

Waveney Matters

with Peter Aldous, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate



State of Disrepair

Under Labour, one in six young people are neither in employment nor education, whilst there are two million people who are economically inactive and yet want to work.

Gordon Brown has paid out vast amounts of money to keep people out of work when jobs have been there, only to be filled by people from overseas. The Conservatives do not buy into this Labour strategy of using migrant labour to paper over the widening cracks. It's a wholly flawed approach that has put pressure on public services and the nation's wider infrastructure, resulting in generations of people abandoned to a meaningless life of poverty.

The next Conservative Government will take charge of this untenable situation and start managing immigration and the migrant worker process properly. We will institute controls on borders, immigration

and the current practice of issuing National Insurance Numbers, seemingly at random, to individuals regardless of their right to work.

Of course, there are deserving cases we will always support: those with disabilities that prevent them from ever working, full-time carers and parents with very young children. However, a life lived on benefits, at home doing nothing, must become a thing of the past for those able to work.

Conservative plans to get young people off benefits and into jobs include:

- Intensive programmes of work-related activity for those who don't find a job within three months.
- Full-time community work programmes for those who spend a year out of work.
- Tougher limits on the amount of time young people can spend at home on benefits.

Dealing with Debt

Recent research shows that ten thousand households in Waveney - almost twenty five percent of the total - may now be struggling with debt. At the same time, one in four of first-time buyers is now priced out of the property market.

Peter Aldous, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Waveney, comments: "There is a real worry about the cost of housing and many people I meet wonder whether they will ever be able to have a home of their own at a price they can afford."

Conservative policies to address the housing crisis include:

- Abolishing Stamp Duty for nine out of ten first-time buyers.
- Scrapping Home Information Packs (HIPs).
- Encouraging more family homes with gardens.
- Helping more social tenants to own or part own their homes.



Peter Aldous with Grant Shapps MP on a visit to a new housing scheme in Beccles.

If you, or a member of your family, are having housing problems please email me on:

waveney@tory.org

or call on 07771 791513.

Conservatives aim for a Fairer and Better Society

A Conservative Government would introduce an innovative raft of policies to improve many areas of life in the UK. Here are just a few of our proposals to restore some sense of fair play to a better society:

- Abolishing Stamp Duty for nearly all first-time buyers.
- Protecting our hospitals and GP surgeries.
- Raising the threshold for Inheritance Tax to £1 million.
- Supporting discipline in schools.
- Introducing a British Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to protect victims not offenders.

Peter Aldous says, "Labour is costing you more!"

When you go to the supermarket, fill the car up or pay your electricity bills, we are seeing the cost of living getting more expensive.

There are lots of things the Government could do to help the many struggling families in Waveney. Gordon Brown could cancel his increases in car taxes, his new alcohol taxes, and his plan to increase taxes on the lowest paid.

What is Bob Blizzard doing to help families who find they do not have enough to make ends meet? Inflation has seen the highest rise since 1992. With wage rises limited and local jobs under pressure, this is a worrying time for many people. And yet Bob does nothing...

Send Bob Blizzard and Gordon Brown a message that enough is enough! Tell us what you think.

Complete the survey opposite and send your thoughts back to us.

60 Second Survey

Cost of Living

As a Conservative, I believe that hard working people should be able to keep more of the money they earn. This is your money and the Government should be accountable to you for how they spend it.

I want to hear your views. Please complete this quick survey. The information you provide will help me better represent you in Parliament and make sure that the next Conservative Government is on your side.

For each question, please select the answer(s) that most reflect your views. Once completed, please fill out your name and address below and return to Peter Aldous, Waveney Conservatives, FREEPOST RLTL-EGUS-AEHL, Heathlands, London Road, Kessingland, Suffolk, NR33 7PJ

Thank you for completing this survey.

1. Since Gordon Brown became Prime Minister, the amount of tax I pay has:

- Gone up
- Gone down
- Stayed the same
- Don't know

2. Overall, my level of taxation is:

- Too high
- Too low
- About right
- Don't know

3. Recent tax increases that most affect me are (rank in order, 1 being highest):

- Car taxes
- Aeroplane ticket taxes
- Taxes on alcohol and cigarettes
- Business taxes
- Abolition of the 10p tax rate

4. Recent price increases that most affect me are (rank in order, 1 being highest):

- Mortgage payments
- Utility bills (gas, electricity)
- Petrol/Diesel
- Cost of food

5. Since Gordon Brown became Prime Minister, I am financially:

- Worse off
- Better off
- About the same
- Don't know

6. If there was a General Election tomorrow, I would vote:

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- Other
- Won't vote
- Won't say

7. At the last General Election, I voted:

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- Other
- Didn't vote
- Won't say

8. I want to help defeat the Labour Government by:

- Delivering leaflets
- Displaying a poster
- Helping on Election Day
- Being a Registered Supporter
- Joining the Conservative Party

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Your comments:

Can you help your local Conservatives?

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Let Down By Labour

In 1997, Blair and Brown joined voices to sing a triumphant rendition of "Things can only get better". Eleven years later, with the nation now paying more taxes than ever before and the cost of living escalating, the pair's sing-song promises have proven hollow.

It only takes a quick look at the facts to see that things have definitely not got better. For example, under a Labour Government:

- Transport spending per head in the Eastern Counties remains the lowest in the country.
- The A12, which includes the Lowestoft Bascule bridge, is described as the worst road in the country.

- There is inadequate investment in coastal and flood defences.
- Billions of pounds are diverted to traditional Labour heartlands.
- Spending on education in Suffolk is lower than in neighbouring counties.

