

NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Welcome to Issue 3 of the Newsletter. Our manifesto has been released and the Party has remained steadfast to our founding principles. Truth - our motto - is the core value of our political ambitions and endeavours. Membership is on the rise and, behind the scenes, our Nominating Team are busy with vetting and the selection of potential candidates to contest local and general election seats.

Over the coming months we will feature a policy per issue highlighting principle aims and objectives and how we will achieve these goals.

Over the past few weeks it was pleasing to note that other political parties shared our desire to see changes in many areas. However, it was fairly obvious to the many that such changes are much needed – a couple of examples are the unpopular half-term prison sentences

for criminals and the government's decision to include elderly care within the NHS framework – changes put forward by our policy planners many months ago. The manifesto is full of initiatives and change. Many people seek the return of a form of National Service; the innovative proposal by our Party Leader, Robin Horsfall, could be the answer to give the youth of today an opportunity of learning valuable life skills and a career/trade choice. Add to that the leadership and team-building exercise during the training, and these youngsters will be well-equipped to face their futures with confidence and knowledge.

It was disappointing to experience an apparent lack of interest from media outlets to the publication of the manifesto but the document is only the first step on the road to changing the entrenched mindset of UK politics.

From small acorns do large oak trees grow – we have much to do and, with membership support in spreading our message, we will be heard and listened to.

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Update

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Interim Deputy Party Leader



It's just over a month since we released our [Manifesto](#) – a great day for the Party: delivering what was promised by our Party Leader, Robin Horsfall, on time.

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A quick update on Robin. He has completed his chemotherapy and will now move on to his potential surgery in the coming weeks. Finishing chemo has been a blessing and he is returning to fitness on a daily basis. I have my regular phone calls with him and he still acts as our Party Leader, offering guidance and support at every turn. I am really looking forward to him returning to full time duties in the new year and I am sure everyone else is behind me on that.

We received some great feedback on our Manifesto and, as expected, some posed questions which we have answered in our blog on the website. We knew it would be an uphill struggle with the press (over 3000 journalists were sent the Manifesto in advance of the release), they just don't like the fact that there is an alternative option to the controlling elite and some unfortunately view us as supporting areas we certainly don't. In the words of a 'follower', the Party are doing it wrong and must try harder – we don't feel we are doing it wrong but yes, we must try harder and with the support of our members we will gain traction.

And what next for the Party?

Key to our success is our volunteer team, they put in many hours of free time to help us understand and deliver what is needed. We always have opportunities for volunteers, so if you are interested in supporting us behind the scenes then please [get in touch](#).

We are actively recruiting candidates across the country; we have had many interested applications and these are all being progressed. We need more so that we can offer a viable alternative that will deliver with honesty at local elections and parliamentary ones. If you are interested in becoming a candidate then please email our Candidate team:

candidateoffice@ukveteransandpeoplesparty.org

Over the next months, we will be following up on our Manifesto in greater detail utilising the feedback we have received and maintaining the ethos of the Party. What is interesting from a Party perspective is that, since the release of our Manifesto, several of our proposals have now been revealed as items for

mainstream parties – it's great to see we can influence others with our thinking, including the current Chancellor!

We have recently recruited a Marketing Manager who will be invaluable in helping us become visible outside of our social media sources.

Thoughts are also moving toward an AGM next spring, where our members will be able to attend and have opportunity to be very much part of the meeting. Watch out for news on this in the near future.

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Why I joined VAPP

Lisa Newall

**Deputy Team Manager
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I found VAPP quite by accident and was pleasantly surprised by the variety of people and subjects that were being discussed and debated on the Group Page. This really stood out to me as so many others only seemed to hover on one subject or pointed the finger at other Parties.

After a few lively and passionate debates, I was approached to become part of the Team. Being a full time Carer at that point to two special needs boys, I jumped at the chance to help change things and have something to get my teeth into. I have now been with the team for almost a year and have never looked back. Being part of such a strong team/family, and having a lot of wonderful followers and members, means every day is a joy to come to 'work'.

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In each issue we will try to bring you information about various organisations that may be of help to some members. In this issue we are highlighting a charity that helps people manage their debt.



Making a difference

Hundreds of thousands of people come to us for help every year. Some are at crisis point and many don't see a way out. We help them to find a way out of their debt problems.

We help people to make sense of their finances. We don't judge people, we just provide the support, guidance and solutions that are needed to deal with debt.

Whatever the situation, we'll look for practical solutions that make our clients' lives better.

We hear from clients about the difference our advice makes every day. Many clients have their first good night's sleep in months after they've been in touch with us.

