, the working and middle classes. Slash corporation tax from 25% to 15% and the private sector would instantly bounces back.

Remove from the tax net completely those earning less than £20,000 per annum and claims on universal credit would dramatically reduce as people go back to work. And yes, we can afford these tax cuts.

Public sector borrowing is way below OBR forecasts. Cut these taxes, kick start the private sector and fix the labour market. The economy would grow and the Exchequer would reap the rewards of that growth.

Fifth, take Northern Ireland back into the United Kingdom – ditch the Irish Sea border and replace it with unilateral export controls on goods moving from Northern Ireland to the Republic.

There need not be any customs border in the sea or on the island of Ireland.

The partitioning of the UK by the Conservative and UNIONIST Party must be reversed.

There is one major difference between politicians in the Conservative Party and those in Reform UK.

We are only in politics because our consciences oblige us. Whilst we most definitely do not exist to be an agent for changing the Tory Party, if the country was well governed, we would be gone.

But, as Suella Braverman so well put it, we face an existential threat. A threat created by her party.

Such monumental failure cannot be rewarded with incumbency. Reform UK is therefore going to deliver on the existential threat it poses to the Tories.

I cannot wait!!

Best wishes

Ben Habib

Deputy Leader Reform UK Shadow Minister for Brexit & the Union

#### **Next Month....**

2024 will in all likelihood be a general election year.

With this in mind, **Richard Tice** will be contributing a feature article for the January '24 issue.

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# Bedfordshire County Overview

Across Bedfordshire we have a lot of work to do in advance of the General Election, currently expected in the autumn of 2024 although, the spring has not been ruled out.

The Tories have already had numerous campaign relaunches in the hope of reversing their declining polling numbers, but it looks to be far too little, far too late and the public, once much more forgiving, are not it appears, in the mood to give them a second chance.

Regardless of when they choose to go to the polls, we will be ready.

Our Bedfordshire spokespeople are already active across their constituencies, leafleting, knocking doors, manning street stalls & learning more about the local issues that affect their constituents.

Now our primary focus on the Mid Bedfordshire by-election has passed, our five other Bedfordshire PPCs, Norman, Harry, James, Nick & Maggie have all been planning and making a start on their own campaigns.

If you haven't seen them out and about yet then you soon will do.

If you want to get involved and be a part of the change that the country so desperately needs then please use the contact details on the right to get in touch with your PPC (Prospective Parliamentary Candidate) and volunteer to help them with their campaigns.

Campaigning is a team activity, our PPCs are passionate, enthusiastic & dedicated but, they can't and won't succeed in getting their message out to every house in the constituency without your support.

Collectively we have much to do in the next 12 months.

All our Bedfordshire spokespeople will be asking for your help.

They will need volunteers to help them to deliver leaflets, they will require volunteers to help them man our street stalls & they will need donations to help them to fund their General Election campaigns.

If you can help them, please use the contact details on the right to get in touch with your constituency spokesperson and together we will make a real difference to UK politics.

Merry Christmas & we all look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Dave Holland

Bedfordshire County Organiser
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Harry, Manning a street stall, Houghton Regis, Dunstable & Leighton Buzzard Constituency

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# **Cambridgeshire County Overview**

The role of County Organiser for Cambridgeshire is now filled and I am delighted to welcome Pia Taylor to our team.

With the Local election only six months away, we are already recruiting Candidates to stand for us. Please apply at:

https://www.reformparty.uk /candidate-application-local-elections

If you would like to stand for us in the next General Election there is still time to apply using this link:

https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election

This is where the Constituency seats have been allocated. And how you can contact your local Spokesperson:

#### Sue Morris in Peterborough

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**Sarah** in **Huntingdon** at huntingdon@reformuk.com

Chris in North East Cambridgeshire northeastcambridgeshire@reformuk.com

#### Guy in St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire

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This is a new Constituency brought about by the Boundary changes

More seat allocations will be made soon. Richard's pledge to have 632 seats allocated by the next General Election is on track, with over 400 Constituency spokespeople already in place and more being interviewed, so there will be a Reform UK Candidate on every ballot paper in England, Scotland and Wales.

