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

- **Pete Force-Jones, an assistant teacher selected to take on Danny Kruger**
- **Pete calls for big improvement in local availability of health care services and political accountability.**
- **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"**

Mr Kruger 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 Pete Force-Jones who has been playing cricket at Avebury since the club reformed in the late 1980s has been selected for Devizes. Pete is particularly concerned by the struggle faced by young local people to find quality affordable housing, the burden being placed on public sector 'key workers' and what he considers a rather mediocre voting record of the current MP. He applied to become a True & Fair Party because he wants positive political change where votes count equally and those elected to represent us uphold basic principles of public office.

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.

Pete, a long-term supporter of fairer representation says “Nationally, I believe we need a better political system, and better politicians; locally we need better availability of fundamental health care services. Pete supports an individual’s right to autonomy over their own body.

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White Paper – Closing Tax Loopholes

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

Pete Force-Jones

Pete Force-Jones is the True and Fair Party parliamentary candidate for Devizes. He backs TFP’s vision of a better future where a cleaned up and modernised British democracy is prepared to uphold basic standards - one where the voice of every voter counts.

Pete grew up in this wonderful part of Wiltshire, attending St John’s School in Marlborough, before studying at the University of Swansea.

He has spent the last 10 years working as a teaching assistant in the SEN department of a nearby secondary school, where he now works as an assistant teacher.

Pete, a lifelong Swindon Town fan, enjoys most sports. He regularly plays cricket for Avebury CC and has run a number of marathons. Pete also enjoys quizzes, nature and walks in the local countryside.

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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