



**The UK Independence Party**

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Dear Member,

We have had a change of committee. Retiring Chairman Peter Watson and Treasurer Bill Warren are taking a back seat after their exertions through the recent election. Eric Styles has also stood down as secretary, but will remain, along with Betty Dandridge, to offer their experience & enthusiasm to the new committee. We thank them all for their considerable labours for UKIP.

New to the committee are freelance software contractor Charles Upton, who becomes Treasurer and ex-hotelier John Baxter becomes your Chairman. Both have been members for some years and have helped behind scenes. Together, they are keen to build Dorset North into a healthy and thriving constituency, ready to fight all future battles.

Your new committee have just returned from London, attending the exciting Annual Conference. Much policy was discussed, the delegates voting to oppose Proportional Representation for government elections, but approving a simplified system of reduced taxation to replace the bloated, messy, inefficient income tax and stealth taxes we suffer today. But our abiding memory was the enthusiasm and quality of the fledgling *UKIP Youth* for the 14 to 30 year olds. Now launched, we hope it will become a prominent feature in our area. Find more details at [www.youthkip.co.uk](http://www.youthkip.co.uk)

We now need to ask you for your help. We need to build up a body of helpers to make the constituency run in a professional manner to rival the organisations of the major players. This is important to help make any election more successful, with better results in the voting booths. So what we need is to establish an army of leafleteers, whether covering one street, one village or one town. Please contact us to be added to our existing register of keen, hard working, community minded foot soldiers! You would become a very important part of our team, making it possible to contact economically the 68,000 people of our constituency. To illustrate that point, just one mail-shot to all constituents costs over £10,000 in postage alone, an unattainable figure for a small but growing party such as UKIP.

A new idea for Dorset North – an informal venue where you can meet like-minded people over a drink or even a meal. From November, we are meeting up on the first Thursday of the month at the Charlton Inn. This is situated in Charlton Marshall, north of Spetisbury on the main A350 just a couple of miles south of Blandford Forum. [ [www.thecharltoninn.co.uk](http://www.thecharltoninn.co.uk) ] The section nearest the car-park door is non-smoking, which suits me well! Choose your own time during the evening. We hope someone will be there from 7pm onwards. Please come along – it is an initiative we want to make work. If this venue is too far to come, we are open to suggestions for an alternative for the future. Please bear in mind that our Constituency is about 30 miles north to south! I have tried to find somewhere mid-county. If transport is a problem, let the chairman know.

Another item we must cover is the prospect of council elections. These will occur at various times before the next scheduled General Election. If you feel you would like to stand locally as a UKIP candidate, please let us know. It is an important and satisfying position, requiring dedication and hard work. Contact us as soon as possible so we can offer you help and support during your campaign. We have dedicated staff at head office who will take you through every stage. Let us try to establish UKIP in every council in our constituency – and this can also include unelected parish

councils. Nationally, it is interesting to note that many MPs started their political careers at a local level.

With the latest excellent edition of Independence [issue 62], there was a copy of the Independence and Democracy Group's petition "European Union – when can I have my say?" Please try to get this filled up by family and friends, customers, staff, work colleagues, car booters, even on street corners etc, but do make sure they are old enough to vote and are likely to be on the electoral roll. We aim to get two million + signatures to make this government wake up to the wishes of the people. Find out more about this group of anti-EU MEPs at [www.euoparl.eu.int](http://www.euoparl.eu.int) - they are on our side as you can see by their members' page! If you need more copies of the petition, please either download them from the UKIP site or ask the chairman who will be happy to get some to you. One is included with this letter.

Although internationally we have influenced positively the French and Dutch referenda, and encouraged the return of the Italian Lira, nationally kept the debate going and delayed the advent of the euro, it is clear there is much to do before the next election to build up our party to be a power to be reckoned with. With our excellent candidate Richard Frampton-Hobbs, we saw an above average vote of 1900, and nationally doubled our vote from the previous general election, although we continue to be dogged by tactical voting. Next time, we must achieve even greater things so we can get our message to more and more people and reverse the decline and destruction of our once great country.

However, one of the most important things that you can do is to ensure your membership is up-to-date, i.e. please renew promptly – this is vital to the future of your branch, and UKIP as a whole. Finance has been seriously depleted by the expenses of the General Election, as we receive no funding through government, relying on membership, fundraising, and donations [we are open to receiving donations to speed things up at any time!!!]. If you can't find your membership card, the Chairman will be happy to tell you whether you need to renew or not.

If you have any fundraising ideas, let's discuss them at the Charlton Inn on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November!

Together we can build on previous successes to influence British policy towards the unelected, corrupt, extravagant, dictatorial and bureaucratic nightmare that is the EU.

Ring John Baxter on 01202 897884  
or better still Email him at [john@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk](mailto:john@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk)

And don't forget to checkout the local UKIP website at [www.ukipdorset.org](http://www.ukipdorset.org)  
[if you want really excellent content click on the Bournemouth West link while you are there]

Or the national one at [www.ukip.org](http://www.ukip.org)

If you are not of a nervous disposition, you may wish to visit some of the EU sites! Try <http://europa.eu.int> or <http://epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int> and then give your life savings to UKIP!

**“If the EU is the answer, it must have been a stupid question!” Tom Wise, MEP**