

Newsletter

The Campaign Starts Here

This year sees the **Police, Fire & Rescue and Crime Commissioner** election and very likely a **General Election** at some point. These are crucial elections and we're already working to support our excellent PFCC candidate, Ben Adams and our MPs.

If you can help, we'd love to hear from you. Whether it's delivering leaflets in your local area (it's great to get your step count up!), stuffing envelopes, Connect Calling or canvassing voters...and if you've never done it before, we can give you all the training you need. Get in touch with Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political at **01785 252 273** or by email on contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk



Please donate to our campaign fund

Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation only exists because of the generosity of local members and supporters. We do not receive financial subsidies from Conservative Party HQ. All the funds we raise come from membership, local events, and donations. We can only continue to thrive and build a strong voice for local Conservatives with your help. Any donation will make a difference - especially this year when we have the PFCC and General election campaigns ahead of us. If you'd like to make a donation, please get in touch with Duncan Sandbrook, Chairman or see our website for details.

<https://www.centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk/make-donation>

Birth Trauma Inquiry Launched in UK Parliament



Birth Trauma

On 9 January 2024, the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on birth trauma in the UK Parliament will set up an inquiry to investigate the reasons for traumatic birth and to develop policy recommendations to reduce the rate of birth trauma. Research shows that about 4-5% of women develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after giving birth – equivalent to approximately 25,000-30,000 women every year in the UK. Studies have also found that a much larger number of women – as many as one in three – find some aspects of their birth experience traumatic. Birth Trauma affects 30,000 women across the country every year. 53% of women who experienced birth trauma are less likely to have children in the future and 84% of women who experienced tears during birth, did not receive enough information about birth injuries ahead of time. Read more: <https://www.theo-clarke.org.uk/news/birth-trauma-inquiry-launched-uk-parliament>.

Theo Clarke MP Welcomes Birth Trauma being added to the Women's Health Strategy



Stafford MP Theo Clarke has welcomed the health secretary's commitment to a "laser-like focus on birth trauma" following her successful campaign to have the issue include in the Women's Health Strategy. Theo has been campaigning for more physical and mental help and support for new mums following her own traumatic experience when she gave birth to her daughter in 2022.

Read more: <https://www.theo-clarke.org.uk/news/theo-clarke-mp-welcomes-birth-trauma-being-added-womens-health-strategy>

Gavin Supports Local Staffordshire Vineyard

Sir Gavin Williamson visited Halfpenny Green Wine Estate as they celebrate their 40th anniversary in the wine business.

Sir Gavin met with the owners of family business, Halfpenny Green Wines in Bobbington. The company was set up by farmer Martin Vickers 40 years ago, whose ambition was to create a vineyard that would rival wines on the continent. Today Martin employs his son Clive and Clive's wife Lisa in their vineyard, shop and on-site café. The business has come a long way since 1983, when the first half acre of grapes were planted. Now the vineyard is comprised of almost 30 acres of grape vines, making it one of the largest wineries in the UK. The wines produced by Martin and his family have won awards at international competitions, such as the prestigious Decanter World Wine Awards, a rigorous international competition where Martin's Chardonnay won a silver medal.



Sir Gavin said: "It was a pleasure to meet with the Vickers family and visit their successful wine business. I really enjoy visiting small family businesses in Staffordshire, and it was great to see the true passion that has fuelled the success of this wine business for so long. English wines are becoming really popular in recent years as people are starting to recognise the beauty of quality English wine. Martin has truly got it right."

Gavin Champions Return to the High Street

Sir Gavin Williamson has met with local traders in Stone to voice his support for the High Street, and to campaign for the revival of our town centres.

Sir Gavin was keen to meet with the campaign group as it set out its manifesto for 2024. The group rep Sir Gavin visited Limestone Brewery where he met with representatives of several small businesses in the area, making up The Stone Traders Group, to discuss how to entice local shoppers back on to the high street. Sir Gavin was keen to address the challenges facing the high street, including the difficulties of depleted transport links and the increase of vacant high street shops. In recent years, Staffordshire and indeed the country as a whole has seen a marked decrease in the numbers of high street shoppers, and many small businesses have suffered as a result.



