



Newsletter

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HONOURS FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Sixteen former Staffordshire County Councillors have been made Honorary Alderman for their contributions in their local communities. The former serving councillors, including previous council leaders, were appointed Aldermen at a meeting of the County Council on Thursday 9 October

The title of Honorary Alderman is amongst the highest awards that can be made to former councillors, recognising their invaluable contributions and service to the community and the council.

Our very own **Mark Sutton, John Francis, Ian Parry, Kath Perry, David Williams** and **Mark Winnington** are among those honoured in recognition of their eminent services to their communities and the council.

Congratulations to each of you!

Speaking about the appointments, Paul Williams, Chairman of Staffordshire County Council, said:

“It was a great honour to bestow one of the council’s highest awards on a group of people who have worked tirelessly for our county and for the people of Staffordshire over many years.

“These individuals have dedicated much of their life and time to help improve the lives of residents across the county and it is a great pleasure to see them receive such prestigious recognition.

“While their new roles are ceremonial, I am sure they will continue to give unique and valuable support to the people of Staffordshire at every opportunity.”

Member of Parliament for Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge:

The Rt Hon Sir Gavin Williamson, CBE MP

For news and other information visit: www.gavinwilliamson.org/

1st October 2025

Gavin presses for cardiac screening for young people

Sir Gavin Williamson attended a Cardiac Screening event in Weston as he urges for screening amongst young people to expand across Staffordshire.

The event at Weston Village Hall was organised by local residents Jane and Paul Phillips – in memory of their two sons, Christopher and Steven who sadly passed away due to cardiac events.

Up to 100 young people were screened for ‘hidden heart’ conditions. Every week in the UK, at least 12 apparently fit and healthy young people die from a previously undiagnosed heart condition.



Dr Steven Cox, Chief Executive of Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) said: “CRY’s screening programme now provides testing for over 30,000 young people in the UK every year. And, it’s only due to the incredible commitment and fundraising efforts of families and parents such as Jane and Paul that we are able to offer the programme at no cost to the individual when they sign up to be screened at www.testmyheart.org.uk

“We’re so grateful to the selfless support of the Phillips family over the past decade, following the unfathomable grief from the deaths of their two beloved sons, and we acknowledge that reaching (and exceeding) a total of 1,000 young people screened in memory of them both is a deeply moving milestone.”

Jane Phillips added: “Having lost two sons to a cardiac arrest before they were 30 years old, we wanted to try and save another family going through the heartache we have to live with every day. So, we felt driven to begin what has now become a decade-long campaign to fund and host heart screening in collaboration with CRY, in a bid to pick up undiagnosed heart conditions in

local young people. Myself, Paul and our son Craig, will always be so grateful for the wonderful support from our local community to have got us this far.”

Sir Gavin said: “Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to the outstanding work undertaken by Jane and Paul to highlight the enormous benefits of cardiac screening. In the face of unimaginable tragedy, Jane and Paul have undoubtedly saved other families from going through the horror of losing their children. Cardiac screening is vital to pick up otherwise unknown defects that would otherwise not be known to the individual. I will continue to work with local organisations and charities to promote the expansion of screening across the UK and Staffordshire.”

Gavin visits St Dominic's Priory in Stone

Sir Gavin Williamson visited St Dominic's Priory in Stone and discussed various topics including the Government's decision to impose 20% VAT on private school fees.

As well as touring the school, Sir Gavin spoke with students and expressed his disappointment with the Government's decision to scrap VAT relief – which is having a detrimental impact on many families across Staffordshire.

St Dominic's Priory was established in 1843. Founded by Margaret Hallahan, the school is a Grade II listed building with impressive facilities including a multi-purpose sports hall.



Mrs Harrison, Headteacher at St Dominic's Priory said: "We were delighted to welcome Sir Gavin to our school and show him our wonderful environment that enables us to help students reach their full potential.

"As a school, we are very committed to delivering a varied curriculum that enables students to develop both academically and as individuals.

"We thank Sir Gavin for visiting, and very much look forward to developing a positive relationship with benefits for the school and community as a whole."

Sir Gavin said: "I was delighted to visit St Dominic's Priory and see all the amazing facilities enjoyed by pupils.

"The school strives for success and has dedicated teaching staff that focus on supporting pupils both academically and socially.

"The Government's decision to impose VAT on private school fees is highly disruptive to the sector and fails to understand the implications for ordinary families and children with SEND. I will continue to stand up against these disastrous policies."

FEDERATION NOTICES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL?

The Executive Council is the governing body of the Federation and we have some vacancies for ward representatives for the following areas:

Maer & Whitmore, Essington, Featherstone, Shareshill & Saredon, Great Wyrley Landywood, Great Wyrley Town, Huntington & Hatherton, Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston, Penkridge North & Acton Trussell, Penkridge South & Gailey, Baswich, Coton, Doxey & Castletown, Forebridge, Highfields & Western Downs, Holmcroft, Littleworth, Milwich, Rowley, St Michael's & Stonefield and Walton.

If you'd like more information, please contact the Chairman at the following address chairman@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk or at our Castle Street office address.

100 Club

OCTOBER WINNERS:

1st Prize: VERA WILKINSON

2nd Prize: ENID POULSON

3rd Prize: ROBERT DUNCAN

Congratulations!

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

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>

Could YOU Be Our Next Conservative Councillor?

Do you care about your community? Do you want to make a difference in local decision-making and stand up for Conservative values where it matters most?

Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation is looking for enthusiastic and committed people to step forward and represent us in the **Loggerheads** and **Maer & Whitmore** wards at the **Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council** elections in **May 2026**.

Becoming a Conservative Councillor is an opportunity to:

- Serve your local community and influence how services are delivered.
- Support residents and be their champion on the council.
- Promote Conservative principles of responsibility, opportunity, and community.
- Gain valuable experience in public service and leadership.

No prior council experience is required — just energy, commitment, and a belief in Conservative values. Training and guidance are provided to help you succeed.

Interested? Get in Touch Today

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Step forward. Speak up. Make a difference.



CHRISTMAS AT CASTLE STREET

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! *

Bookings are now open for our
Christmas Luncheon at Castle Street.

Sunday 7th December 2025
(1PM)

TICKETS: £35 per person

BOOKINGS CLOSE
MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2025

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



EVENTS FROM AROUND STAFFORDSHIRE

STAFFORDSHIRE CONSERVATIVES

The Labour Government has introduced ever increasing challenges for our pubs. The Conservatives are running a **Save Your Local** campaign, and the **Staffordshire Area Team** is supporting this by taking our pub quiz on tour!

Come along to Mark Deaville's pub in Tean on **FRIDAY** 7th November and show your support for local pubs. We'll be travelling around the county with this, so if you have a local that you'd like to support, please let us know and we'll be happy to get in touch.

Bookings: contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

**JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL PUBS!**



PUB QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM



Venue: The Anchor Inn,
Breach Lane, Tean,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 4EW

Entry: £5 per person

Limited places – book early!

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 **Conservatives**

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

7th November - Staffordshire Conservatives Quiz Night, The Anchor, Tean (see event notice for details)

7th December - Christmas at Castle Street, 1PM

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