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Your Monthly Update from Central Staffordshire Conservatives

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Welcome to Issue #33 of your newsletter from Central Staffordshire Conservatives.

This month brings major news for local government in our area - the Government has confirmed its plans to replace Staffordshire's councils with two new unitary authorities, with Central Staffordshire falling within the new southern authority. Turn to page 3 for the full story, and to find out how you can put yourself forward as a candidate.

We also want to say a huge thank you to Freddie Crisp and everyone who campaigned so hard in the Manor by-election. The result wasn't the one we hoped for, but it was a fantastic effort from all involved.

Duncan Sandbrook
Chairman

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Gavin meets Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Leadership Team

Sir Gavin Williamson met with the Leadership Team at Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust alongside Parliamentary colleagues who represent Wolverhampton.
Read the full story at gavinwilliamson.org →

29 June 2026

Gavin takes in the beauty of Brewood's Open Gardens

Sir Gavin Williamson had a blooming good weekend as Brewood residents opened up their gardens in support of local causes.
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.

Stone Free Parking Petition

Add your name to Sir Gavin's petition

gavinwilliamson.org/gavins-stone-free-parking-petition →

Sandon Road Closure Survey

Add your name to Sir Gavin's petition

https://www.gavinwilliamson.org/sandon-road-closure-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 2 Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council wards.

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

NEW COUNCILS FOR STAFFORDSHIRE CONFIRMED

The Government has confirmed its decision on local government reorganisation in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent - one of the biggest changes to how our area is governed in a generation.

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's ten existing county, city, borough and district councils will be replaced by two brand new unitary councils, each responsible for delivering all council services in their area, from bins and highways to social care, planning and children's services.

Our Federation area will largely fall within the new southern authority, covering Stafford, East Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Tamworth and South Staffordshire - a combined population of around 683,000 people. A separate northern authority will cover Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Moorlands.

The decision follows five proposals submitted by councils across the county in November 2025, alongside a public consultation held in February and March.

What happens next:

- **Late summer/early autumn 2026** - Joint committees may be established on a voluntary basis to prepare for the transition.
- **Late 2026** - A Structural Change Order goes before Parliament to formalise the new arrangements.
- **May 2027** - Elections take place for the new shadow council.
- **April 2028** - The new southern unitary authority formally takes over (Vesting Day), replacing the current councils entirely.

This is a significant moment for Conservative representation across Central Staffordshire. With shadow elections now just under a year away, our selection process for candidates is already underway, and interviews are taking place.

Turn to page 4 to find out how you can put yourself forward.

MANOR BY-ELECTION RESULT

Thank you to everyone who supported our campaign in the Manor by-election on 16 July. Freddie Crisp fought a determined campaign on the doorstep, but on this occasion he was unsuccessful.

Our thanks go to Freddie for stepping forward as our candidate, and to everyone who delivered leaflets, knocked on doors or helped in any other way - campaigns like this depend on the goodwill of volunteers, and your efforts made a real difference. We remain committed to standing up for residents across Central Staffordshire, and we look forward to the campaigns ahead.

Freddie Crisp

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

COULD YOU CHAMPION YOUR COMMUNITY?

Applications are now open for those interested in standing as Conservative candidates in the forthcoming Unitary Authority elections.

The Government has now confirmed its plans for local government reorganisation in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. Two new unitary councils will replace the current county, borough and district structure - and Central Staffordshire falls within the southern authority, covering Stafford, East Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Tamworth and South Staffordshire. Elections to the shadow council are expected in May 2027, with the new authority taking over fully in April 2028.

With the timetable now confirmed, our selection process is already underway, and interviews with prospective candidates are taking place. If you care about your local area, want to champion the issues that matter to residents, and are willing to put yourself forward, now is the time to come forward.

You don't need previous political experience - just commitment, Conservative values, and a willingness to learn. Full support and guidance will be provided throughout.

Find out more and apply online:

staffordshireconservatives.org.uk/could-you-champion-your-community

or contact Jonathan Price, Deputy Chairman Political: political@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

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

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.

THANK YOU, JOE, AND CAN YOU HELP?