The Government has therefore pledged part of its £4.8 billion Levelling Up Fund to invest in local high streets, and the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act will introduce new powers for local authorities to take control of empty buildings and enable local businesses and community projects to bid for the chance to rent empty shops. The government has also introduced a Future High Streets Fund, invested with £830 million, to target regeneration projects across 72 High Streets in the UK, one being Stafford. Sir Gavin has been a staunch supporter of these changes, and has pledged to press the local government on the funds available, so that Stone might also benefit from the Future High Streets Fund. Sir Gavin said: "I was glad to meet with the Stone Traders and hear their very real concerns for the longevity of the local high street. The retention of good train services and bus routes is vital to keeping our streets lively and bustling. I'm determined to work with local businesses to find ways to encourage shoppers to return to town centres and help-out Staffordshire's entrepreneurs. Therefore, I'm determined to discuss with Staffordshire council the issue of allocating government funding, so that high streets outside of Staffordshire are not lost."

Gavin Applauds Success of Staffordshire Business

Sir Gavin Williamson visited Matrix, a company that specialises in the international trading of secondary metals by manufacturing and supplying raw materials to global players.

Sir Gavin met with Ram Sonee, the owner of Matrix, to discuss how he might be able to support the company in their ambition to achieve a King's Award for Enterprise. The company has a factory on the Four Ashes estate in South Staffordshire and employs from the local community. Sir Gavin was impressed by the company's international reach, as they have recently secured contracts with metal manufacturers in Europe, India, and across the globe. The company reprocesses metals that would otherwise end up in landfill, thus playing a large part in the move towards using more sustainable materials. Sir Gavin was keen to support the company's nomination for a King's Award for Enterprise.



Sir Gavin said: "I was grateful to meet with Ram and his team at Matrix Corp, as their business plan which makes use of secondary metals for trade on the international market puts Staffordshire on the map. I'm keen to support the idea of diverting materials away from landfills, which inevitably overspill and defile the areas in which we live. I'm always looking to support Staffordshire businesses and will put my efforts into promoting Matrix Corp for a King's Award."

Gavin Meets with the HALO Trust in Parliament

Sir Gavin Williamson has spoken with representatives from HALO trust, an organisation dedicated to mine clearance in areas devastated by war.

Sir Gavin attended a parliamentary event with HALO trust, to discuss what can be done to tackle the circulation of small arms and light weapons in West Africa. The organisation has been working on a campaign to demonstrate how the management of the weapon and ammunition life cycle can help curb levels of armed violence in the area. The organisation has done remarkable work for 35 years, with thousands of volunteers risking their lives to prevent the loss of life caused by land mine explosions. Sir Gavin was keen to meet with the organisation's representatives to congratulate their milestone reached last year of 2 million mines cleared, and to discuss how he can support the charity, which operates in over 30 countries worldwide.



Sir Gavin said: "I was pleased to meet again with HALO, an organisation that I'm proud to be an ambassador of, to discuss their new initiatives which will no doubt save thousands of lives. Based in countries from Columbia to Ethiopia to Ukraine, the HALO trust trains locals to clear landmines from their communities, manage the circulation of weaponry, and ultimately re-build their lives after the devastation of war. I'm proud to have worked with the HALO trust and in 2024 aim to do as much as I can to support their international project."

Gavin Takes Action to Protect Staffordshire Wildlife

Sir Gavin Williamson recently visited the HQ of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, meeting with its representatives at the Wolseley Centre in Stafford.

Sir Gavin Williamson met with the Chief Executive of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Julian Woolford, who gave a tour of the facilities at the Wolseley Centre, a nature reserve spanning over 26 acres, complete with wildlife-friendly display gardens, sensory gardens, accessible footpaths, and café. Sir Gavin was pleased to hear that kingfishers, bank voles and nut hatches frequently make their home on the reserve along with other local wildlife.