What we do

Our team of debt experts help 620,000 people a year to deal with their debt problems. With 25 years' experience, you can be confident that we can provide the advice and support you need to achieve long-term financial control.



We offer free debt advice that is based on a comprehensive assessment of your situation. We'll then provide practical help and support for however long it's needed.

In 2017 we helped 620,000 people with their debts.

In 2016 our clients repaid £414 million of debt.

Our advice process

You can get debt advice from us online or over the phone. Either way we'll follow a simple, three-step process to deal with your debt:

1. We'll help you work out your budget, income and debts.
2. We'll use this information to find a solution to your debt that suits your situation.
3. We'll set up your debt solution, and offer support however long it's needed.

For contact details and options, please visit:

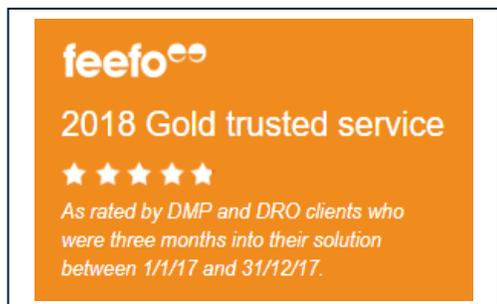
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Centrism in Politics

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The Collins English Dictionary defines Right and Left Wing as follows:

Right Wing – ‘the Conservative faction of an assembly, party,’ etc.

Left Wing – ‘the Leftist faction of an assembly, party, group, etc; the radical or progressive wing’.

Collins does not have a definition for Centrist party, but there are many websites and blogs that form similar opinions that Centrist parties follow a middle ground based on reason and pragmatism.

Why are there clear definitions of Left and Right but not Centre? Do we really know what a Centrist party is or what it does? Do Centrist parties truly exist? Can they actually work?

We at the Veterans’ and People’s Party define ourselves as a Centrist Party, basing our policies on common sense and realistic, pragmatic views of the world. We have achieved this by ensuring our policies have been prepared and researched by people that are

and have been affected by them. In our view, this is the most common sense and realistic way to diagnose an issue and propose a fix for it.

Can a ‘Centrist Party’ create policy by remaining strictly between Right and Left? The definitions online would have us believe so. Of course, this is not the case.

Any Centrist party must lean in either direction to ensure that a policy is effective. To simply strive for middle ground policies will only result in compromising results as opposed to the best solution. The question for Centrist Parties is how far Left or Right can they, or should they lean? VAPP believe that the best solution will benefit the largest part of society possible. No party will ever please 100% of the people 100% of the time. It’s simply impossible.

As voters, we are inundated with buzzwords linked to each side. Racists, Nazis and Fascists for the Right. Liberals, Snowflakes and Communists for the Left. Sadly, on the extreme fringes of both sides these statements can be true; however, to link these words with an entire party is not only unfair, it is often untrue.

We are taught that there are only two sides, that to vote for any other will result in catastrophic results. There are numerous political parties registered with the Electoral Commission; why don't they gain any real ground? The simple answer is that the main parties have almost unlimited funds to ensure they are the only ones visible. They rely on the previously mentioned buzzwords to drive voters one way or the other.

This situation can be avoided with a little free thought and reason. Simply to understand that it is ok to lean one way or the other and that taking the best parts from both sides can, and will, work. To disregard a policy because it is proposed by 'the other side' rather than on its merits is a wasted vote. To vote one way because that's how it's always been done in the past, is a wasted vote.

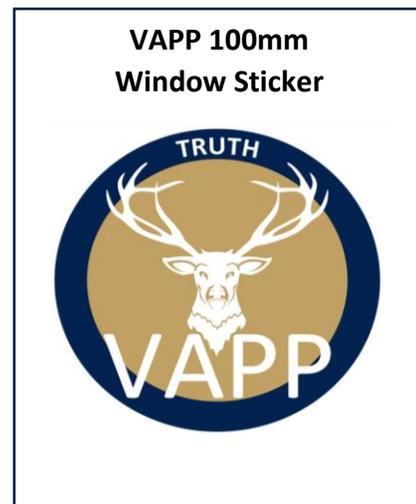
VAPP have been criticized by both Left and Right supporters. Does this mean we are effective as a Centrist party? Only time will tell. We believe that if people put aside their pre-determined notions of what is Left and or Right and read our policies with an open mind, they will see the validity of what we are trying to achieve. Once they see this, all the big money in the world will not be able to drown us out. The vote will always trump the money every time.

If you want real change, if you want real policy, if you want real people speaking for you and with you, vote Veterans' and People's Party.

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