

News release from

Alan Duffill

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'Gone Fishing'

Labour's Banffshire and Buchan Holyrood candidate Alan Duffill commented on the withdrawal of Jimmy Buchan as the Conservative and Unionist Candidate for Banffshire and Buchan Coast in the following terms

Alan Duffill commented,

"This is a constituency where in days gone by the Tory Party would have been challenging the SNP for votes.

"I think when Jimmy Buchan put himself forward he was hopeful that this seat held prospects for him and them.

"When this campaign started the Labour Party had real hope of supplanting the Tories as the main challengers to the SNP. That now becomes a realisable prospect.

Jimmy Buchan's decision to stand back from the fight 12 weeks away from polling day I think reflects the reality that the Tory campaign was going nowhere and gives us hope that we will emerge as main challengers to the SNP in the North East.

Three months away from polling day the Tories are without a candidate and no doubt local Tories are out twisting arms as we speak.

"Meanwhile our campaign goes on and we will be working hard to expose just how the SNP have let people down locally."