ERC POLICE STATE Posted by lasercow - 03 May 2012 16:17

" Emergency Briefing Notes:

HELP!!

We are under attack.

A local activist complained this morning about Mary Montague being present inside a polling station. This contravenes the rules.

Rules on candidates at polling stations

Six minutes later TWO Police cars were at his home looking for him.

His wife was told to return home immediately to allow them in to search her home or they would smash the door down.

The CCTV cameras used for community policing in the area swung 180 degrees to watch his house.

Mary Montague was convenor for community safety which includes cctv control room and liaison with the Police.

If the Labour - SNP administration get back in, it looks like they will be hell bent on revenge.

Freedom of speech is under attack.

Make sure you and everyone you know vote to save East Renfrewshire.

Offer people a lift to the polling stations.

This is the tactics of Syria and Libya to suppress democracy.

This now is entirely in your hands to determine.

I know it sounds unbelievable but nevertheless it is happening TODAY.

Act now - while you can.

We need you to help

VOTE TODAY"

Re: ERC POLICE STATE Posted by lasercow - 03 May 2012 21:24

I heard they even looked under the bed...I'm not saying that Tom couldn't fit under a bed...OK I am...

It's so underhand and childish. I was actually impressed at Jim Fletcher turning out to the hustings last night - none of the others were prepared to take the flak. It's their job to stand up for their policies, to speak out for what they believe in - not try and take out non-political opposition, to stifle free speech.

@crossroads - ERC have tried to have this website taken down several times, and Mary recently managed to get the police to withdraw the crime info they used to supply, because the site is "political". Council officials have told campaign groups that they might get somewhere if they stopped criticising councillors online. They just don't like it when people disagree with them.

And if the same lot get back in, I think they are going to find a lot more people disagreeing with them over the next 5 years.

Re:ERC POLICE STATE

Posted by Crossroads - 03 May 2012 21:30

We'll see tomorrow.

The turnout in Eaglesham has apparently been good and it looks like the candidates opposing ERC's development proposals will do well. We can only hope the campaigning throughout east ren has worked and we can get rid of these deluded, self-interested apparatchiks.

Re:ERC POLICE STATE Posted by Concerned ERC Parent - 03 May 2012 21:32

Amen to that.

Where did Harry go?

Re:ERC POLICE STATE Posted by lasercow - 03 May 2012 21:33

I've heard that turnout in the Thornliebank station was very low, which is worrying Labour, but it seems a bit better in the rest of the ward.

The thing is though, when Labour and SNP are essentially the same, it's not easy to shift them.

Re:ERC POLICE STATE Posted by Harry - 03 May 2012 21:38

He went to clarkston halls and was talking to Ralph Robertson and Gordon McCaskill outside the front doors. he saw Mary inside talking to voters and she was wearing a labour rosette and had a reporters notepad and appeared to be ticking after she had spoken with voters before and after they went into vote and probably recording who had voted labour.

Tom approached her and said that she should not be doing that she said it was alright to do it, he said

he would go home and check the legislation which he did. He then went back and was armed with a lethal weapon.

A print out of the polling regulations bill which he spoke to the man in charge of the poling station about and complained that she should at least be outside the door.

He was not concerned about the 250 meters exclusion zone, happy for them to be just outside the front door but to be in the foyer was in his opinion intimidating.

The man in charge said its alright she is not wearing a rossette, to which Tom said look at her, she is wearing a rosette .

The man agreed that he would ask her to leave the building and join the other two candidates.

Tom left still armed with the lethal weapon three sheets of A4 paper and went home.

No swearing, no shouting, no fisticuffs, and if any of you know Tom he is very much the consummate professional of speech.

He is rather large, in excess of 20 stone so it is really surprising that the police officers even looked under his bed just in case he was hiding there.

A retired police sergeant of over 30 years service who is the chair of the largest neighbourhood watch in Scotland has his house searched by the police after Mary phones them.

The only thing missing apparently was the helicopter hovering overhead and the council CCTV camera has been focused on the front of his house all day and is still focused on it.

Re:ERC POLICE STATE

Posted by Concerned ERC Parent - 03 May 2012 21:39

You just never know. Even I did as recommended by BN & savethe greenbelt and voted Tory and convinced quite a few others. It seems you just have to mention green belt and schools...

I've now had my shower followed by my bath followed by a shower again [®]

But if the administration doesn't change tomorrow after this what will it take?