

# Pickering Focus



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## Go for a fair deal

A fair deal for all is being backed by your Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate Howard Keal.

Howard says the party will prise open the wallets of the very wealthy to fund tax cuts of £700 a year for everyone else.

**“All of us have had enough of mega bucks bankers taking our money – it’s time to take some back.”**

“We will swap the current free-for-all for the rich with a deal that’s fair for all,” said Howard.

A prospect of a hung parliament offers the chance to make your vote really count in making a grab for the levers of power.

Howard says Liberal Democrat Vince Cable has been right all the way on the economy - and he is right about the changes to tax.



The party is fighting to close loopholes for the richest and to tax mansions which are worth more than £2 million.

“That provides for income tax cuts of £700 for millions of us, while millions more low earners and pensioners will no longer have to pay income tax at all.

“It’s better and fairer all round. The deal is on the table,” said Howard. “All you have to do is vote for it.”



Howard Keal

Let’s all be on a roll!

Student voters have been urged by Lib Dem Howard Keal to make their voices heard.

The parliamentary candidate made the call on a visit to Lady Lumley’s School, Pickering.

Anyone not on the electoral roll still has time to have their name added before the General Election.

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Low council tax dumped by County Tories

# Snow tax blow

*Tories backed by  
Pickering county  
councillor John Clark push  
through higher rates bills.*

**A ZERO per cent rate rise for Ryedale residents backed by Liberal Democrats has been wiped out by County Hall Tories.**

The county Cons refused to dip into balances to fund road repairs needed following the heavy snow and instead picked the pockets of ratepayers.

Howard Keal, Leader of the Liberal Democrat group on Ryedale District Council, said: "We fought to keep bills down.

"But the demand that lands on your doormat depends on the combined costs of services provided by both councils.

"It's sad to see the zero per cent rise agreed by Ryedale being swept aside by the increase imposed by the County Council."

All Liberal Democrat councillors voted **against** the snow tax - but Pickering Liberal John Clark supported the Tories move to bring in the higher increase.

He and the Conservatives opted for a rise of 2.94%, well in excess of the 2.5% on which the County Council had consulted residents.

It will generate an extra £1 million of income to deal with winter damage, but the money could have been taken from the county's £15 million reserves.

"The extra demand from the county council will raise more from Ryedale residents than if the district council had agreed a 2.5% rise," said Howard.

"All the good we achieved with our zero per cent rise has been swallowed up by County Hall Tories."

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