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Gettysburg Address  
Government of the People

Declaration of Independence  
1776

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Bill of Rights

ST ALBAN DEMOCRACY  
CHARTER



To No One  
Sell  
Right  
For the

or

Will We  
Delay  
Justice  
People





## *Preamble*

**Eight hundred years ago** our forebears came to this place to seek counsel from the Abbot on how to end the injustices imposed on them by their king.

That fateful meeting led to the signing of Magna Carta and started a long trail leading to the proposition that “government of the people by the people for the people” is the true and right means to ensure justice and liberty.

We are met here in the midst of a great struggle to assure for the people of England those rights that others have long since secured for themselves, as a result of what happened here so long ago. Then, Norman barons secured Justice from a Norman King not in Normandy but here in England where such ideas had already grown in the hearts of its people.

Yet today we in England stand with our liberty and culture neglected by the politicians in Westminster, who are more mindful of their careers, cash, honours and comfort than they are of minding their duty to protect this liberty and culture

**This Golden Thread, Democracy’s DNA, is England’s Glory!**

And so, we challenge them to act in the interests of the people of England, rather than their own.

If we cannot honour and remember our common law, if we cannot honour and remember our traditions & culture, if we cannot honour and remember the history of England, we know that we cannot have a peaceable society where justice and liberty can flourish,

The brave men and women who down the ages have fought for and secured our culture, our freedom and our justice will not benefit from our praises: for the whole world praises them. They will not need our submission: for democracies everywhere have submitted to them. Yet they will have struggled in vain: if we should forget them.

For that reason we do hereby dedicate ourselves to this Great Democracy Charter of St Albans that we, and those who follow, may never forget that this great chalice of liberty and justice was hard won and still needs hard fighting to retain.

*To this end we submit this Charter for Approval to the People of England and the English Nation.*

## *Charter*

### Article 1

That the culture, identity, language history, and values of England are celebrated in England, taught in our schools and accepted as the common public identity which all the people of England adhere to. That the principles and customs of our common law, upon which rest our hopes of a peaceable society where liberty and justice can flourish, shall not be undermined. That no Act of Parliament nor treaty with a foreign state may overrule the application of our common law to any request by another state for the extradition of individuals.

### Article 2

That government of the people, by which is meant the form of government fashioned by the people, shall be instituted in England and it shall be embodied in a devolved English Parliament solely for the People of England to create and vote for. It shall be provided with full fiscal devolution. That the people of England be given the opportunity in a referendum to vote for an elected House of Lords which with a smaller House of Commons be the federal parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.. That a referendum be held on whether we wish to be part of the European Union. That all future changes to the governance and sovereignty of England be decided by a referendum.

### Article 3

That government by the people, by which is meant a government which is controlled by the people, be instituted in this England and that the people shall vote in such manner that their representative will have been chosen by more than half of the registered electors. That every elected person who does not act according to their campaign statements may be recalled to face another election on a referendum of the local electors so deciding. That significant powers and responsibilities be devolved to the ancient counties of England. That the electors of the county shall approve their budgets by means of a ballot. That every elector of sound mind must vote annually in person, or if infirm or absent from the country at the time, by post, or submit to the penalty prescribed.

### Article 4

That government for the people, by which is meant government whose sole objective is the interests, well-being and liberty of the people of England, shall be instituted in England. The taxes of the country shall be available only for the people of England and their future generations. The people by a vote in a referendum on a specific policy may decide otherwise. Modest distributions may be made for humanitarian purposes or for the proper financial needs of a federal government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland. That the resources of England, and the goodness of its environment, shall be made available in an equitable way to its people living and to come.