

TRIBUTE TO TOMMAS GRAVES

Tommas Graves passed away on the 14th of November 2023. He had been suffering from cancer for some time but bravely continued working as long as he could.

He worked for the Henry George Foundation for many years and checked our accounts each year. But he will be known to *Land&Liberty* readers for his many carefully crafted contributions demonstrating the social advantages of implementing a land value tax. There were often in a *Closing Thoughts* column, where they always rounded off an issue beautifully.

As well as frequently contributing to *Land&Liberty*, Tommas led the HGF Friday afternoon seminars each week during term time reading through and discussing the works of Henry George.

Tommas also hosted the website '*Land is Free*' at www.landisfree.co.uk for many years which has many excellent articles by different contributors, and quite a few of his own.

The merit of the website is that it gives clear and succinct arguments for the implementation of the tax on land values and for the general benefits to society as a whole. The basic premise is that land is given by nature freely for all and that the private monopoly of land distorts the economy and. More than any other factor, leads to the division between rich and poor:

Tommas was inspired by the simple truth that there is no need for poverty in modern society and that it arises primarily from claims to private ownership and monopoly of nature's gifts which cannot be supported by the natural laws of economics. Poverty is the consequence of unsound economic theory.

Tommas's contributions to the Henry George Foundation and to *Land&Liberty* will be greatly missed. We pay tribute to his clarity, insight and generosity over the years. 🇬🇧

- *Land&Liberty* Editors.