The Wildlife Trust has recently embarked upon a campaign to call on politicians to support nature's recovery, after a report last year revealed the extent of the decline of wildlife in Britain, and how many natural spaces had been lost. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust believe this can be reversed through government action, by clamping down on pollution and sewage in our rivers, increasing the budget for wildlife-friendly farming, and supporting the re-introduction of lost species such as beavers.

Sir Gavin said: "It was a real treat to visit the Wolseley Centre, and I'm grateful to Julian for showing me around. As someone with a passion for wildlife and the outdoors, I'm keen to support charities such as the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. I agree with their commitment to restoring the state of Britain's native wildlife, and in parliament I will do all I can to support action towards that goal."

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's Chief Executive, Julian Woolford, said: "We were pleased to show Sir Gavin around the Wolseley Centre and to talk to him about our key environmental priorities in his prospective constituency. We discussed the urgent need to take action on restoring our rivers and ensuring the budget for nature-friendly farming is increased so that farms can be both productive and bursting with wildlife."



Gavin Fights for Eradication of Potholes

Sir Gavin Williamson made the case for Staffordshire during a debate on Network North funding, where he demanded funding be given to help eradicate potholes in Staffordshire.

Sir Gavin raised the issue of potholes during the parliamentary debate on the Network North proposals, where he made sure to relay calls from his constituents, referencing 'Kinver, Codsall, Wombourne, Great Wyrley and Brewood' as places to be given priority funding from the £8.3 billion road maintenance budget announced by the Prime Minister last October. Sir Gavin applauded the announcement that £4.4 million would be allocated to Staffordshire to be spent on fixing the state of roads, pleased that these funds would satisfy many who find the prevalence of potholes in the area to be an eyesore causing damage to vehicles.

Sir Gavin went further, stating that he shall be pressing Ministers further for additional funding so that the issue of potholes is fully resolved. Sir Gavin said: "Let us be clear: the people of Kinver, Codsall, Wombourne, Great Wyrley, Brewood and every place across south Staffordshire want to see the potholes eradicated. That extra £4.4 million will go a long way towards blitzing some of those problems. I appreciate that it is not in his portfolio, but I ask the Minister to go back to the Secretary of State for Transport and say that we want more money to deal with those potholes right across Staffordshire. This cancellation can make a real impact, delivering better services in every community across Staffordshire, but let us make sure that that money is well spent."



Gavin Supports Growth of Innovative Industry in Staffordshire

Sir Gavin Williamson recently met with chemical research and manufacturing SI Group, based on the Four Ashes estate in Staffordshire. The company has an international reach, with its HQ based in Texas, and is an innovator in the field of performance additives and process solutions.

Sir Gavin visited their manufacturing plant near Wolverhampton, where the chemicals produced are used in many different industries world-wide. The company manufactures performance additives and chemical intermediates, essential substances used to improve the performance of other chemicals and products. The company is an asset to the wide range of industries that use Staffordshire as a base for manufacturing, these businesses boost the local economy by providing jobs for Staffordshire communities and widening the skillset of those that take up work there.



Sir Gavin said: “It was a pleasure to meet with those at SI Group, who are pioneering an incredibly technical and critical industry, and I’m proud that they have chosen a base here in Staffordshire to operate their manufacturing plant. Staffordshire prides itself on its role as a base for a wide variety of industries and has long been established as a valuable base for many national and international businesses.”

Representatives from SI Group said: “During MP Sir Gavin Williamson’s recent visit to SI Group, he was given a comprehensive tour of the SI Group UK facility in Wolverhampton,” stated Site Director Richard Bice. “We were delighted to showcase our manufacturing operations and discuss our connection with the local community, as well as our role in both the UK and global manufacturing economies. SI Group’s Wolverhampton facility doesn’t just serve as a manufacturing site; it also includes members of our European Distribution/Logistics, Global Accounts Payable, and European Finance teams, all of which are integral in supporting the global SI Group organization.”

Gavin Teaches Primary School Students in Codsall

Sir Gavin Williamson visited St Nicholas First School in Codsall, where he met with staff and students and took a tour of the premises.

