

# Newsletter

## BACK BEN TO KEEP STAFFORDSHIRE SAFE

The election for the Staffordshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner is on 2nd May. This is a crucial election and we need to ensure we re-elect Ben Adams, so please remember to **Vote for Ben on 2nd May!**

### Back Ben to keep Staffordshire safe

Re-elect BEN ADAMS as Staffordshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner on 2nd May 2024

#### Delivered since 2021

Over 250 extra police officers,  
2000 for Staffordshire by May.

19% increase in Staffs Police and  
Fire & Rescue budgets to £314m.

Technology to beat the criminals  
and keep our teams safe.

A more local, visible and  
responsive Police service.

A Fire & Rescue service fit for the  
future and helping the NHS.

Support for over 70,000 victims of  
crime, ASB and domestic abuse.

#### My Plan to keep us Safe

- ✓ Even more officers and staff to keep our property and communities safe.
- ✓ Tackle vehicle, rural, retail and drug crime with more pro-active policing.
- ✓ Make it even easier to contact the police and for them to keep you informed.
- ✓ Safer roads - no letting up as too many are killed or injured on our highways.
- ✓ Protect those most at risk of accidents, fires, abuse and exploitation.
- ✓ Stamp out repeat anti-social behaviour with our community safety partners.



# We're out campaigning locally

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. Here are some photos of our teams out and about.



## We need your help!

Can you help deliver some leaflets in your street or your local area?

We need help delivering leaflets, collecting voting intentions and generally spreading the Conservative message in Staffordshire. So please get in touch if you can offer us some support.

If you'd like to join us, you're very welcome. Please contact Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political on 07792 024858 or via email at [contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk](mailto:contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk).

### Theo Clarke MP co-hosts successful Stafford Jobs Fair



Pensions Minister Paul Maynard opened MP Theo Clarke's job fair on Wednesday that she co-sponsored with Stafford College and the local JobCentre Plus team.

More than 350 people looking for work or change in career went to the fair. It had more than 20 local employers and organisations in attendance at the college campus in Victoria Square.

This is the second job fair Mrs Clarke has helped organise. After the opening by the minister, she took him on a tour of the fair.

He also met with college principal Craig Hodgson and Local DWP employment advisor and co-host with the MP of the event Georgia Marquis-Johnson.

"Many thanks to the brilliant DWP team and the wonderful college for all they did to make the fair a resounding success," said Mrs Clarke.

"We have a buoyant jobs market in Stafford but there are vacancies and new opportunities for local people and I think the fair was able to connect those people with our local employers who were there in force to support it and to find the staff they need.

"Many thanks to the minister too for coming to open the fair. He was very impressed with the event and the number of employers and job hunters who came through the door.

"Tackling unemployment locally and supporting young and older people find work remains one of my priorities for me as the local MP."

Craig Hodgson said: "It has been a pleasure working with Theo Clarke MP and Job Centre Plus to host the Stafford Jobs Fair at our Stafford College campus.

"We were delighted to welcome all attendees, including Paul Maynard MP, Minister of State, to the college to witness first hand some of the fantastic work going on in Stafford to bring together job seekers and employers for the benefit of our local economy.

"Events such as this underpin our commitment to the Local Skills Improvement Plan, designed to improve opportunities for the current and emerging workforce in Staffordshire and increase collaboration between providers, employers and the public sector."

### Theo Clarke MP announces new Government role



18th April 2024

Theo reports: “I’m delighted to be joining the Department for Education as their new Parliamentary Private Secretary, and to be working with such a brilliant team led by Secretary of State Rt. Hon. Gillian Keegan MP.

I’m excited to support the delivery of the Government’s biggest ever expansion of childcare for working parents.

Education has always been one of my top local priorities in Stafford. Since I was elected, I have successfully lobbied the Government for extra funding for both Stafford College and the new Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Institute of Technology. I will also continue to raise the importance of increasing SEND provision within my new role, as this is a subject which comes up regularly in my surgeries.

I’m also a huge champion of girls education internationally, and I will continue to advocate for girls everywhere to have access to high-quality education.”

