
A Pensioners' Manifesto



In recent years, various politicians, think-tanks and media commentators have suggested that older people are the cause of many of the country's problems - from the shortage of housing to the lack of hospital beds.

“...Britain is not a great place in which to grow old - our state pension is inadequate, our social care system is in crisis and every year tens of thousands of pensioners die from the cold...”

Some have also argued that the older generation has escaped austerity at the expense of the young, despite the fact that older people are very concerned about the future of their children and grandchildren. Plans to take away benefits such as the pension triple lock or the bus pass will not help younger people - but are being used to roll back the welfare state for everyone.

In reality, Britain is not a great place in which to grow old. Our state pension is among one of the least adequate in the western world, our social care system is in crisis with 1.8m people no longer getting the help they need and in the last 5 years over 141,000 pensioners have died from cold related illnesses.

That is why at this General Election we will call on all candidates to support a manifesto that will put the concerns of today's and tomorrow's pensioners at the heart of the political process.