Sir Gavin visited the local school which prides itself on its ethos to ‘walk in Jesus’ footsteps’, encouraging students to uphold the school’s core values of respect, perseverance, care, trust and thankfulness. To further motivate students to perform at their best and treat others with kindness, the school operates a star of the week award which rewards one student from each class who has achieved over and above what is expected. Sir Gavin was enthused by the work of the school, and praised the initiatives taken to encourage academic discipline and respect. Sir Gavin was then invited to conduct an assembly for the students, teaching them about the meaning of democracy.

Sir Gavin said: “It is always a pleasure to see such young students asking such intelligent questions about the world of politics and democratic institutions. I was really encouraged by the teaching ethos at the school, which seems to have incredible results for student output.”

Ryan Gough, Deputy Head Teacher of St Nicholas First School said: “As part of our focus on promoting fundamental British Values, Sir Gavin Williamson visited St Nicholas CE First School, Codsall to explore the British Value of Democracy and how the role of Parliament aims to give the British people a voice. He shared the role of different members of parliament, such as the House of Commons Speaker, and how to address members of parliament during debates. He also shared with children his key role as a member of parliament, and how constituents can get in touch should they wish to raise an issue, including his role in aiming to represent and address these. As a result, many of our children have now been inspired to write to Sir Gavin Williamson about key issues that they feel are pertinent to them and their local area. We thank him for his support in our school’s mission to develop our children’s knowledge to lead safe, happy and healthy lives as responsible citizens in our democratic society.”

Gavin Supports Staffordshire Factory Leading the Way to Net-Zero

Sir Gavin Williamson invited Lord Callanan, the Minister for Energy Efficiency and Green Finance to join him to visit the Ibstock factory in Cheslyn Hay, a large local employer for the area.

Sir Gavin was keen to discuss ways to support energy intensive industries transition to net-zero. It has been estimated that industry is responsible for around 16% of the UK's emissions. The ceramics industry has an integral role to play as a fundamental support for the UK's independent steel industry. As such, Sir Gavin has backed government initiatives to support the de-carbonisation of the manufacture of ceramics and a broader encouragement for the transition towards green energy sources throughout British industry. As of February 2023, £34.8 million of funding has been awarded through the Industrial Energy Transformation Fund which was first launched in June 2020, and currently £12.4 million in Government funding is helping some of the higher emitting industries to find new ways to reduce their carbon emissions and energy bills.



Sir Gavin said: “It was great to meet with representatives from Ibstock PLC, the largest brick manufacturers in the UK, and key market players that are leading the push towards cleaning our industry emissions. I’m proud to see industry bases in Staffordshire are spearheading the transformation towards net-zero, and am in full support of the Government measures that will enable them to do this. I was also pleased to meet with representatives from Ceramics UK, a crucial industry for the national economy.”

Emily Landsborough, Head of ESG at Ibstock Plc said “Working with Government is crucial for Ibstock and the wider sector in achieving Net Zero ambitions. The long term support and investment for industrial decarbonisation and the development of alternative fuels (such as hydrogen) are strategies that the Private Sector and Government are collaborating closely to ensure we achieve the pace of change required to address climate change. Visits like this help build knowledge of the unique challenges and opportunities we have in the Ceramics sector and wider UK Manufacturing.”

A representative from Ceramics UK said: ““Our visit to Ibstock provided a great opportunity to showcase to the Minister the diverse nature of the UK ceramics industry and how its essential products are hidden in plain sight. Ibstock highlighted the significant work our industry is doing to decarbonise and meet the UK’s net zero targets. We want to demonstrate to government ministers, civil servants, and the media the vast array of products and geographical impact our industry brings to our lives and to seek government support in our decarbonisation journey.”

Gavin Pushes for Immediate Action on HS2 Compensation

During two separate debates on HS2 compensation and Network North planning, Sir Gavin Williamson fought firstly for further transport investments in Staffordshire, and then for land purchased for the HS2 proposals to be returned immediately.

