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**ENGLISH DEMOCRATS ANNOUNCE  
CANDIDATE FOR SEDGFIELD BY-ELECTION**

The English Democrats have nominated Stephen Gash as its candidate for the Sedgfield by-election on the 19th July. Dr Gash, a member of the English Democrats National Council, has spent most of his working life in various fields of biological research such as cancer, physiology and microbiology followed by a spell in financial services.

Stephen Gash became involved with the question of English self-governance following the establishment of the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly.

Stephen Gash said,

*“Like me, many English people have become angry at how England and the English have been maltreated since devolution. We were denied a referendum on an English Parliament and only the Counties Durham, Northumberland and parts of North Yorkshire were allowed a vote on having an elected regional assembly, which they emphatically rejected”.*

The imposition of unelected regional assemblies (now with their Brown appointed ministers) across all of England compelled Dr Gash to join the English Democrats, which is determined to rid England of regional assemblies and re-establish the old counties under an English Parliament. With the backing of his party he is seeking to establish a coalition of the original counties of Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmorland to highlight the real North/South Divide which exists between Scotland and Northern England.

The English Democrats are campaigning for the establishment of a Parliament, Government and First Minister for England; the development of a more free and democratic country, including the introduction of a wide-ranging Bill of Rights founded on traditional English Civil Liberties; the re-institution of the traditional English county as the basis for local government; and the abolition of the Barnett Formula for deciding the regional allocation of public spending in the UK and its replacement by a

fairer system that retains government revenue derived from England's taxpayers to be spent in England.

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