

Dear Friend,

I am far too shocked and dismayed to send a long message at this time but it is important to say thank you to all of you for the hard work and enthusiasm you put into the referendum campaign. Also to thank our members for their generous donations which enabled us to fight a campaign that was greater than the sum of our parts. I do believe we did all we could to affect the result, but it was lost in middle England.



We have an Executive Committee meeting shortly and we will be able to discuss future plans.

What is somewhat surreal at this point is that the nature of Britain's withdrawal from the EU is completely unclear and there will be considerable pressure for a "Norway" option with close economic and other ties to the EU.

To that extent this part of the discussion and challenge has only just started and I hope we have the energy and resolve to re-engage with this and to try to affect the outcome.

It will also be inevitable that the question of the relationship between Scotland and the rest of the UK will again become a discussion point. In true EMiS fashion I take no sides, I only state it as a fact.

I would wish to be sending this message under happier circumstances but we are where we are and I know we will, as an organisation, continue to work towards those things which we believe in.

With kind regards,

Derek Hammersley  
Chairman