



Richard Brodie Liberal Democrat Campaigner

After over 30 years of serving Liberal Democracy, Councillor Richard Brodie is still campaigning hard for a fairer society. Here he is in Dumfries last year, addressing a STUC rally, protesting against the state visit afforded to Donald Trump. Richard declared, "We should not roll out the red carpet for a man who has no regard for ethnic minorities, disrespects women and makes fun of those with disabilities."

King of the South

Richard Brodie's knowledge and connection with the South of Scotland places him in prime provision to be our No.1 on the Liberal Democrat MSP list.

- Primary School in **Galashiels**
- **Dumfriesshire** Teacher for 35 years
- 25 years a Councillor in **Dumfries and Galloway**
- **Ayrshire**- Parliamentary candidate for **Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock** – spurred on by childhood holiday and my student Butlin working memories.

Proudest Political Moment

Being an original member of the Scottish Constitutional Convention, it was like the birth of a child when we achieved our mission to create the Holyrood Parliament.

I am still proud, but sometimes you have to put the child on the **Naughty Step**. The Government has to learn to share its powers with other parties, Councils and local communities. First Minister's Questions have become even more adversarial than Westminster. We need cooperation to improve and safeguard our NHS and Education system in Scotland.

My Priorities for the Scottish Parliament

- **Economic Recovery post CO-VID.** The new agency, **South of Scotland Enterprise** ([I recently talked with them via Zoom](#)) must get its act together to use its funds to regenerate our communities and create jobs. **Ayrshire and Arran** must be given the same status as the **Borders** and **Dumfries and Galloway**.
- **More Powers for Holyrood.** We have to recognise that Scottish opinion is moving ever closer to Independence. To stop this, our Parliament needs more powers e.g. borrowing to invest in Scotland's future.
- **More Power to Communities** The SNP has centralised so much and nationalised the Police Force, whilst "local" authorities are too large to be meaningful. As Liberal Democrats we must shout louder for local accountability and funding of Community Councils.
- **Your thoughts – email richardbrod@aol.com**

A Record of Action

Councillor Richard Brodie's success in Annandale South, top of the poll in 2012 and increasing his first preferences in 2017, demonstrates that he connects with people who don't usually vote Lib Dem. His achievements and tenacity in taking up his constituents' concerns make him the ideal candidate to lead our Liberal Democrat re-birth in the South.

Forty Years of Achievement in a Few Words 1970s – Young Liberal – Paper Candidate Shettleston.

1980s – First 'Liberal' Councillor in Annandale & Eskdale, escalating to Vice Convenor in a Lib majority Council – won funding for the first Citizen's Advice Bureau in Dumfries and Annan.... Many reforms and community improvements. **1990s** – Set up the Devil's Porridge Museum in Eastriggs and Gretna which is now an award-winning 5 star attraction. **2000s** Campaigned for a Scottish Parliament Became a Dumfries and Galloway Councillor... fought parliamentary campaign in Galloway ... **2010s** Many campaigns- Dumfriesshire, Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock, List candidate for Scottish Parliament 2012 and 2016, helping Jim Hume. **2020s** – Leading a £4.5 million project to regenerate Annan ... List MSP for South of Scotland?

Make Richard Brodie your No.1 for South of Scotland