Sir Gavin spoke ardently in both debates on behalf of Staffordshire residents, arguing in the first place that Network North funding be given to local train projects, such as the Manchester-Stoke service. This service could use the additional resources freed up by the cancellation of HS2 to extend to Stafford, allowing for greater connectivity with northern powerhouse cities. Sir Gavin said: “With the money that will be freed up from the cancellation of [HS2], there are opportunities to make further improvements to our network. We could see the extension of the Manchester-Stoke service all the way to Stafford, which would have a real benefit for many stations across north Staffordshire.”

In another debate relating to HS2, Sir Gavin fought for those Staffordshire residents whose land had been purchased for the construction of HS2. Since the decision was made last October to halt the plans for HS2 to progress past the West Midlands, little progress has been made regarding the re-sale of the land back to the original owners. Sir Gavin made the case in the chamber for those Staffordshire families who are still waiting for their land to be returned.

Sir Gavin said: “As the new year begins, we need clarity on when land will be returned. We need to have an understanding of when the selling of land by HS2 is to start. We need to have an understanding about those people who have had their homes taken from them. When will they be in a position to buy back their homes? When will they be in a position to know what the rules are and what their future may hold?”

LOCAL NEWS SNAPSHOT

Staffordshire marks Holocaust Memorial Day

People in Staffordshire were invited to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on Saturday 27 January at a series of national and local events.

The annual day of reflection remembered those who lost their lives during the Nazi persecution and other genocides throughout history.

People were able to watch Curated Moments from the Holocaust Memorial Day UK ceremony, before taking part in the Light the Darkness national moment on 27 January. At 8pm, people joined in by lighting candles and safely putting them in their windows. Using the hashtags #HolocaustMemorialDay and #LightTheDarkness, people were able to share their moments with others.



Local services were also held at St Edwards Church in Leek on Saturday 27 January and at St Mary's church in Stafford on Sunday 28 January.

Alan White, Leader of Staffordshire County Council said:

"Each year, across the country, thousands of people come together to remember the victims of Holocausts and those lives affected by persecution and genocide.

"It's important that we continue to mark this day. It's only by bringing people together and celebrating difference and diversity, that we can help build a better future for everyone.

"There are events taking place locally over the weekend and online and I would urge people to try and find some time to join in, reflect and mark the day."

At the National Memorial Arboretum, local school children took part in workshops to learn more about the Holocaust on Friday 26 January. Pupils also got the chance to explore the memorials to discover the importance of Remembrance. An Act of Remembrance in the chapel was also held on the same day and a traditional service and candle lighting took place on Saturday 27 January at 11am in the Millennium Chapel.

In Tamworth, pupils from Flax Hill Junior Academy created a green memorial with the help of their gardening club, for the victims of genocide and hate, on Wednesday 24 January. The Year 6 classes designed the images to be painted onto the planter, which will be positioned for all parents and visitors to the school to see.

LOCAL NEWS SNAPSHOT

Extra support for children in mainstream schools

Increased early intervention has been launched for children needing support in the classroom.

Staffordshire County Council is funding schools to step in at the first opportunity to help children with special educational needs progress at their local mainstream school.

And it's estimated up to 800 children might benefit across the county each year at a time when the demand for special educational needs support in Staffordshire schools has risen by 30 per cent in the last five years, surpassing the national average.

Jonathan Price, Stafford County Council's Cabinet member for Children and Young People, said:



Parents tell us that they would prefer their children to be educated close to home alongside their friends and we are doing all we can to support that and keep them in mainstream schools wherever possible.

Demand is rising and this initiative is designed to provide support in the classroom quickly and effectively.”

More than 21,000 children in Staffordshire require support in school, which is approximately 16 per cent of the total school population.

The new approach, called ‘Enhanced Assess, Plan, Do, Review’, has been developed in partnership with parents, carers, healthcare professionals, schools, and colleges, with over 300 individuals contributing their thoughts and feedback.

More than 900 professionals joined training sessions throughout December to ensure they are equipped to effectively use this new approach in their schools.

£1.2m has been identified from existing budgets to support the new approach and the authority is committing educational psychology resources as part of the process.

Jonathan Price added:

This initiative represents a significant move forward in our dedication to supporting children and young people with special educational needs.

Our goal is to deliver swifter and more effective assistance for children displaying signs of need.”

