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Your Monthly Update from Central Staffordshire Conservatives

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A warm welcome to Issue #30. You'll notice a new look - the first of several changes as we continue to develop and improve your newsletter.

We hope you like what you see. Thank you for reading.

Duncan Sandbrook
Chairman

The Rt Hon Sir Gavin Williamson CBE MP
Member of Parliament for Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge

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8 April 2026

Gavin celebrates withdrawal of Hixon Incinerator Application

Sir Gavin has strongly welcomed the withdrawal of an appeal to build a medical waste incinerator in Hixon. Sol Environment's decision follows a sustained campaign by Sir Gavin alongside local residents, including a petition signed by over 200 people and a peaceful protest walk.
Read the full story at gavinwilliamson.org →

14 April 2026

Gavin champions Morrisons and Kellogg's breakfast scheme

Sir Gavin has backed a new breakfast initiative between Morrisons and Kellogg's providing free breakfast boxes to families in need. Sir Gavin visited a local Morrisons store to see the scheme in action and hear from staff about its impact on the community.
Read the full story at gavinwilliamson.org →

24 April 2026

Gavin raises private parking issues with industry body

Sir Gavin met with the British Parking Association to raise concerns about aggressive private parking enforcement affecting residents and businesses across the constituency. He has called for stronger protections for motorists against unfair penalty charges.
Read the full story at gavinwilliamson.org →

Have your say - Sir Gavin's active surveys

Sir Gavin regularly runs surveys to gather the views of local residents on issues that matter to our community. Your responses help shape his work in Parliament and in the constituency. Please take a few minutes to share your views.

Brewood Bridge Survey

Sir Gavin is calling on residents to share their views on improving access at Brewood Bridge.

gavinwilliamson.org/brewood-bridge-survey →

HS2 Survey

Sir Gavin wants to hear your experience of HS2 and its impact on our community.

gavinwilliamson.org/hs2-survey →

Stay connected with Sir Gavin

Sir Gavin publishes a regular newsletter with updates from Westminster and across the constituency - covering local campaigns, community news, and his work in Parliament. His latest edition covers the withdrawal of the Hixon incinerator appeal, the new Featherstone Post Office, and his campaign against potholes across Staffordshire.

Subscribe free at gavinwilliamson.substack.com →

Central Staffordshire Conservative Federation covers four local government areas - 11 Staffordshire County Council divisions, 20 Stafford Borough Council wards, 10 South Staffordshire District Council wards, and two Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council wards.

We work to elect and support Conservative councillors across our council areas and throughout Staffordshire.

ELECTIONS — 7 MAY 2026

Conservative candidates are standing in two wards on 7 May. If you live in **Loggerheads** or **Maer & Whitmore**, please remember to vote, and vote for your Conservative candidate(s) - and if you can spare a few hours to help, we would love to hear from you.

LOGGERHEADS WARD

Andrew Turnock

Graham Sedgley

Andrew and Graham are standing to represent Loggerheads ward, campaigning on strong local services, protecting our rural communities, and ensuring residents' voices are heard at the Borough Council.

MAER & WHITMORE WARD

Jeremy Lefroy

Jeremy Lefroy is standing in Maer & Whitmore ward, bringing extensive experience and a strong record of service to local residents and communities across the area.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are always looking for volunteers to support our campaigns. Whether delivering leaflets, helping at events, or assisting behind the scenes, your support makes a real difference.

If you can spare a few hours to help our campaign, please contact Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political: campaigns@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

Updates from across the Federation, including events, membership, fundraising and organisational news.

Federation Update

Following our recent Annual General Meeting, we are pleased to confirm the Federation's Officer Team for 2026:

Officer Team 2026:

Chairman: Duncan Sandbrook
Deputy Chairman Political: Jonathan Price
Deputy Chairman Membership & Finance: Jack Taylor-Walker

Constituency Officer: Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge: Mark Sutton
Constituency Officer: Stafford: James Cantrill

Young Conservatives/Digital: Joseph Hill

At our first post-AGM Executive Council meeting on 17 April, the Officer Team presented the Federation's Strategy Plan for 2026/27, setting out our priorities for campaigning, membership growth, and organisational development across the area.

Work is also progressing on preparations for the selection of Conservative candidates for the proposed new Unitary Authority, which will replace the current two-tier structure of Staffordshire County Council and the Borough and District Councils. While the precise form of the new authority has yet to be confirmed by Government, we are beginning the process of identifying and supporting prospective candidates.

Members interested in representing the Conservative Party in future Unitary Authority elections are encouraged to come forward - further details are outlined later in this newsletter.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU

We're strongest when our members are involved - and there are plenty of ways to take part across Stafford and Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge.