Set against the backdrop of spiralling food, fuel and mortgage costs, all Labour can come up with is an unwanted, politically-motivated review of local government, which according to independent research could cost each Council Tax paying household £345 each and looks to transfer Lowestoft into Norfolk.

It's time to change the record!

Standing Up For Britain

While Labour are increasingly happy to transfer yet more powers to the EU, as witnessed by Gordon Brown's U-turn on his Party's Election pledge to hold a referendum on the EU Constitution, the Conservatives have a different vision for Europe.

We recognise that people in Great Britain do not want more powers transferred from Westminster to Europe.

A Conservative Government would change the law so that any new treaty

that transfers competencies from Britain to Europe would have to be put to the people in a referendum.

"Of the three main parties, only the Conservatives have stuck to their guns in calling for a referendum on the EU Constitution," says Peter Aldous. "We need to go further still and look to bring areas such as social and employment law back under national control.

He continues: "We should also consider carefully whether we would be better off out of the Common Fisheries Policy. It is a policy that has had a profound and devastating effect on the fishing industry in Lowestoft. It's time we had a debate about whether or not it is a worthwhile policy."

Do you have connections with the fishing industry? Please send me your views as to whether you think we should withdraw from the CFP. Please email: waveney@tory.org or call or text on 07771 791513

Pensioners Poverty Plight

Recent research by the EU has revealed that pensioners in Britain are some of the most likely in Europe to face poverty. According to the findings of 'At Risk of Poverty', Britain is ranked the fourth worst country in the Eurozone for pensioner poverty. Indeed, only the elderly in Cyprus, Spain and Latvia fare worse.

Peter Aldous comments: "Labour has destroyed one of the strongest pension systems in Europe. As a direct result of Gordon Brown's £5 billion per year raid on pension funds we now have one of Europe's weakest pension provisions." He continued to say: "It is vital that we address this critical issue and provide a better state pension, alongside simplifying the current complicated means-tested arrangements, whilst ensuring people's savings are protected."

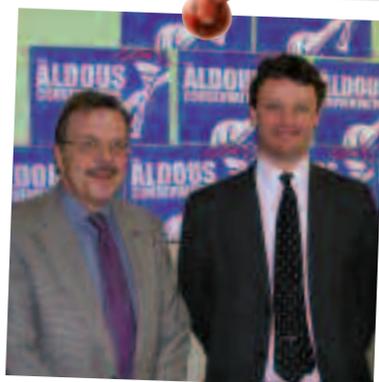


Peter Aldous with local business people



Peter Aldous meeting local pensioners

Peter's Scrapbook



Peter Aldous with Former Waveney MP, David Porter



Peter Aldous with Teresa Villiers MP on a visit to Africa, Alive in Waveney



Peter Aldous with Lord Prior - former MP for Waveney

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Irish Cheer

The recent news that the Republic of Ireland had rejected the Treaty of Lisbon has been welcomed by Peter Aldous. He says: "It's tremendous news that the Irish have rejected the treaty – the revived EU Constitution."

Last autumn, along with the MEP, Geoffrey Van Orden, the Waveney Conservatives campaigned to make the Government keep its promise to hold a referendum in Britain, and many people throughout Waveney signed postcards demanding one be held.

Unfortunately, Gordon Brown did not listen and, instead, broke his manifesto pledge to hold a referendum and, at the last moment, sneaked in to Lisbon to sign the Treaty on his own.

Peter Aldous says: "The Treaty of Lisbon was about massive constitutional change and transferring a swathe of new powers from our nation to the EU. We don't want an EU President, an EU Foreign Minister, an EU army, EU Embassies, an EU Charter of Fundamental Rights or the intrusion of the EU Court of Justice into every aspect of our daily lives."

He continues to say: "Doubtless, Eurocrats will plot about how to get the contents of the Treaty through by other means. If Gordon Brown has any respect at all for the will of the people then he will go to Brussels and say 'No'."



Tackling Violent Crime

The people of Waveney are concerned about the rise of violent crime in their area – that's one of the main issues that Peter Aldous discovered as he visited residents door-to-door within the constituency.

The Conservatives have a ten-point action plan to address the problem of rising crime levels:

- Supporting the Family and Promoting Opportunity – We will use the tax and benefits system to support families.
- Prisons – We will insist on honesty in sentencing, making sure that the punishment fits the crime.
- Improving Police Visibility – We will return more Police Officers to the beat by cutting bureaucracy.
- Reforming the Police – We will make each Police Force accountable to an individual directly elected by the people in that Police Force area.
- A Border Police Force – We will create a dedicated Border Police Force, with real power to protect the UK from illegal immigration and smuggling.
- Greater Powers for Magistrates – We will double the maximum custodial sentence available to Magistrates.
- Abstinence-based Drug Treatments – We will introduce an abstinence-based drug rehabilitation order to break the cycle of addiction and offending.
- Tackling Binge Drinking – A Conservative Government will review and reform current licensing laws to allow greater local discretion in the granting of licences.
- Improving School Standards – We will make home/school contracts enforceable, as requirements of admission and grounds for exclusion.
- Inspiring Young People – a Conservative Government will create a six-week national programme for all school leavers, known as National Citizens Service.

If you or a member of your family have been a victim of crime, please e-mail me on, waveney@tory.org or call or text me on 07771 791513



Peter Aldous with first-time voters



Peter Aldous with David Cameron MP



Peter Aldous with Jeremy Hunt MP, Shadow Culture Spokesman



Peter Aldous at Lowestoft Rail Station