As well as making a practical difference for the pupil in school, the new approach also aims to improve liaison across different organisations, only ask families to ‘tell their story once’ and improve record keeping prior to any assessment for statutory support.

FEDERATION NEWS

HELP RE-ELECT BEN ADAMS



We have a big fight on in May against Labour and we **must** do everything we can to re-elect our amazing Police & Fire Commissioner, **Ben Adams** who has done a great job in recent years.

We have seen major investments and more police patrols, but everything is at risk this May. If Labour get into power they will undo all of Ben's hard work.

Please join us to help raise funds for this vital campaign.

Friday 23rd February
7pm onwards
Mirchi Restaurant, Shelton

This will be a great opportunity for you to hear from Ben and meet members from across Staffordshire

Book your tickets today: <http://tinyurl.com/BenAdamsPFCC>

We will be joined by various Staffordshire MPs for what promises to be a great evening with an Indian buffet and of course a good old raffle.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

HELP RE-ELECT BEN ADAMS



CAMPAIGN SESSION
STAFFORDSHIRE PFCC ELECTION
for Ben Adams PFCC

SATURDAY 3RD
FEBRUARY

1:30PM

Meeting place: Berry Road,
Stafford, ST16 1SE
Contact: Dave Evans,
daveevans188@icloud.com

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Promoted by Hannan Sarwar on behalf of Ben Adams of Staffordshire Conservatives, Castle Street, Stafford, ST16 2ED



If you would like to join our band of dedicated campaigners, we're holding a campaign session in Stafford for Ben Adams, our excellent Police, Fire & Rescue and Crime Commissioner on Saturday 3rd February. If you're able to join us, please contact Deputy Chairman Political, **Jonathan Price** on **07792 024858**.

COULD YOU CHAMPION YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Do you want to stand up for your local community and the interests of local residents?



Central Staffordshire Conservatives are looking for Councillor candidates who want to serve a local community. We welcome all candidates who care about representing local people's views and looking after the interests of their local area.

You could be part of our strong, supportive and friendly team of Councillors and campaigners. If you are interested in finding out more about what might be involved, we want to hear from you. **The next COUNTY COUNCIL elections are on 1 May 2025.**

To find out more please email Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation or contact Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political at contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk or call 01785 252 273

More information about being a councillor can be found at local.gov.uk/be-councillor

Who may be a candidate?

To stand for your local council you must be **over 18 years of age AND a British citizen; a Commonwealth citizen; a qualifying EU citizen; or an EU citizen with retained rights, AND resident in the UK.**

In addition, one of the following criteria must apply to you:

You must be and continue to be a local government elector for the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both nomination day and the day of the election, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area of the local authority.

OR

Your principal or only place of work in the twelve months preceding your nomination day and the day of the election must have been in the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both your nomination day and the day of the election resided in the area of the local authority.

To find out more please email **Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation** or contact **Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political** at contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk or call **01785 252 273**

Do I know enough to stand for election?

Don't underestimate your own abilities. Each councillor will have something different to offer the council and you will not be expected to take direct responsibility for running the council on the first day that you are elected.

Your main qualifications are a genuine concern for the community and a willingness to learn. Knowledge and experience will soon follow.



Have I the time to be a councillor?

The time commitment involved in being a councillor will vary depending on the responsibilities you decide to take on.

Many councillors have work and family commitments as well as other interests which they successfully balance with their role as a councillor.

More information about being a councillor can be found at local.gov.uk/be-councillor

IMPORTANT: MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you pay for your membership subscription by standing order or bank transfer, have you changed the payment amount and the bank details?

From 1st January 2024 the membership fees have increased. The new rates for all members are:

Standard: £39 per year
Armed Forces: £25 per year
Under 26: £10 per year

Our preferred method of payment is by direct debit. It means less administration for the local team and you benefit from the direct debit guarantee scheme. If you want to set up a direct debit for your membership subscription, please get in touch.

And, as we've mentioned in previous newsletters, the bank details for your membership subscriptions - if you pay locally - have now changed.