Reform UK are rising in the polls. We are polling at 10 - 11% nationally already and with your support will continue to build from here. There has never been a better time to get involved.

Current vacant constituencies in Cambridgeshire are:

Cambridge Ely & East Cambridgeshire North West Cambridgeshire South Cambridgeshire

If you live in one of these constituencies and would like to represent Reform UK in the upcoming general election in 2024, please complete the application online at https://www.reformparty.uk

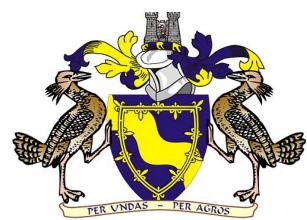
Please feel free to contact me with any queries. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Norma Saggers** at: norma.saggers@reformparty.uk

Eastern Region Manager







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# **Essex County Overview**



Essex has been a very busy county this month as we gear up for the end of 2023 and the last year before the certain General Election to come.

Grant Randall of Rayleigh & Wickford, Paul Godfrey of Brentwood & Ongar, and Stephen Conlay of Basildon & Billericay all attended the National Training Day in Wakefield, to transition from spokespeople to Prospective Candidates, well done all!

Activity in Castle Point has been high with twice-weekly leaflet drops occurring along with a quiz night organised in aid of Canvey Lake - a local cause with a lot of passion riding on it!

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And Ben Habib was at his brilliant best as he made the trip to Southend on Friday 24th, giving his view on the world and his solutions to over 100 people at his sold-out event!

And with both Southend constituencies being vacant it was the ideal shop-window to the public who hadn't yet been contacted, to prospective spokespeople who want to get involved!

#### **Parliamentary News:**

Here in Essex, we now have Spokesmen and women in 13 of the 18 Parliamentary Constituencies.

#### Those still vacant are:

Southend East & Rochford Southend Central and Leigh South Basildon and East Chelmsford Colchester Witham

If you live in or near any of those areas and would like to apply, please use the link to the Application Form.

https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election

We have the following people already allocated Parliamentary seats.

**Keiron** in Castlepoint *castlepoint@reformuk.com* 

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**Peter** in Epping Forest *eppingforest@reformuk.com* 

**Tim** in Braintree braintree@reformuk.com

**Steve** in Basildon and Billericay *basildonandbillericay@reformuk.com* 

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# **Hertfordshire County Overview**

We all took some time on Armistice Day and Remembrance Day to honour those who gave their lives in World War One and every war since. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank some of our spokesmen for their service in the Armed Forces.



Darren Selkus – Hertsmere, served with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers



Steve Adelantado – North West Herts, joined up 2 weeks after his 16th Birthday, serving with the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.



Noel Willcox – Hemel Hempstead signed up at 17, and credits much of his success in life to the skills the military taught him.

We're thankful for their service and it's an honour to campaign side-by-side with these men and they continue to defend this country and fight for a better future.

Theres exciting news for the campaign across Hertfordshire as our website goes live! Please visit https://reformuk-herts.uk where you'll be able to find out about all the spokesmen in Hertfordshire, contact them and register your interest with your local representatives.

With this vital infrastructure in place, we can be comfortable campaigning knowing that there's a resource we can give members of the public who want to find out more.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of Kevin Alderton, a volunteer from Harpenden.

Kevin had been a Tory voter all his life, but couldn't abide the turn the party took towards socialism.

He's been a great member for Reform UK, and as a website builder he was only too ready to lend his time and skills to the cause.



Kevin Alderton, a volunteer & web designer from Harpenden

If anyone needs a website – I can only recommend him, so feel free to get in touch if you want his details.