## Help Campaign for the Conservative Party in Staffordshire

**Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community?**

**Do you believe in the values of the Conservative Party and want to support our local efforts in Staffordshire?**

We’re looking for dedicated volunteers like you to join our campaign team!

Specifically, ***we need volunteers who can help deliver letters in their neighbourhoods***. This is a crucial part of our outreach efforts to connect with residents and share our message effectively. By volunteering your time, you’ll play a vital role in helping us engage with voters and make a difference in Staffordshire.

If you’re interested in lending a hand and supporting our cause, please get in touch with us today. Together, we can work towards a brighter future for Staffordshire and our country.

Thank you for your commitment to making a difference!

To volunteer or learn more, please contact Jonathan Price ([contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk](mailto:contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk)) or call 07792 024858 .

### Theo Clarke MP wins Political Speech of the Year



23rd April 2024

Theo reports: “I’m honoured to win Political Speech of the Year for the second time! Thank you to everyone who has supported my national cross-party campaign on birth trauma. I’d like to thank my current inquiry co-Chair, Rosie Duffield MP, and the Birth Trauma Association. Well done to the other winners - including the Foreign Secretary, Rt. Hon. The Lord Cameron, and the Shadow Health Secretary, the Hon. Wes Streeting MP. I also want to acknowledge the other nominees in this category: Rt. Hon. Suella Braverman MP KC, Rt. Hon. Rachel Reeves MP, Rt. Hon. The Lord Coaker, Layla Moran MP and Keir Mather MP. The calibre of speeches in Parliament is incredibly high, and everyone should be proud to have been nominated.

I dedicate this award to all mums who have suffered a difficult birth, like my own, and I will continue to campaign for change to improve after care for all mums in this country.

For more information on our All Party Parliamentary Group’s Birth Trauma Inquiry, please visit:

<https://www.theo-clarke.org.uk/birth-trauma>

Please also note that the Inquiry will publish its report and recommendations on the 13th of May.”

### Gavin Calls For National Brain Tumour Strategy

**Sir Gavin Williamson attended a parliamentary event with The Brain Tumour Charity to discuss strategies for tackling the disease.**

Sir Gavin joined the charity's call on the Government to commit to a National Brain Tumour Strategy. This would recognise the different medical protocols required for the 120 types of brain and central nervous system tumours. Currently, because of the differences in how brain cancers start and are tracked, they are often missed by NHS cancer programmes.

The Brain Tumour Charity organised the event to highlight the need for a clearer strategy to tackle the disease. More than 12,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with a brain tumour in the UK each year, yet most still feel underwhelmed by brain cancer care.

This was revealed by The Brain Tumour Charity's recent surveys, which demonstrated that 85% felt they had unmet needs.



Sir Gavin said: "The Brain Tumour Charity is doing remarkable work to address deficiencies in our current approach to brain cancer. To tackle this cruel disease we must recognise its many strains and ensure no-one falls through the gaps. All patients should feel they are being adequately understood."

### Gavin Supports New Treatments for Motor Neurone Disease

**Sir Gavin Williamson attended a meeting with a cross-parliamentary group set up to spread awareness of Motor Neurone Disease.**

Sir Gavin, former chair of the APPG on Motor Neurone Disease, met with the group in Parliament to hear from James Smith, a young father living with MND. James spoke of the difficulties he experienced when trying to participate in drug trials for the disease, after being diagnosed at the age of 36.

Discussions revolved around difficulties in accessing new treatments, such as the medicine Toferse. This is a precision treatment for certain sufferers of MND which was developed in the UK but is currently inaccessible. The issue highlighted the hurdles that researchers, healthcare professionals, regulatory authorities, and patients must overcome during drug development stages. Alongside other parliamentarians, Sir Gavin called for questions to be put to relevant Ministers which would address these difficulties and provide more support to sufferers of Motor Neurone Disease.



MND affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time and there is a 1 in 300 chance of developing MND across a lifetime.

Sir Gavin said: "So much life-changing work and research has been dedicated to Motor Neurone Disease in recent years, and I'm pleased to see many promising trials taking place. As former chair of the APPG on MND, it's an issue that I've followed closely. We must work with regulatory bodies and clinical experts to ensure that successful new drugs get to the market and can make the incredible difference they were intended for."