Whether you can offer a little time now and then, or simply want to stay connected, there's a role for everyone.

You could:

- support campaigns - from leaflet delivery to Connect Calling from home
- help with events and fundraising
- assist with digital content or communications
- or simply join us at social events and meet fellow members

Not everyone wants to knock on doors - and that's absolutely fine.

We'll shortly be sharing a short survey to understand how you'd like to be involved.

Look out for it and take part - we'd really value your input.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK LOCALLY

Every campaign we run locally depends on the support of members like you.

Every member already supports the Conservative Party through their subscription, and we are genuinely grateful for that.

However, membership income alone cannot fund the full cost of our work across Stafford and Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge - from leaflets and digital campaigning to volunteer support and the day-to-day running of our headquarters.

If we are to campaign effectively, win elections, and maintain a strong local organisation, we rely on the additional support of members and friends.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

There are several ways to give, and you choose where your support goes:

General Campaign Fund - for example, contributing towards leaflets, voter contact, and digital communications across Central Staffordshire.

Constituency Funds - prefer to support a specific area? You can direct your donation to Stafford, Stone Great Wyrley & Penkridge, or both. Just let the Chairman know.

Federation & Headquarters - helping keep our office running and our headquarters maintained as the operational base for everything we do.

FLEXIBLE WAYS TO GIVE

Whatever suits you - a one-off donation, a regular monthly contribution, or a larger annual gift. Even modest monthly support makes a real difference to our ability to plan ahead between elections.

All support is entirely voluntary, and genuinely appreciated.

SUPPORT OUR WORK TODAY

www.centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk/donations

Secure online donations in just a few minutes.

COULD YOU REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY?

We're looking for the next generation of Conservative candidates to stand in the new Unitary Authority elections.

You don't need to be a career politician.

If you care about your local area, want to stand up for residents, and are willing to learn, there could be a place for you.

We are beginning preparations to select Conservative candidates across **Stafford** and **Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge** as local government moves to a new Unitary Authority structure.

You'll be supported by an experienced and friendly team - and training and guidance will be provided.

Not sure if you're ready? That's completely fine - many excellent councillors started with exactly the same question.

Find out more - no commitment required

Email: **political@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk**

Or speak to Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political

CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM

At a time when more voices than ever are competing for attention, it's vital that our Party stands out with clear and compelling Conservative ideas. We know we have the best vision for our country - but what does this mean in practice, and how do we deliver it?

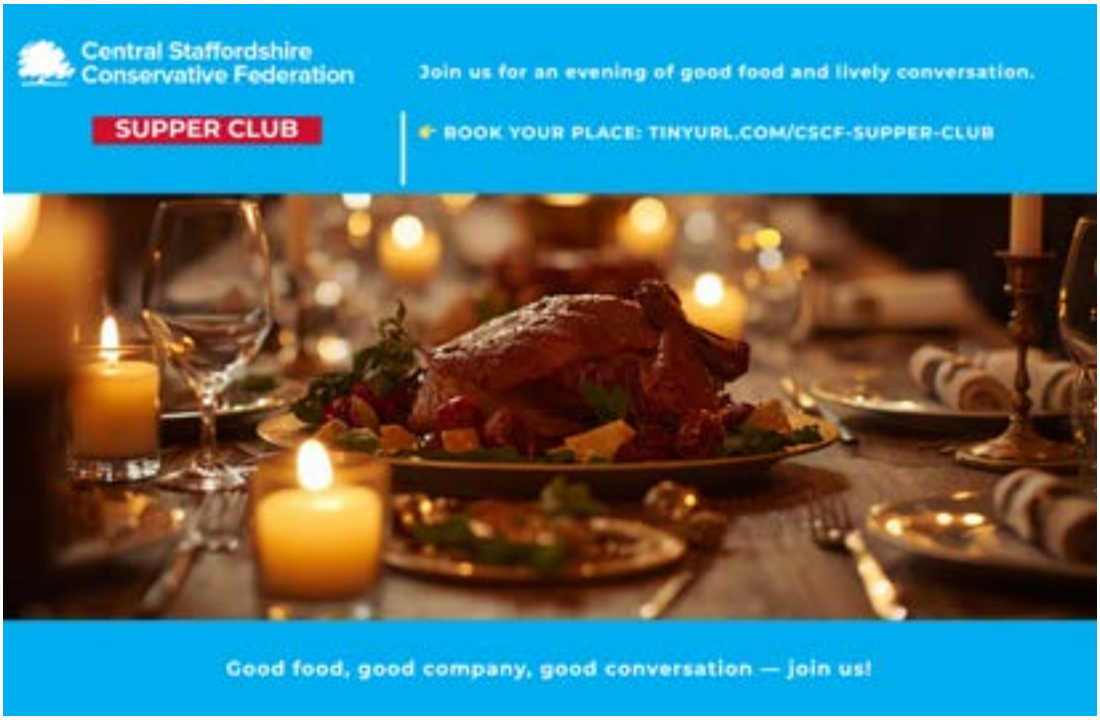
The **Conservative Policy Forum** gives members the chance to help shape national policy through a programme of consultations. Recent work on housing attracted submissions from 116 associations, including ours.
The current topic is *Transport: Growth and Delivery* - looking at how the UK can improve connectivity, strengthen productivity, and accelerate infrastructure across road, sea and air.