In other news, Noel Willcox (Hemel Hempstead) is continuing his crusade for justice for those who have been extorted into despair by the Child Maintenance Services through over calculations, exorbitant fines and downright punitive collection methods.

All is revealed in a damning article written by the Epoch times... https://www.theepochtimes.com /world/indepth-erroneous-use-of-outdated-hmrc-data-inflates-fictitious-child-maintenance-figures-5533604

Speaking to The Epoch Times, Noel stated that "Paying parents are saying that there are many suicides linked to the Child Maintenance Service judgments ... The financial hardship is causing anguish amongst paying parents and these calculations have resulted in paying parents taking their own lives."

He added: "Alarmingly, since I have been talking about the CMS publicly, and

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exposing what I believe to be unlawful operations, many paying parents are telling the same story: that they are paying everything asked but yet according to the CMS, still owe thousands of pounds of arrears. Which parents are understandably calling fictitious."

In Stevenage, Amo Amato and Phil Durling will be hosting a meet-and-greet for local activists on the 16th December, with a venue to be announced soon, so look out for an email in the next week for Hertfordshire members. If you'd like to attend please give Amo an email stevenage@reformuk.com

In St Albans, John Dowdle had also been holding coffee mornings at the Three Hammers in Chiswell Green to listen to the concerns of St Albans residents.

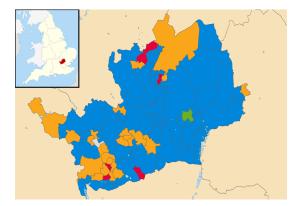
If you're interested in attending future surgeries please email stalbans@reformuk.com or call 07522 114858.

If you would like to stand for us in the next General Election there is still time to apply using this link:

https://www.reformparty.uk /candidate-application-general-election

Our priority is to fill the Broxbourne & Hitchin constituencies that are currently vacant with an enthusiastic, motivated local resident.

We are rising in the polls and this is your opportunity to join our family of likeminded PPCs and make a real difference to UK politics.



These are the Constituency seats allocated so far:

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Jack Aaron in WelwynHatfield

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**Noel Willcox** in **Hemel Hempstead** 

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Broxbourne

Hitchin

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# **Norfolk County Overview**

Across the county, meetings have been taking place and are being organised to discuss campaigning in Norwich for the local elections in May. We have identified three people willing to stand so far with more coming forward.

This as an important step to getting Reform UK on the map and preparing the ground for the upcoming general election whenever that might be called in 2024.

## Nick Taylor Norwich North

I'm standing for Reform UK because I want to leave a better country and a better future for my children. This wish that the

next generation should inherit a better world has in the past been a given but now it is very much in doubt.

The Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats have all presided over three decades of managed decline of our economy, rapid change to our society and a sustained attack on our values.

Britain deserves much better and Reform UK are the only party offering real change and hope for a better future. The three main parties all believe in mass immigration, big government, high taxes, expensive energy and the woke agenda. Reform UK reject this orthodoxy.

I have voted for the Conservatives in ten general elections but never again. Ideologically my position hasn't changed over the years but the Tories have abandoned me and moved to the left, embracing globalist, corporatist values that I don't align with. We need to put our country and its people first and that's what Reform UK are proposing.



I have lived in Norwich for 21 years, I have raised my family here and started a small business here.

I don't need a new career in politics. Frankly I'm busy enough already but some of us have to stand up and put our heads above the parapet. If we want real change, we will have to fight for it. The legions of the liberal elite stand against us. I'm up for the fight. Are you?

If you would like to represent your Constituency in the next General Election there is still time to complete the application form and apply, using the following Link:

https://www.reformparty.uk /candidate-application-general-election



Constituency allocated seats so far are:

Jason in North Norfolk
northnorfolk@reformuk.com
Kabeer in Mid Norfolk
midnorfolk@reformuk.com
Doug in South West Norfolk
southwestnorfolk@reformuk.com
Nick in Norwich North
norwichnorth@reformuk.com

There is still time to apply, if you would like to join them?