The new bank account details are:

Account Name: Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation
Sort Code: 30-98-00
Account Number: 00449122

Most importantly cheques need to be made payable to '**Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation**' and if you were previously a member of the former **Stone** or **South Staffordshire** Associations and paid by bank transfer or standing order, **please remember the old bank account details you previously used are no longer valid.**

If you've set up a bank transfer or standing order, please change the details with your bank - and please remember to allow for the new membership subscription rates.

We cannot renew your membership if we receive less than the amount that is due.

If you have any queries about membership please telephone (01785 252 273) or get in touch by email to membership@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

AN INVITATION FROM NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME
CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION



Our next supper club will be on Friday 16th February, with former Defence Secretary and Chief Whip, Gavin Williamson MP.

You can book your tickets via the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/GavinWilliamsonSupper>

If you are reading a paper copy of the newsletter and would like to book for this event, please get in touch with the Federation Office on 01785 252 273 or by email to

contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

THE VALUATION GAME

**29TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT CASTLE STREET, STAFFORD ST16 2ED
6:30PM FOR 7PM START**

Nearly everyone has a treasure tucked away at home that might be worth something.

Haywood & Hixon, Milford and Milwich Branch are hosting a fun evening at Castle Street on 29th February 2024 with celebrity antiques show expert **Richard Winterton**, well known for his regular appearances as auctioneer on programmes such as BBC's **Bargain Hunt** and **Dickinson's Real Deal** on ITV. The Winterton family name has been synonymous with auctioneering in Staffordshire for seven generations since 1864.

So dust off your hidden treasures and join us at Castle Street for 'The Valuation Game'

TICKETS: £15 includes buffet

To book: please contact the Federation office on 01785 252 273 or by email to contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

SUPPER CLUB IS BACK FOR 2024!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



The 2024 season of Conservative Supper Clubs at the Red Lion, Bradley, begins on Thursday 14th March (7PM for 7:30PM start)

Guest Speaker: Jack Brereton MP

TICKETS: £20 per person

To book: please contact the Federation office on 01785 252 273 or by email to contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

100 Club

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS ANNOUNCED

1st Prize: **TREVOR TABERNOR**

2nd Prize: **SANDRA CRUTCHLEY**

3rd Prize: **ROY WHALLEY**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Would you like to join?

Help support the Federation and have a bit of a flutter at the same time!
Subscriptions are just £4.34 a month or £52 a year for each number entered.

Join our 100 Club today and you could be our next winner.

Full details (application forms and other information including the terms and conditions) can be found on our website:

<https://www.centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk/100-club>

Our 100 Club helps raise funds to keep the Federation running.

If you can spare £4.34 a month or £52 a year, you could help us with keeping our Federation going...and you might win one of our prizes!

PLEASE JOIN TODAY

If you'd like to join, request an application form by calling 01785 252 273 or via email to contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

Contacting the Federation

Your Federation is staffed by volunteers, the office is not permanently staffed. The telephone line is diverted to a mobile number and calls are answered if someone is available to take your call. But please remember that the volunteers who manage your Federation work full-time, so sometimes it's not possible to answer your calls and in these circumstances you are able to leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note that members can also contact the Federation by email (which is often a quicker way of getting a response) at contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

Car Parking at our Castle Street HQ

The Federation generates important revenue towards the upkeep of our Castle Street HQ by renting car parking spaces to both members and non-members.

Occasional parking at our HQ remains free for members, but we would ask that members inform the office if you will be parking at HQ at least 24-hours in advance, with details of the car registration number so that you do not receive penalty notices. You can get in touch with the office to notify your intention to use our car park, by telephone to **01785 252 273** or by email to contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

We would also ask that members please park with consideration for other car park users.

Parking is at the owner's risk. The Federation does not accept any responsibility for theft or any damage, intentional or otherwise, to vehicles or vehicle contents.

Upcoming events

29th FEBRUARY - The Valuation Game with Richard Winterton - Castle Street - 6:30PM
14th MARCH - Supper Club at the Red Lion, Bradley - 7:00PM
22nd MARCH - Penkridge Supper Club at the Penkridge Peace Memorial Hall - 6:30PM

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