



## Christmas cracker No. 1 – “60 seconds with Sir John” - FIVE exclusive video ‘shorts’

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**EXCLUSIVE: The Rt Hon Sir John Redwood MP** on sovereignty, bonfire of EU laws, cost of living, and on the immigration crisis



**In keeping with the festive spirit, we are delighted to share the following Christmas cracker with our readers: an interview with the Rt Hon Sir John Redwood who spoke to us exclusively on a range of key issues now facing the country.**

From Northern Ireland and the cost of living to immigration and EU red tape, Sir John offers up his own prescription for the problems now facing the country which we include in the five short-video clips below.

**Campaign for an Independent Britain - CIBUK** (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the oldest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – and its affiliate **Facts4EU.Org** – are delighted to promote the following five 'video shorts' in which Sir John addresses head-on the problems now facing this country.

## **The Rt Hon Sir John Redwood MP**

### ***On the Northern Ireland Protocol legislation:***

*“...this is the unilateral legislation, which we think is essential to clarify the Northern Ireland Protocol, so that Northern Ireland can be properly and fully part of the United Kingdom...under the existing interpretation of the agreement.”*

### ***On the bonfire of EU laws:***

*“We have normal UK law and we have retained EU law where there are still slightly different legal rules relating to it, so we wish to abolish that distinction and everything will just be normal UK law settled by UK courts under UK legal principles with no reference to EU legal principles.”*

## ***On cutting VAT to address the cost-of-living crisis***

*"I had proposed a series of VAT reductions or removals as soon as we came out of the EU...we've had practically none of those. I wanted that taken off domestic energy, at least for the period of the energy crisis for example, which has still not happened."*

## ***On Controlling immigration – part 1:***

*"I think that will need a combination of tougher legislation with overrides at some of the existing rules if necessary..."*

*"And...they need to reinforce staff numbers and staff training because it's taking far too long to process what should be very straightforward claims..."*

## ***On controlling immigration - part 2:***

*"I'm trying to get the State to understand the huge costs involved in someone coming in to a low-paid job because they will often need the provision of social housing, they may need school places for children...they will certainly need healthcare...you are effectively trying to add a city the size of Portsmouth every year to the country."*

**We provide a link to the full interview [here](#).**

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