#### **Current vacant seats are:**

North West Norfolk Norwich South South Norfolk Broadland and Fakenham

#### **Contact details:**

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# **Suffolk County Overview**

The month of November has been very positive for Reform UK. We had our highest national poll to date!! Well done to all involved and let this be the catalyst for progression into a big year for the party.

Congratulations to the Suffolk Spokespeople who attended Wakefield, who are now Prospective Parliamentary Candidates!

On the 9th November I attended Talking Pints in Sudbury with host Beverley England, PPC supporters to get to put a face to your name for South Suffolk. Beverley has been hosting Talking Pints most Thursdays at various ones. venues.

For further information if you would like to attend future evenings please contact her at southsuffolk@reformuk.com.

There was a great turn out and the local members of the public in attendance were very engaging, passionate and gave some good constructive feedback.

In Suffolk we currently have a spokesperson vacancy for the Suffolk Coastal constituency. If this is of interest to you, please follow the link below to apply:

www.reformparty.uk /candidate-application-general-election

#### 'Talking Pints'

Beverley England - South Suffolk

After a bit of a break from campaigning in my constituency of South Suffolk, due to relocating and an injury, as of October I'm back 'on it' having been thoroughly enthused at the Reform UK Party Conference in London.

I have re-started 'Talking Pints' which is a great way to meet your supporters on a week day evening in pubs around your constituency. I have no agenda, it is basically a chance for South Suffolk



and discuss local issues as well as national

You will find that paid up members may bring friends, neighbours and family to find out more about you. The last meeting there were 14 of us and the previous meeting around 22 - a huge difference to when I did my first Talking Pints session last year in Hadleigh, where no-one turned up and I was grateful to have my dog with me!

It is an easy thing to set up - just call the pub and ask them to reserve you a spot and they are always very happy as it gives them trade on nights when they may not be busy.

I am mindful not to speak to the customers to be respectful to the landlord/landlady - some people don't want to have an interruption with politics when enjoying a quiet pint!

Street stalls - this is another great way to get noticed but I have decided rather than just 1 or 2 of us, I am going to organise 6 - 10 people as this will create more of an impact visually and it shows people there are a lot of us around.

I've got a team now to do this so I'm keeping an eye on the weather to set up some dates, which may be tricky leading up to Christmas, but we will see.

Certainly we shall be doing a lot in the New Year and going forward.

Good luck to everyone with your campaigning!

Beverley England

#### **Current Suffolk Spokespeople:**

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Edmund - West Suffolk westsuffolk@reformuk.com

Mike - Central Suffolk & North Ipswich centralsuffolkandnorthipswich@ reformuk.com

Tony - Ipswich ipswich@reformuk.com

**Scott** - Waveney Valley waveneyvalley@reformuk.com

#### **Current vacant constituencies are:**

**Suffolk Coastal** 

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# **How You Can Help**

#### 1. Follow, Share & Like

The more people <u>watch</u> <u>in full</u>, then <u>like</u>, then <u>share</u> & <u>comment</u> on our our social media content, the more people we will reach across the country.

We have Reform UK social media accounts on: Facebook, X (Twitter), YouTube, Instagram & TikTok platforms, additionally our leadership; Richard Tice, David Bull & Ben Habib as well as regional teams, county teams and constituency spokespeople profiles.

Some constituency profiles are not in place yet, but in the coming weeks we will have a full compliment of spokespeople with active social media.

Please watch our videos **in full**, then **like**, **share** and **comment** on them. This will greatly help us to reach more people.

Please follow the relevant Reform UK accounts for your region and engage with as much of our content as you can.

Supporting our social media content is a great way to support the Reform Party and is very easy to do.

Just set up accounts on the listed social media platforms, find Reform UK accounts and follow them, follow all the National & local Reform Party pages & start watching, liking and sharing & commenting.

