

The power of the local press

Following an issue of *Free Britain* in which we pointed out how easy it would be for the Government to cut the deficit by taking us out of the costly, pointless and corrupt European Union, Eurosceptics have been busy writing letters to their local newspapers highlighting the link between cuts in public services and the Government's reluctance to face the truth about the EU.

Getting the facts about Europe into the media is a vital part of our mission at the Campaign for an Independent Britain – and you can help by writing to your local paper. As long as you make the letter relevant to what is happening locally, for example by mentioning the impact that spending cuts could have in your area and the type of services that could be saved if only the Government stopped wasting so much money on the EU, the chances are that the local paper will publish it.

Here is one example of a very good “Letter to the Editor” from a CIB supporter, published recently in a local newspaper in Kent. It gets the main points across clearly and concisely. So, if you haven't yet written to your own local paper on this subject, the letter reproduced below could serve as a very good model for you to follow:

“It seems that everything from the police to the armed forces to local public services will face reductions in funding, courtesy of the Coalition Government.

“True, something drastic does need to be done about the national deficit, but the people of this country might be able to hold onto their local police station, county regiment or meals-on-wheels if one huge single cut was made. And that could be the immediate reduction (or, better still, the end) of Britain's vast budgetary contribution to the European Union – estimated now at £10 billion per year.

“I am sure that most of us would rather our money be spent on projects here in Britain, instead of the taxpayer-funded fortune now lavished on massive salaries and pensions for Brussels Eurocrats – not to mention road improvement schemes in Greece!

“Renegotiate the terms of our EU membership and the country would make an immediate saving”.