

# VDARE moving from Litchfield to W. Va.



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LITCHFIELD — There is no “for sale” or business sign outside the contemporary home at the prestigious local address of 447 South St., but a woman at a number listed for that address answers the phone, “VDARE Foundation.”

The foundation's website describes the nonprofit organization as one which seeks to “inform the fight to keep America American” as “America's immigration voice.”

Litchfield won't be the organization's home much longer. The house, which has a low profile and is hardly

visible from the road, is listed for sale through Klemm Realty for \$810,000.

The homeowner is VDARE's director, Peter Brimelow.

VDARE is a 501(c)(3) foundation, which means it has met the IRS standards for an organization intended “for the public good” and is exempt from federal income taxes, IRS spokesman Kenneth Vargas said.

Brimelow founded VDARE in 1999, according to the nonprofit. Property records show he bought his Litchfield home in 2007.

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The tax code stipulates that exempt purposes must be “charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, or prevent cruelty to children or animals.” Vargas said VDARE is up to date on its 990 filings and is in good standing as a public charity.

Brimelow said in an email to the Republican-American that the organization seeks to “provide information and analysis, with the difference that we are actually truthful.”

**BRIMELOW, BORN IN ENGLAND** 73 years ago and an immigrant, is a former contributor to Barrons, Fortune, Market Watch and National Review. He was a senior editor at Forbes from 1986 until 2002. His controversial best-seller “Alien Nation: Common sense about America's immigration disaster” was released in 1996.

VDARE communicates largely through the internet, where its website states its mission is “education on two main issues: first, the unsustainability of current US immigration policy and second, the National Question, which is the viability of the U.S. as a nation-state. We do this through the VDARE.com webzine and VDARE books, public speaking, conferences, debates and media appearance.”

VDARE draws its name from Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World, according to the nonprofit.

The Anti-Defamation League describes the organization as posting, promoting and archiving the work of racists, anti-immigration figures and anti-Semites. Wikipedia defines it as “an American far-right website promoting opposition to immigration to the U.S. It is associated with white supremacy, white nationalism, neoNazism and the alt-right.”

In his email to the Republican-American, Brimelow said it is not a white nationalist website.

He declined to discuss “internal operations.”

Brimelow declined an in person or phone interview and said he would communicate only by email. He said VDARE's advancement of public interest as a nonprofit enables “a lot of purposes.”

**IN 2018, THE MOST RECENT TAX RETURN AVAILABLE** to the public, VDARE reports to have raised \$698,157. Out of that, Brimelow's pay as director was \$181,675, according to tax records.

On Form 990, Brimelow is listed as chairman of the organization.

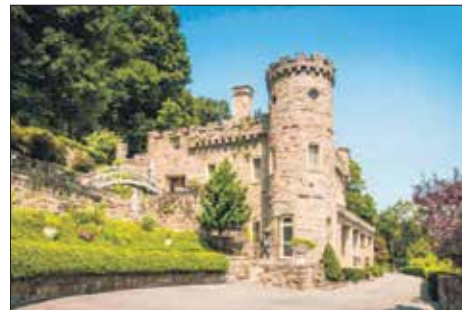
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The sandstone castle, a registered historical landmark built by Colonel Samuel Taylor Suit from 1885 to 1891 and used as a summer camp for boys from 1938-1954, was bought by Andrew Gosline in 2002, according to a local tourism office. Gosline died in 2014 and his heirs offered it for sale in 2018, according to The Journal, a local newspaper.

Sally Houldin Cornell, the listing agent for Klemm Real Estate based in Washington Depot, declined to comment about the Litchfield home.

According to Klemm Realty, the home has been for sale off and on since 2015, when it was listed for \$750,000. Brimelow and his wife bought it in 2007 for \$653,000.

**AFTER ACQUIRING THE CASTLE**, Brimelow told The Journal newspaper in Martinsburg, W.V., “we plan to be quiet, good neighbors.



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### An interview with VDARE

Peter Brimelow of Litchfield, director of VDARE, a nonprofit he describes as “America's immigration voice,” has been quietly operating out of Brimelow's home on South Street.



Peter Brimelow, director of VDARE

That's soon to change as Brimelow is moving his family and the organization to West Virginia.

The issue on which his organization focuses has been in the news, and Brimelow answered questions about the current state of affairs in an email interview with the Republican-American.

#### On why VDARE is moving from Litchfield to West Virginia:

“VDARE.com was an early victim of the Totalitarian Left's Cancel Culture, which has now, of course, claimed an incumbent U.S. president. Over the last five years, we've had some 10 hotels all over the country cave to threats and cancel conferences we'd booked. So we've bought our own venue, the Berkeley Springs Castle.”

#### On the current surge of illegal immigrants at the U.S. southern border:

“You don't get to Elect A New People, as Washington has been doing via the 1965 Immigration Act, without unleashing volcanic anger among the people displaced, immiserated etc. America's Ruling Class, both Democrat and Republican, fights to suppress that anger, but periodically it breaks out, as it did for example in the mid-1990s, and again with Trump's election. And, obviously, now. This problem will not go away and could ultimately destroy the country.”

#### On the Biden administration's immigration policies:

“It's treason and they should be impeached.”

#### On public allegations that VDARE is a vehicle for racism and white supremacy:

“Pierre Trudeau dealt with a similar question in a very striking way. There are simply no honest rational arguments for the mass immigration that the 1965 Act unleashed upon America. Obviously, immigration enthusiasts can't say they just want cheap votes, cheap labor or just plain feel uncomfortable in a white Christian society, although these are in fact their motives. So they've come up with these cuss words to shut down debate. Anyone who looks at VDARE.com can see that we have non-white and Jewish writers. That's also true for our donors. But none of this makes any difference. Our critics are simply not arguing in good faith. To hell with them.”

We absolutely will not have marches, demonstrations, rallies, tiki torch parades or anything like that. We've never been involved in that sort of thing.”

Brimelow said he intends to live with his family at the castle now owned by VDARE, and maintain office and meeting spaces for it, but will miss Litchfield's beauty.

According to an investigation by The Associated Press in 2016, Brimelow raised \$4.8 million between 2007 and 2015. It found that from 2010 through 2015, VDARE Foundation didn't report any compensation directly to Brimelow.

Starting in 2010, the nonprofit began making annual payments of up to \$368,500 to Brimelow's Happy Penguins LLC for leased employees, according to The Associated Press. He dis-

closed his ownership of the company in tax returns but declined to answer questions regarding the company or any pay he draws from it.

Brimelow told The Association Press his website is not white nationalist but acknowledged it publishes works by writers who fit that description in the sense that they aim to defend the interests of American whites.

Brimelow said by email he has kept a low profile in Litchfield. At Town Hall recently, no one recognized his name.

As to the future of his organization, he said interest has reached “a critical mass of readers and donors.”

“Our arguments prevail or the country dies,” he said.

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