Our discussion group, led by Peter Martin, will explore these questions using CPF briefing material.

Join us at Castle Street
Tuesday 19 May · 6:30pm (finishing by 8:00pm)

Informal discussion over refreshments - all members very welcome.

Please let us know if you can attend: contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk or Tel: 01785 252 273



SUPPER CLUB - THURSDAY 21 MAY

Join us at The Moat House, Acton Trussell for a relaxed evening of good food, great company and lively conversation.

The Moat House, Acton Trussell

£23 per person

BOOK TODAY: tinyurl.com/CSCF-Supper-Club

COME AND FIND US AT THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

We'll be at this year's Staffordshire County Show - one of the county's great annual events, now in its third century — on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th May at the Staffordshire County Showground.

Come and meet your local Conservative team, share your views on what matters most in your area, and find out more about what we're doing across Central Staffordshire. Whether you're a longstanding member or simply curious, you'll be very welcome.

Can you help?

We're looking for volunteers to help on our stand - whether that's talking to visitors during the show, or simply helping to set up beforehand or clear up afterwards. No experience necessary - just enthusiasm.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact us at: contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

To book your tickets for our Pub Quiz, please **CLICK HERE** or email:

events@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

If you're involved in campaigning - or would like to be - this practical, in-person session will help you use social media more effectively to support the Conservative Party locally.

Where: Castle Street, Stafford (ST16 2ED)
When: Tuesday 20 May 2026
Time: 7:00pm

Social media is one of our most important campaigning tools. This session will help you communicate more effectively, promote our work, and engage with residents - whether you're posting regularly or just getting started.

What you'll learn:

- What works (and what doesn't) on Facebook locally
- Writing in an authentic voice that resonates with residents
- Supporting local campaigns through social media
- Using AI tools appropriately
- Handling comments and online challenges

For councillors and prospective candidates, this training is especially valuable.

Places are limited - early booking is recommended.

To book your place: **CLICK HERE**

BUILDING OUR CAMPAIGN SKILLS TOGETHER

We're continuing to expand our programme of training and support for members and activists across the Federation. Whether you're experienced or just getting started, we want to make sure we're offering sessions that are practical, relevant and genuinely useful.

What would you find helpful?
We're keen to hear your ideas for future training, which could include:

- campaigning and canvassing skills
- Connect Calling and voter engagement
- data and campaign organisation
- digital campaigning and communications
- public speaking or media skills

If there's something you'd like to learn - or improve - we'd love to hear from you.

Share your ideas: contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

The 100 Club

Support our work locally — and be in with a chance of winning every month.

Our 100 Club has recently been refreshed, and it's now easier than ever to take part.

How it works

For just £5 per month, you receive one number entered into our monthly prize draw. You can hold up to four numbers, increasing your chances of winning.

Each month, 35% of the total pot is paid out in prizes:

- 1st Prize - 20%
- 2nd Prize - 10%
- 3rd Prize - 5%
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In **June** and **December**, we go further - **90%** of the pot is paid out, making these bumper draws not to be missed.

The more members who join, the bigger the prizes.

Why join?

Every pound raised goes directly towards supporting Conservative campaigning across Central Staffordshire - from leaflets and canvassing to supporting our candidates and local organisation.

It's one of the simplest and most effective ways to support our work locally.

And of course - you might just win.

THIS MONTH'S WINNERS

1st Prize: **Joe HILL**

2nd Prize: **Peter HEALEY**

3rd Prize: **Geoff COLLIER**

JOIN TODAY

It takes just a couple of minutes to sign up online and start your monthly subscription.

JOIN OUR 100 CLUB

Get in Touch

If you'd like to get involved, attend events, support our campaigning work, or simply find out more, we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

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Office Information

The Federation is run by volunteers and the office is not permanently staffed.

Our telephone line is diverted and will be answered when someone is available.

If we're unable to take your call, please leave a message and we will respond as soon as possible.

Email is often the quickest way to reach us.

Stay Connected

Follow our updates, events and campaigns online:

Website: **www.centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk**

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