### Gavin Supports Life-Saving Work of Staffordshire Charity

**Sir Gavin Williamson highlighted the work of Staffordshire charity AED Donate during a parliamentary debate on access to defibrillators.**

During the debate, Sir Gavin called on the Government to support the work of charitable organisations such as AED Donate, asking the Minister for Health and Secondary Care, Andrew Stephenson, if he would meet with officials from the charity to discuss how to deliver the Department's aims for increasing access to defibrillators.

A report from the National Institute for Health and Care Research demonstrated the need for better access, as it found that only 8% of people suffering a heart attack outside of hospital survive. However, with access to an automated external defibrillator, the odds of survival increase to 32%.

Sir Gavin is a longstanding supporter of Staffordshire-based defibrillator charity AED Donate. He has worked with the founder, Jamie Richards, to push for the Government to ensure all defibrillators are registered with emergency services. He also supported the team's nomination for a King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Sir Gavin said: "I was glad to be able to speak up about the work of charities like AED Donate. Access to a defibrillator could mean the difference between life and death, and it is vital that we support the charities that work hard to ensure we are all within critical distance of a defibrillator should we ever need one."



### Gavin Applauds Success of Local Police

**Sir Gavin Williamson met with South Staffordshire's new local policing commander Chief Inspector Tim Norbury to applaud the success of Staffordshire's police force.**

Sir Gavin joined Tim Norbury to discuss South Staffordshire's annual crime statistics. In particular, Sir Gavin was pleased to note the success of Operation Bormus, a team set up to tackle vehicle theft and target offenders using the county's road network.

Since its creation, Operation Bormus has led to an increase in arrests and charges for vehicle theft. Motor vehicle thefts in South Staffordshire were down 11% in March 2024 (compared to March 2023). Additionally, reports of residential burglary and anti-social behaviour have also gone down significantly (down 22% and 33% respectively). Chief Inspector Norbury has 15 years of experience in the police and has vowed to continue this excellent progress in reducing crime in Staffordshire.



Sir Gavin said: "It was great to meet with Tim who I know will do an excellent job at continuing the work of his fantastic predecessor, Chief Inspector Chris Cotton. It's reassuring to know that the hard work of our local forces is paying off and that we have a firm hand on crime in Staffordshire. I'm committed to working with Tim and others at Staffordshire Police to ensure that we are as proactive as we can be when dealing with crime."

### Gavin Champions High Street Heritage

**Sir Gavin Williamson met with the Head of Listings for the West Midlands at Historic England, Stuart Mee, to discuss possible funding for high streets in Staffordshire.**

Sir Gavin is working with local authorities and Historic England to deliver greater funding to Stone High Street in Staffordshire using money from Historic England's High Streets Heritage Action Zone fund. The programme is an initiative funded by £92 million from various Government Departments and a further £3 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project has already delivered financial support to more than 60 high streets across the UK, working with local authorities to restore dilapidated houses and transforming them into useful public buildings whilst retaining their historic character. The formerly disused buildings are converted into new homes, shops, work places, and community spaces.



During the meeting, Sir Gavin also organised a visit to St Jervis Mausoleum, a local monument to Sir John Jervis, born in Staffordshire and known for his naval victories against the Spanish in the 18th century. Sir Gavin has previously worked with the volunteers who maintain the mausoleum and called on Historic England to consider allocating funding to the monument to pay for the restoration work. Sir Gavin said: "It was great to meet with Historic England to discuss possibilities for upgrading Stone High Street. The High Street is already home to many re-purposed heritage buildings, such as the former Post Office, The Poste of Stone pub. I'm committed to working with Historic England and our local authorities for more of Stone's precious heritage to be restored. By investing in the high street, we're investing in the community."

Stuart Mee, Historic England Listing Team Leader for the Midlands said: "It was really useful to be able to meet with Sir Gavin and discuss the regeneration of historic high streets, alongside our listing work and specific heritage at risk concerns in South Staffordshire"

### Gavin Helps Out Litter Legends

**Sir Gavin Williamson joined residents in Essington to participate in a litter pick for the Great British Spring Clean.**

Sir Gavin met with the Friends of Essington and the Essington Wombles, groups of volunteers who collect and dispose of stray rubbish in the village. Sir Gavin took part in the litter pick and was pleased to see so many volunteers get involved. The Essington Wombles collect litter in the village on a monthly basis.

