UKIP YEOVIL CHOOSE SIMON SMEDLEY AS THEIR WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE

- Simon was born in Wimbledon in 1962 and went to King’s College School, Wimbledon. He gained a degree in Urban Estate Management and qualified as a Chartered Surveyor when he was 23. He then worked abroad as a ski guide and holiday rep. in Europe and North Africa learning to speak Italian, better his French and practise his German. So he is no Euro or Xenophobe!
- Simon then worked in the West End and City of London for companies in the commercial property world including Eagle Star & Threadneedle Property Investment Managers and then for a Bristol based firm of surveyors gaining valuable commercial expertise and experience.
- Whilst working on secondment to Her Majesties Prison Service in London Simon went inside many prison establishments providing him with insight into our penal system and the workings of Whitehall.
- Simon moved to Somerset in 2001 with family. He has a 3 growing up/grown up children.
- He jointly runs a small commercial property company a university friend and he set up in 1995.
- Simon has been a local Churchwarden for 10 years. He volunteers as a Speedwatcher and is on the organising committee of the annual village event. He often look after and walks his neighbour’s dog and is keen on amongst other things country life/walking/pubs, squash, flying, motoring politics/current events.
- Simon learnt a lot about politics from his Father who was a Councillor and then Mayor for the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.
- Simon fought the Mendip Hills District for UKIP in the May 2013 County Council elections at short notice. He came a good 2\textsuperscript{nd} winning just over the vote and learnt a lot in the process.

**Simon’s burning issues for Yeovil**

**HOUSING**
- We have a homemade housing crisis largely caused by weak and misguided Government allowing open door immigration which in turn requires large numbers of faceless new houses to be built which put unmanageable demands on our services. The answer? Selective immigration and population control- stop panic house building and plan better quality houses meeting local needs.

**AVIATION**
- Yeovil has no greater supporter of its aeronautical heritage and industrial future. Simon was elected as a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society 1992 and is currently a member of Bristol Aircraft Collection (BAC) and Westland Heli. Museum. Seeing Agusta Westland helicopters flying around Yeovil and aircraft around the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton is always a pleasure for Simon. He is full behind building and selling more aircraft from Yeovil and unfettered trade with the rest of the World free of the EU’s trading and other constraints.

**AGRICULTURE**
- Simon supports British farming, British farmers and British food and drink production. Especially Somerset cider! He believes the majority of the British people want a ‘friendly divorce’ from the European (Political) Union which is dragging us and Europe down. He seeks evolutionary not revolutionary change; to curtail excessive supermarket power, whilst maintaining quality food production subsidies and developing a balanced home grown farming policy working alongside our Country’s farmers and the food industry.