

## **Restore Britain statement on the May elections 2026.**

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The Restore Britain team have consulted with hundreds of members all over the country about how we should approach the May elections, considering we have only been officially registered as a political party for twelve days. The elections take place in 36 days.

I am going to be entirely honest with you all, unusual for a politician I understand - none of the usual spin or twisting. We are simply not ready to field thousands of qualified candidates - all over England, with Wales and Scotland included.

We could. We have had the offers and we certainly have the ability to campaign.

But that would be wrong.

I am not going to present to the British people thousands of candidates who have not been properly vetted, interviewed or considered. That would be irresponsible and rash. We've seen what happens when new parties do that, and the voters get let down.

Our priority has been on establishing local branches, we have spoken to hundreds and hundreds of amazing volunteers. Local infrastructure is forming all over Britain. Restore Britain's small team have done in weeks what it has taken other parties years to achieve. It has been remarkable, and I want to personally thank them.

Dozens of local branch meetings have taken place already, with more happening every day. If you haven't already heard about a local event, you will soon. Please be patient and understand the scale of the logistical task our team are dealing with - almost 20,000 people have volunteered to actively help in every corner of Britain. A national billboard campaign has been running, with hundreds of thousands of leaflets already delivered. 124,000 members. More than the Tories and double the Lib Dems, polling at 8% nationally.

It is all history in the making.

But to properly process thousands of candidates on top of that is not logistically possible in such a short period of time, and I do not want to be in a position where we have individuals elected who do not understand the important responsibilities of local government.

Paper candidates. Those with questionable histories. Opportunist careerists. Individuals who have no interest in working hard. Some even simply after the money. I do not want to present them to the British people. Look at Reform's track record following its desperation to stand candidates - promising tax cuts, then hiking people's council tax bills. A staggering 9% in one Reform council. 9%. Families cannot afford it. It is morally wrong, and I want no repeat of it.

Let's learn from their mistakes, not our own.

We are going to do this right. Where we stand, we will aim to win. Where we win, we will properly represent those residents. We will put forward the right people, with the right ideas, and the right principles.

In Great Yarmouth, my constituency, we have the infrastructure to do that. We have been working on it for many months. We are prepared.

There are ten elections in Great Yarmouth - nine county council seats, and one borough council by-election. Those are the only elections we will be contesting in May.

The plan is straightforward.

Our aim is to sweep away the rotten political establishment.

Decimate the Tories, Reform and Labour in Great Yarmouth.

Show the rest of the country that it can be done. Set an example. Send a message.

Then take that into the rest of 2026, and the elections in 2027 where we will aim to stand qualified candidates in every seat across Britain.

Work has already started on this - potential candidates are already being contacted.

In the meantime, I need your help. We need your help.

Come to Great Yarmouth and help the campaign.

The most important day is May 7th. There are also two major action days on April 18th, and May 2nd.

I want to see hundreds and hundreds of Restore Britain members descending on Great Yarmouth to help us make history.

Teams will be out every single day between April 7th and the election, with a bigger presence out on Saturdays.

If you can make one trip to Great Yarmouth between now and the election, that would be sincerely appreciated.

Particularly on May 7th.

We are running the most professional local election campaign Britain has ever seen, but we need your help.

If you are planning to make the trip, please register through the link below so we can track numbers.

<https://restorebritain.typeform.com/greatyarmouth>

We have just over five weeks to make history.

To those asking how to vote in their own local election - my advice is this.

Examine the options. Look at who has taken the care to explore real local issues that impact your community.

Support who you think is best to deliver for your family, your road, your village, your town.

Next year, that option will be Restore Britain. But in this one set of elections, we are taking a targeted and concentrated approach.

Because restoring Britain starts in Great Yarmouth, then we take it national.

That's the plan.

I hope you will help us deliver that.

Rupert Lowe