The Great British Spring Clean is the UK's greatest mass-action environmental campaign and aims to encourage the collection and disposal of thousands of bags of litter up and down the country.



Sir Gavin said: "I was really pleased to see such inspiring community action in Essington and to meet so many dedicated volunteers. Anyone can litter pick - in a big group or on your own - all you need is a bin bag! It is a great way to make a positive impact on the environment and look after the village, and I'd encourage others to get involved."



### Gavin Joins St George's Day Celebrations

**Sir Gavin Williamson joined residents in Great Wyrley and Stone to celebrate St George's Day.**

Sir Gavin took part in both parades, celebrating England's patron saint with entertainment, food, and stalls. Both communities put a great deal of effort into the festivities, some even dressing up in historic costumes.

Sir Gavin joined the Stone Community First Responders at their stand. They are a group of volunteers who give up their time to support the West Midlands Ambulance Service by responding to emergency calls and providing immediate care to patients before the arrival of an ambulance. Sir Gavin had his blood pressure checked during the parade, encouraging others to keep on top of their general health.



He also visited the Great Wyrley Local History Society stand, where they were selling books on local history.

Sir Gavin said: "It was great to see the communities in Great Wyrley and Stone put on such prideful displays to celebrate our nation's patron saint. Volunteers from numerous local organisations went to a great effort to make the day memorable and it was wonderful to see everyone get involved."

### Gavin Gets Local Rail Services Back on Track

**Sir Gavin Williamson met with the Minister of State for Rail and HS2, Huw Merriman, to discuss improving local train services in Staffordshire.**

Sir Gavin has been successful in campaigning for more frequent services from Landywood Station and is continuing to call on the Minister to secure better train links across the region. In particular, Sir Gavin reiterated the need to establish a direct rail link from Stone to Manchester which would boost interconnectivity, benefitting local jobs and businesses. Sir Gavin was also keen to emphasise the benefits of providing more frequent weekend services for Penkridge station.

Sir Gavin has stated that he will continue to make the case for improving local rail links in the wake of HS2. Funds freed up by cancelling HS2 Phase 2 have allowed for £2.2 billion to be allocated to local transport improvements in the Midlands.

Sir Gavin said: "Cancelling the impractical HS2 Phase 2 was a real opportunity to make substantial improvements to our local and regional rail services. I'm keen to boost interconnectivity within Staffordshire and with surrounding powerhouses in order to improve our regional economy. I'll continue working with Ministers to ensure that no communities in Staffordshire are left behind without adequate public transport."

### Gavin Tours Historic Staffordshire Estate

**Sir Gavin Williamson met with Hayley Mival, General Manager for Shugborough Estate, a National Trust property in Staffordshire.**

Sir Gavin joined members of the team at Shugborough to take a tour of the 17th century estate. The estate was passed into the hands of the National Trust by Staffordshire County Council in 2016, and now houses a productive walled garden, working farm, children's play area, and eating and shopping facilities – perfect for a family day out.



The house and collection tell a story of global exploration, of the lives of intrepid travellers George and Thomas Anson, who gave up their comfortable lives in the Staffordshire countryside to pursue expeditions into the unknown.

Sir Gavin said: “It was a pleasure to meet with Hayley and the team at Shugborough who carefully maintain a site of regional pride and national importance. The estate has wonderful facilities for an educational day out and I’d encourage everyone to visit, especially those living in Cannock Chase, Stafford, and Great Haywood, who live so near.”

Hayley Mival, General Manager for Shugborough Estate, said: “We enjoyed the opportunity to share our plans for the future of the Shugborough Estate with Sir Gavin, and to discuss with him some of the issues facing the area.”

## LOCAL NEWS SNAPSHOT STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Still time to nominate in county's care awards



**People from Staffordshire are being reminded that there is still time to nominate a carer, work colleague, friend or family member for a special award.**

Now in their tenth year, the Staffordshire Dignity in Care Awards, in partnership with Staffordshire University, will once again recognise the best of the county's care sector.

