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Gina Miller's New Anti-Corruption Party Targets Derbyshire Dales at the Next General Election

- **Helen Wetherall, local businesswoman selected to take on Sarah Dines**
- **Helen Wetherall calls for small local businesses to be front and centre of national growth and local people to be able to make positive impact.**
- **The True & Fair Party will stand up to 30 candidates in England and Wales, at the general election**
- **Miller vows candidate launch is "just the start of our mission to clean-up Britain's dirty politics"**

Sarah Dines MP is one of 9 Conservative MPs who will face an electoral challenge from a rapidly growing new political party for "propping up an embarrassment of a government".

Set up by Gina Miller - who famously defeated the Government twice for unlawful attempts to override Parliament during the post-Brexit vote - the party highlights and campaigns against political corruption.

Introducing an initial slate of 9 parliamentary candidates this morning, Miller announced that Helen Wetherall, born in Derbyshire and a resident of Derbyshire, grandmother and supporter of rural causes, has been selected for Derbyshire Dales. Helen is particularly concerned by the fate of small rural businesses in the current economic turmoil created by our current government and the failure of Sarah Dines to be a strong, confident voice for the people of Derbyshire Dales. She applied to become a True & Fair Party because she believes that the people of Derbyshire deserve better and need a new political party to vote for with a clean and fresh approach; giving hope for the future.

The 9 candidates' backgrounds range from an assistant teacher to a former nightclub owner, a charity trustee to a former diplomat, an IT consultant to a community volunteer. A further 10-20 candidates will be announced early next year. The selection is taking place now because of the growing possibility that the Conservative Party's inability to govern will lead to an early general election.

The candidate slate was announced alongside True & Fair Party-commissioned research showing that some £5.6bn could be raised immediately by closing tax loopholes and expanding the remit of HMRC. That would be enough, for example, to pay the salaries of more than 170,000 new nurses.

Under the proposals, HMRC would be given greater resources to run more investigations into bigger firms, which raises £69 in extra tax revenue for every £1 invested. Such resource investment would also have helped prevent the £1.1bn of COVID small business loans identified as fraud.

True & Fair Party leader Gina Miller said:

"What the political debacles of the past few years – and the Conservative humiliations of the past few weeks – have shown is that weak political systems, corruption, and incompetence only lead to chaos. The True & Fair Party is in its infancy, so we are focusing our resources on 20-30 seats held by those who have been propping up an embarrassment of a government.

"What we aim to do is show that politics is no longer about right and left, but right and wrong. Our candidates represent what is good about British society, they want the best for our country and are passionate about fairness. Working together, this is just the start of our mission to clean-up Britain's dirty politics.

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White Paper – Closing Tax Loopholes

A copy of the tax research can be found [here](#).

Helen Wetherall

Helen is married with three children and four grandchildren. Managing Director of a successful, company delivering services to schools and local government, she has worked at Chesterfield College and in Children's Services as a Senior Officer in various parts of the country.

Working in adult learning and community development reflects her passion to support talents and skills of local people. She has managed high profile schools building projects including one of the largest in the country and her own life experience shows that education and being given opportunities to broaden horizons is the key to successful and fulfilling lives.

She has a deep love for the countryside and Derbyshire is where she was born (in a caravan on a farm) and where she loves to be. Her interest in politics has grown out of disillusionment for the current two-party, broken system; we can do better by being true and fair.

True & Fair

The True & Fair Party was launched by Gina Miller earlier in 2022 to tackle political corruption and institutional weaknesses, and campaign for the modernisation of UK democracy.

Policies include:

- **Political reform** - A legally binding 'oath of office' and Truth Law for MPs; compulsory parliamentary sitting for 40 weeks a year; removing hereditary peers from the House of Lords.
- **Electoral reform** – Introduction of proportional representation; introduction of automatic voter registration to improve representation; digital voting.
- **Anti-corruption** – Establishment of an Economic Crime Unit to tackle crime that costs the UK at least £290bn a year; a Transparency Law for overseas firms owning UK property; ban of paid lobbying by MPs.
- **Economy** - Bounce back loans to be written off for the three million SMEs excluded from support during the Covid pandemic; tenants to no longer pay business rates; National Insurance rolled into income tax to help lower earners.

The first 9 candidates announced on 24 October will be standing in the following seats at the next general election:

- Beckenham
- Derbyshire Dales
- Devizes
- Epsom and Ewell
- Mid-Bedfordshire
- Monmouth
- Tatton
- Witney
- York Outer

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