Thank you

#### 2. Volunteer To Help

We will soon have spokespeople (PPCs) appointed in 632 constituencies across the UK. We are not contesting Northern Ireland, but we will be standing in every seat in England, Scotland & Wales.

Each spokesperson (PPC) is in the process of building a team of volunteers to help them to campaign across their constituency.

Your help and assistance is vital to their campaigns.

Your contribution however big or small will help them to achieve their goal of being able to represent you and the common sense policies that every Reform UK Party spokesperson stands for.

Our spokespeople will be delivering leaflets across their constituencies, running pop-up stalls on high streets, knocking on doors to talk with voters and running events in your area.

Many hands make light work and by volunteering you will be assisting your local spokesperson to reach more people and gain more votes.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact your county organiser in the first instance via email and they will put you in touch with your spokesperson (PPC).

#### 3. Become a Member

Not a Reform UK member yet? It's never too late to join us so we can be the Party that you need us to be.

We are not building Reform UK for our benefit, we are building Reform UK because the country needs a centre right, common sense party. Reform UK is for normal, hardworking people who have been increasingly marginalised.

Britain needs a voice; for fairness, for common sense, for the preservation of the 'old normal', for the restoration of our services and standard of living.

All this can be be done, it will be done but, to achieve it, we all need to stand shoulder to shoulder.

#### You can become a member here:

https://www.reformparty.uk/join\_us

### **New Ways To Get Involved?**

We will soon be recruiting Social Media Ambassadors to help us to push our messages out further & faster to more people. If you can spare a few minutes a day to support Reform UK from your armchair you may be just the person we are looking for. We will train you on what to do, when to do it and help you to help us. If you are interested please email *bedfordshire@reformuk.com* 

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# **Contribute To The Eastern Region Reformer**

#### 1. Send us your content for consideration.

If you have local news, events, campaigns or activities in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk or Norfolk we'll consider them to include in the next issue. Just email your content and details to *bedfordshire@reformuk.com* before the 24th of the month. We can't guarantee inclusion but we'll do our best.

#### 2. Write to our Letters page

Get in touch, share your thoughts, send us your photos, comments & suggestions. Seen one of our spokespeople out and about? Send in your photos. Depending on what we receive we will include a letters page in future. Please email: bedfordshire@reformuk.com before the 24th of the month.

#### 3. Offer Suggestions

We are always looking to improve what we do and how we do it. Any ideas and suggestions you have make the Eastern Region Reformer even better, please pass them on. Email your suggestions to: bedfordshire@reformuk.com before the 24th of the month.



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## Frederick Chedham - Reform Party UK Defence Spokesman

# Brexit Betrayal: The Silent Erosion of UK Sovereignty in EU Defence Plans

It is evident that the Brexit outcomes campaigned for have fallen short of the expectations set by those of us who supported it.

The 2019 Conservative General Election victory, which enthusiastically campaigned for an unambiguous departure from the European Union, has been forced backwards towards increased participation in the blocs increasing demands for greater authority over decision making.

The government that pledged to deliver Brexit is now actively participating in initiatives that could potentially compromise the hard-fought sovereignty regained.

Within this regression of policy back to the EU's orbit is the subject of the UK's involvement in the European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy (CDSP), a twinkling alternative ambition to NATO, signalling a shift away from reliance on U.S. military power in European defence.

To meet its CDSP ambitions, the EU craves the UK's considerable military capabilities, particularly its ability to conduct power projection.

Despite the EU's current military limitations, there is a concerted effort to transform its military posture. Brussels is establishing a political-military bureaucracy, where operational decisions will be made on behalf of member states.

Ursula Von Der Layen has emphasized that decisions on military cooperation will be determined by Qualified Majority Voting (QMV), stripping member states of the power to exercise a national veto.

The unexpected return of David Cameron has injected fresh momentum into hitherto discreet Foreign Office plans to align the nation with EU ambitions for a unification of defence capability.

