

I write this not to one single MP, or even to those of a particular party, but to ALL of you. Take a moment to reflect and consider the events that have happened over the past 12 months or so.... in brief, we have seen:

- Numerous terror attacks across Europe, with two in London and one in Manchester very recently
- Donald Trump being elected as President of the US
- Kim Jong-Un becoming increasingly aggressive
- The electorate in the UK voting for Brexit
- The electorate in France electing a Centrist from a brand new party as their president
- The recent General Election at which no single party received enough votes
- And probably most importantly of all, the fire at Grenfell House in Kensington

Whilst you are all busy patting yourselves on the back for being elected in your respective areas, ask yourself a question - - ask yourself WHY no single party garnered enough votes to have a majority. If you think that the answer is that it was differing views on Brexit, then you are deluded.

Despite all of the above, not one of you seems to have cottoned on to the fact that ALL of the above are interlinked; ALL of the above, coupled with actions by politicians in years past are also entwined.

From where I am sitting, it appears that the vast majority of the electorate in this country is utterly fed up with the way that ALL of you have conducted yourselves over years past. Far too much time is being spent on one-upmanship and fighting between yourselves to see what is right in front of you.

The General Election was NOT about choosing the best party to lead Britain - it was more a case of voters choosing the **least worst**. The behaviour that many of you displayed on the run up to the election simply showed voters that none of you are competent to run the country - indeed, in my opinion, there are some of you that I would not trust to run a bath on your own.

Speaking to friends, neighbours and colleagues, most seem to feel very similarly on a number of topics; of course, there are some such as Brexit which are always going to be divisive, but if you delve down to the core issues you find that they are all the same.

Housing

House prices have ran amok, and continue to do so. Great for those who own their property (for now, at least), but not for anyone who cannot get onto the housing ladder.

Social housing is no better - the very people that are the most vulnerable in society face a struggle to get housing at all, and when they do it is often wholly inappropriate for their needs or wants. Indeed, often it is the case where local authorities are having to pay private

landlords to house individuals who cannot pay rent themselves for one reason or another. Now, call me stupid by all means, but surely it would be cheaper and easier to house these individuals in properties owned by the local authority and not have to pay for a landlord's profits?

There are many, many people who are having to pay inflated rents (partially forced up by the exorbitant purchase prices for houses) which in turn leaves them with greatly depleted disposable incomes - and you wonder why the economy is struggling? They could easily pay a fair rent, to rent a home that they can call their own, or do people who rent houses not deserve a 'forever home'??

And then we come to the standard of housing - nothing has made this crisis clearer than the events at Grenfell Tower - despite complaint after complaint, those residents were not listened to. In this day and age, to have a property of that size and scale with such inadequate safety measures is unforgivable.

Many private landlords are little better - renting properties that are unsafe or unhealthy in one way or another and they do not give two hoots, as long as their profit is rolling in.

Immigration & Brexit

The vast majority of people that I speak to voted to leave the EU, but then the vast majority I speak to are working class - it seems to be that only those who are comfortable or well off want to remain in the EU as they fear the financial implications of exiting (back to those house prices again!). Those who voted to leave did so NOT because they are racist (or any other 'ist' for that matter), but rather because they are sick and tired of needless interference and mindless rules/laws being decided upon in the EU that we, the people, cannot influence. They are fed up of seeing ever increasing numbers of people coming into this country, and seeing our public services stretched further and further to the point that nobody now gets anything like the services we should. It does not matter who the immigrants are, where they have come from, or their religion - it is simply a case of numbers.

Security & Terrorism

Despite our emergency services being decimated by cuts (at the same time as demand is increasing!), they have done a tremendous job in protecting the people in this country. However, that has happened because of the selfless dedication of the individuals, often working considerably longer than they should be, and often unpaid. This simply cannot continue. To try and run public services on goodwill is destined to fail, as eventually that goodwill will come to an end.

The real issue is, however, that little or no action is being taken on the global stage to stop these things from happening; the situation in North Korea is very much the same - the perpetrators know that they are untouchable, as they have been threatened with 'sanctions' so many times and yet nothing has really happened to them.

Grenfell Tower

I have absolutely no connection with this event whatsoever, yet I am absolutely bloody seething because of everything surrounding this tragic event. I have just read an article online, in which it was stated that a partially blind man in his 70's was helped out from the 11th floor. What the hell were the housing association thinking of, housing a vulnerable individual on the 11th floor?

This event has laid bare all that is wrong with our society, and all that has been wrong for a vast amount of time. The rich are merely interested in maintaining their wealth or getting richer. Those of us who are working class are being squeezed more and more, and that applies whether they are paying their own way or not; even the basics of society are not being provided - roads are a shambles, railways continue to be a laughing stock, GP surgeries are closing and hospitals are stretched way beyond their limit (and that is before there is any major incident); we even have fly-tipping happening increasingly due to charges being applied at local tips and we have street lights being switched off at night, which is so ridiculous it isn't funny.

Millions of pounds of taxpayers money was wasted on the 'Garden Bridge' project in London - yet not a single stone was turned; yet another case of fat cats being paid by other fat cats to do nothing at all. In other countries, if they decide to build a railway line or a runway, they make the decision and then get on with the job - here, we argue about it for a decade or more, spend an absolute fortune on it and then get to the point where we have already spent so much money we are committed to it!

What needs to be done

Bluntly, each and every MP needs to take a long, hard look at themselves and their colleagues. Ask yourselves WHY you chose to become an MP, and remind yourselves of who pays your wages - - then remember the saying, "He who pays the fiddler, names the tune". **Start bloody listening**, and then follow it up by doing!

Build COUNCIL HOUSES - Lots of them!! (and not just blocks of flats either!) Prefabs are now so much better than they ever were, so I can see no reason why they could not be a solution. Rent these houses not only to those on benefits, but also to those who are in work and cannot afford to buy a home - and do so on the basis that council houses used to be, that the house is yours as long as you want and pay the rent. Give people a choice - there are those who really want to live in a block of flats, but equally there are those who would go stir crazy in a block of flats and need space. People who rent are NOT second class citizens, and should have the right to choose a home with the space they require.

Cut the overseas aid budget - completely - now. Charity begins at home, and at the moment this country needs all the charity it can get. If, in years to come, we can afford to return to giving overseas aid then fair enough, but at the moment we are not even remotely covering the basics in this country.

Re-nationalise Water (there is no competition in the water market anyway, so why was it ever privatised?), as well as gas and electricity and get prices under control by cutting out profit for all the rich fat cats. These are all ESSENTIAL utilities - not nice to have!

Invest heavily in the road infrastructure - bring ALL roads up to a **high** standard of repair, then continue to maintain them **properly** (and by that, I mean have them swept/cleaned regularly, gullies and drains cleaned regularly, street signs and traffic signals kept clean and serviceable, and have street lighting that is efficient (LED) and working (all the time when it is dark!))

Invest in the railways, taking examples from around the world as to the technologies and processes used on successful railways. And build the trains HERE in the UK.

Invest MASSIVELY in the NHS, and return it to a functional state.

Invest in schools and education, which are also underfunded currently.

Invest in defence and our armed services, and bring them back up to the standard that they should be.

Get a grip on immigration, rapidly and take a much harsher line with anyone found to be involved in, or related to, acts of terrorism. Only take in the numbers of people we can cope with - once the bus is full, it is full, end of story.

I realise that this will never be read, let alone stand a chance of anything actually being acted upon, and indeed the value of this is almost certainly cathartic value for me.