



Paul Wheelhouse with First Minister, Alex Salmond

Paul Wheelhouse's Message to You

Fellow Borderers,

This election is likely to result in a 'balanced parliament' with no overall majority. A large SNP group in Westminster will have great influence and can strike the best deal for Scotland. SNP MPs will stop London-controlled parties selling Scotland short to please "Middle England". I will work hard to reverse 40 years of economic neglect locally.

As an SNP MP, I would be uniquely positioned to work with the SNP Scottish Government to the benefit of the Borders. As an experienced economist, I pledge as your MP to work with Scottish Ministers, the Council and others to seize opportunities to strengthen our economy and society, and to ensure the Borders and all its people achieve their potential. There is much that we can achieve together.

I am proud to represent the SNP in this election, but it would be an even greater honour to receive your backing to represent you, my fellow Borderers. This constituency is my home and I have roots here. My family and I love it dearly. It should be the jewel in the crown of a forward looking Scotland. If you do entrust me to be your representative, I will give you my absolute commitment to work hard for you and to represent each and every one of you and your local communities to the best of my ability.

Yours for Scotland

Want to help? Need a lift?


If you would like to display a window poster or if you require a lift to your local Polling Station on May 6th, please contact us on:

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enquiries@brs-snp.org



 Polling Day: **Thursday May 6th 2010**

 Polling Stations are open from: **7:00 AM to 10:00 PM**



Scotland needs champions.

SNP Working for you.

As your representative, Paul will work hard for you and will **always put both this constituency and Scotland first.**

Vote for Paul Wheelhouse and the SNP and make sure both the Borders and Scotland win on May 6th.

Vote **WHEELHOUSE, Paul**



We are proud to **support local jobs and business** and to help **protect our local and global environment:**

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Paul Wheelhouse

**Westminster Parliamentary Candidate
for Berwickshire, Roxburgh & Selkirk**



Elect a Local Champion

Find out more about Paul
& the **Scottish National Party** at:
www.brs-snp.org

SNP in Government - Moving Scotland Forward:

Since 2007, the **SNP Scottish Government** have taken many steps to support people in the Borders, including:

- fully funding a Council Tax freeze since 2007
- slashing business rates for most small shops & offices
- recruiting 1,000 additional police officers by 2009
- tackling alcohol abuse & related violence
- abolishing Lib Dem/Labour £2,300 student tuition fees
- opening a third dental school for Scotland
- phasing abolition of all prescription charges
- funding a return of rail to Galashiels by 2014
- winning concessions on fisheries conservation from the EU
- tackling the 2007 foot & mouth crisis when London wouldn't
- taking a world lead in wave & tidal energy
- boosting sales of local farm produce
- passing Europe's most progressive Climate Change Act
- funding for free school meals for P1-3 pupils and extending nursery provision

SNP in Westminster - Standing up for Scotland:

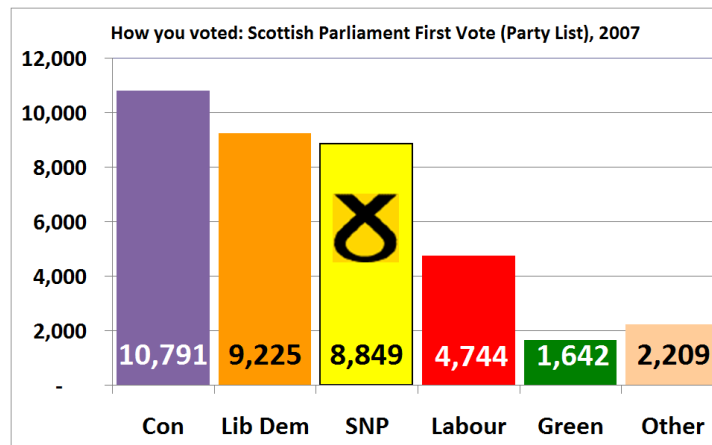
Paul and a strong SNP Westminster team will stand for:

- lowering fuel duty for rural areas & creating a fuel duty regulator
- protecting Scotland's economic, environmental & strategic interests - **always!**
- protecting Scotland's public services from savage Westminster cuts
- opposing the renewal of Trident nuclear missiles at a cost of £100 billion
- getting a fair deal for our pensioners & protecting Scotland's rural post offices
- claiming our fair share of our oil & gas revenue, & opposing Labour & Tory stealth taxes
- **never** supporting illegal wars or the £5 billion cost of ID cards
- re-instating Scotland's infantry regiments & providing proper support for our troops

What Tories and Lib Dems don't want you to know:

The Lib Dems and Tories have issued their usual claim that it's a "two-horse race". It's not. **Our local support had already increased by more than 15% to reach 24%** by 2007 (see below).

With a further small swing, **we can beat both** the Tories (29%) and the Lib Dems (25%). We now have an SNP Scottish Government, and there are **four times as many SNP members in Scotland as there are Lib Dems**.



Sources: Scottish Parliament and Scotland Office data for all polling stations in Berwickshire, Roxburgh & Selkirk and postal votes in Roxburgh & Berwickshire.

Locally, the SNP are a growing team and have 6 councillors on Scottish Borders Council. In 2007, we topped the 'list vote' in Galashiels, Hawick, Selkirk, Earlston and Eyemouth.

Our top priority is to tackle 40 years of economic and social neglect by Lib Dems, Tories & Labour in the Borders.

Where we can act, we have already done so, but we need the **full powers of a normal country** to fully deliver our vision.

Remember that only the SNP believe you deserve the opportunity to vote on independence. Labour, the Lib Dems and the Tories all want to deny you your say.

With your help, we can win for you and Scotland in 2010.

About Paul Wheelhouse:

Paul was raised in Edinburgh. He moved to Cove, Berwickshire in 2000 and has been a **Borders community councillor** since 2001 in Cockburnspath and, currently, in Ayton, Berwickshire.

Paul was educated at Stewart's Melville College, Edinburgh, then the University of Aberdeen where he graduated with an honours degree in Economics in 1992. In 1999, Paul gained an MBA at the University of Edinburgh.

Paul has 17 years experience as a **professional economist and policy advisor on education and economic development**, working for UK and Scottish Government departments, economic development agencies and businesses.

Paul is **well qualified to help deliver a brighter future for the Borders**. As a volunteer, Paul has already met many individuals, businesses, community groups and campaigners, and has heard from thousands of you on your priorities.

Paul met Lorna while playing touch rugby at Murrayfield and they married at **Dryburgh Abbey** in 2002. In 2004, Paul and Lorna celebrated the birth of their son at the **BGH**, Melrose.

Paul's interests include rugby, five-a-side football, history and tracing his Turnbull roots to 18th century Roxburghshire. Paul is a member of the SSPCA, RSPB and Shelter.

Successive Labour and Tory governments have been hugely damaging to the Borders, through: economic incompetence, selling out our fishermen, failing to stand up for our farmers, providing inadequate state pensions, allowing an electricity and gas price scandal, and forcing through post office closures. Westminster is now hammering businesses and families with sky high petrol and diesel duty.

The future of the Borders is in your hands - more of the same, or move forward with Paul and the SNP?