Anyone working in adult care, paid or unpaid, along with care providers, can be nominated in one of the eight different award categories. New for this year is the Dignity in Care Mental Health Champion, which will recognise the impact Mental Health practitioners have in the county.

A second new award, chosen by key partner Staffordshire University, will celebrate Commitment to Learning in the care sector.

Nominations close on Sunday 5 May and can be done on the Staffordshire Dignity in Care Awards webpage. People who need help completing a nomination can speak to the team at [dignity@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:dignity@staffordshire.gov.uk) or by calling 01785 355 795.network."

Paul Northcott, Cabinet Support Member for Public Health and Integrated Care at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Over the last ten years, we've seen over 1,000 people nominated for an award, over 100 crowned as dignity champions and many more highly commended. Our Dignity in Care Awards and the ceremony itself are an excellent way of celebrating the care sector in Staffordshire and showing our appreciation for those working in the sector. I would like to remind people that there is still time to nominate so please do this before the deadline on 5 May. There's eight categories to choose from so there's an award that will suit your carer."

Key partner for this year's awards is Staffordshire University. Executive Dean Mike Phillips said: "We're delighted to be sponsoring these awards and to celebrate the contribution made by this tireless and critical part of the workforce. Dignity in care and patient safety are at the heart of what we do at Staffordshire University to develop our nurses, social workers, midwives, paramedics and other health and social care providers of the future."

## EVENTS

### Summer Drinks and Canapés with Gavin and Theo

The President of the Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation, the Rt Hon Viscount Newport, cordially invites members and their guests to a Summer Drinks Reception.

**When: Saturday 18th May**

**Where: Location to be advised on 17th May, to those who have reserved.**

**When: 5pm to 8pm**

**Dress Code: Smart casual**

We'll be raising funds for the Rt Hon Sir Gavin Williamson CBE MP and Theo Clarke MP, for their general election campaigns. Plus there will be a special guest.

Places are strictly limited and online bookings are essential.

Tickets are **FREE**, but voluntary donations are encouraged. You will be able to specify which MP's fund you should like to donate to when making your reservation.

**Online Bookings preferred:** <https://tinyurl.com/CSCFReception>

If you are unable to book online, please contact the Federation Office on 01785 252 273.

### SUPPER CLUB



**The next Conservative Supper Club at the Red Lion, Bradley, will be on Thursday 23rd May (7PM for 7:30PM start)**

**TICKETS: £20 per person**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 17th MAY**

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

## EVENTS



**South Staffordshire Branch** of the **Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation** cordially invites you to join them for an Afternoon Tea in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day, complete with a guest speaker and superb singer, Kath Perry who will lead you through a sing-along of your favourite tunes from the 1940's.

**When: Friday 7th June**

**Where: Location to be advised to those who have reserved.**

**When: 2:30PM tp 5PM**

**Cost per ticket £20.**

**Booking is essential for this event.**

To book, please contact the Federation Office on 01785 252 273  
or email: [contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk](mailto:contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk)

# 100 Club

## LAST MONTH'S WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**1st Prize: ANN FOSTER**

**2nd Prize: BARBARA CARTWRIGHT**

**3rd Prize: ANDY ADAMS**

**Congratulations!**

### Can you help?

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>

One way of helping us, and with a chance of winning a prize, is to join our 100 Club! 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.**

For more details, please email [contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk](mailto:contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk) or call 01785 252 273.

Full details and terms and conditions can be found on our website.

# 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](mailto:membership@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk)

# 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](mailto:contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk) or call 01785 252 273

More information about being a councillor can be found at [local.gov.uk/be-councillor](http://local.gov.uk/be-councillor)

 **Conservatives**



## Who can stand?

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](mailto:CentralStaffordshireConservativeFederation) or contact Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political at [contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk](mailto: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.



## Do I have 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](http://local.gov.uk/be-councillor)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

18th May - Summer Reception, location to be announced 5PM to 8PM

23rd May - Supper Club at the Red Lion, Bradley - 7:00PM

7th June - Commemoration Afternoon Tea, hosted by South Staffs Branch, 2:30PM to 5PM

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