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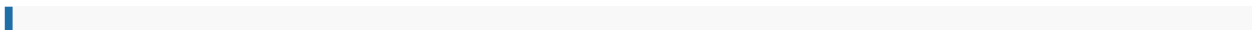
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Bio

Detail	Info
Full name	Dan Clarke
Party	Libertarian Party
Role	North-West Co-ordinator, Libertarian Party
Previous election	Gorton and Denton by-election (February 2026)
Occupation	Libertarian activist / campaigner

How They Got Selected

Announced as the Libertarian Party candidate for Makerfield on 25 May 2026. The party confirmed via a spokesperson:



"The Libertarian Party can announce that Dan Clarke will be our candidate for the Makerfield by-election, an experienced campaigner who will be giving it his all. Dan will oppose both socialism and nationalism, focusing on growing the economy, and cutting government spending and waste."

Previous candidacy: Stood in the Gorton and Denton by-election in February 2026.

Clarke himself said voters in Makerfield "deserve the option to support a candidate willing to challenge the government, stand up for local constituents, and put personal freedom at the heart of politics."

Policy Platform

Based on Libertarian Party platform and Clarke's campaign statements:

1. **Anti-socialism and anti-nationalism** — the party opposes both
2. **Economic growth through cuts** — focus on cutting government spending and waste
3. **Anti-surveillance** — oppose "growing CCTV monitoring of our lives"
4. **Anti-digital ID** — oppose any proposals for a digital ID system
5. **Nanny state opposition** — argue the "size and reach of government has blighted this country"
6. **Personal freedom** — put individual liberty at the heart of their platform

Spokesperson: "For the Libertarian Party and for many, many citizens, this is wrong and the 'nanny state' needs to be rolled back."

What It Means

The Libertarian Party adds to an increasingly crowded field — 9 confirmed candidates for the 18 June by-election. Clarke is a minor candidate who polled at negligible levels in Gorton and Denton. His presence further fragments the vote, primarily drawing from people who would otherwise vote Conservative or not at all, but at such low levels it won't affect the Labour-Reform battle.

Previously mentioned in passing in Andy Burnham's Nitter section as coverage of the new Libertarian candidate.

Sources

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