The mandarins overseeing our foreign relations seems oblivious to the potential ramifications of committing UK military forces to EU missions, missions that may not be in the national interest and may lack public support.



They view defence capability as a strong bargaining tool to create leverage on other areas of EU-UK cooperation. But what they are prepared to enter is not simple cooperation of choice but something much far-reaching.

Particularly disconcerting is the clandestine negotiation process to integrate the UK into EU defence arrangements without triggering formal public scrutiny.

Senior officials within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) believe that existing EU-UK arrangements provide sufficient room to proceed on an intergovernmental level.

This revelation only serves to underscore the existence of a deeply ingrained institutional plan to reintegrate the UK into the decision-making processes of the EU.

There is no need for an EU Army, such talk is easily dismissed as fanciful. Foreign official officials know that key to creating EU capability is the unification of command and control arrangements, something more subtle but ultimately more effective than uniforms or organisations.

If unchecked, the Foreign Office, led by David Cameron's Europhile zealousness, could lead

the UK into defence arrangements where British service personnel are bound by treaties to participate in EU missions.

This participation, given the disparities in military capabilities, could burden the UK disproportionately, all without the explicit consent of the British people.

As the nation grapples with more visible issues Defence, has not been a priority in the current national conversation.

However, following David Cameron's greenlighting of the Foreign Office's plans to go along with EU defence unification it should receive closer examination.

The silent institutional betrayal of Brexit ideals deserves a place in the forefront of public debate, ensuring that the British people are fully aware of quiet behind the scenes negotiations that could UK forces committed to more unwanted wars.

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## SPOKESMAN SPOTLIGHT **Darren Selkus - Hertsmere Spokesman (PPC)**

hear from Darren Selkus in Hertsmere.

Had enough of the two party system and politicians that say one thing and do another?

I live in Hertsmere and am very happy to have been appointed our Reform UK Spokesperson.

The next General Election is only a year away and I look forward to challenging Oliver Dowden MP and holding not only the Conservative Government but all of the Westminster establishment to account.

Without Reform UK there is no democracy and no choice. There's little difference in policy between the Conservatives and Labour.

Only Reform UK believes in a small State where we have more control over our own lives. Only Reform UK will end the Net Zero insanity that makes us poorer, less competitive and just exports CO2 emissions to other countries.

Only Reform UK will reduce taxes and accelerate growth. Only Reform UK wants to control immigration and will radically reform our public services, including the NHS, to make them fit for purpose.

If you want change you have to change your vote.

I'm not a politician and to be honest don't want to be one. BUT we need change and I'm committed to making it happen.

I'm a British Army veteran, CEO of the UV Group Plc and married with two kids and two dogs.

In this months Spokesman spotlight, we This experience makes up for any inexperience in politics and better to represent and fight for the people of Hertsmere.

> Until 2019 I had little interest in politics but became engaged after the result of the 2016 was ignored.

> I joined the Brexit Party and was selected as the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Epping Forest.





Darren Selkus - Hertsmere

PPC's - Please send me your Spotlight content & tell us all about you, why you are standing & introduce yourself.

300 words + images to bedfordshire@reformuk.com by 24th of the month please.

## 2024 - What's Coming Up in the Eastern Region Reformer

Next month is the start of what will in all likelihood be an election year.

With this big event in our short party history on the horizon it is fitting that we will have a feature article from Richard Tice, it's bound to motivate, inspire and set us all up for what is going to be a significant year of progress for Reform UK.

We will be featuring articles from the Reform UK shadow cabinet in the coming year. As well as more articles on a wide range of topics from our PPCs.

Thank you all for subscribing and reading. In 2024

we will take this newspaper forwards and upwards with more content, more information and more news as we continue to make progress.

Latest YouGov poll on Westminster voting intention:

Labour 45% Conservative 22% Reform UK 10% Liberal Democrat 9% Greens 7% **SNP 4%** Others 1%

Fieldwork: 24-27 Nov Sample 2,055



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