

The fight against fascism is on

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The Tiverton and Wakefield by-election results fall into different categories.

Tiverton is at the stunning end of the scale. The largest ever by-election majority overturned.

The Wakefield result is not quite on that scale, but still very reassuring.

But what is electorally significant is the tacit agreement by the electorate in both seats to back the unstated pact between the parties to give the LibDems a free run in Tiverton and Labour the same in Wakefield. They actually both lost their deposits in the other seat, so clear was the tactical voting.

I have discussed the need for progressive alliances on this blog for as long as it has been going, I suspect, but the need has become very much more apparent as the Tory party has swing towards fascism in recent years. The reality that such an alliance might happen at voter choice is very welcome.

For the record, neither the LibDems or Labour are offering policies I can get excited about at present. But, if they can deliver constitutional reform to prevent fascism in this country they might pave the way to the politics that we really need.

I can live in hope. At the very least we know now that the fight against fascism is on.