We're sorry to share that **Joe Hill** has stepped down as our Digital Officer and Officer for Young Conservatives.

Joe has given a great deal of his time to the Federation since taking on both roles in April, and we're grateful for everything he's contributed. He remains a member of our Executive Council and we look forward to his continued involvement.

This does mean we now have vacancies to fill. If you have an interest in digital campaigning, social media, or in supporting our Young Conservatives, we'd love to hear from you, whether you're thinking of putting yourself forward for either role or simply want to get more involved as a volunteer.

Please get in touch at contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk if you'd like to know more.

CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM

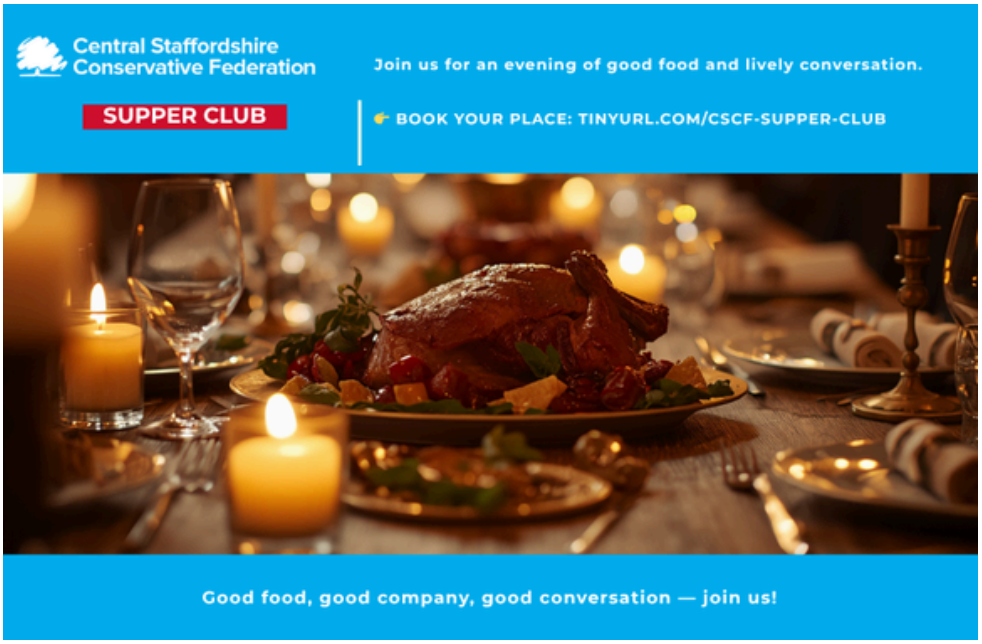
At a time when more voices than ever are competing for attention, it's vital that our Party stands out with clear and compelling Conservative ideas. We know we have the best vision for our country - but what does this mean in practice, and how do we deliver it?

The Conservative Policy Forum gives members the chance to help shape national policy through a programme of consultations and discussion groups. Associations across the country contribute to CPF work, and our submissions feed directly into the Party's policy thinking at national level.

Our local CPF group meets at Castle Street for informal discussion over refreshments - exploring the current consultation topic using CPF briefing material. It's a relaxed, friendly evening and all members are very welcome.

If you'd like to find out more or join our CPF group, please get in touch:

contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk or Tel: 01785 252 273



SUPPER CLUB - THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

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

📱 Stay connected

Join our CSCF Events WhatsApp group for updates on future events, speakers and menus:

shorturl.at/QvQYF

MEET THE TEAM

Duncan Sandbrook

Chairman

"As Chairman, my role is to bring the Federation together - working with our Officer Team, our councillors, and Sir Gavin to make sure we're campaigning effectively and supporting our members right across Central Staffordshire.

I'm proud of what we've achieved together over the past year, and we're now turning our attention to building our capacity to campaign in the elections ahead, as we prepare for the newly announced Unitary Authority.

None of it would be possible without the time and energy that so many of you give, and I'm genuinely grateful for it.

If you'd like to get more involved, or simply want a chat about what we do, my door is always open."

Got a question for Duncan?
Get in touch: contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

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

TELL US HOW YOU'D LIKE TO HELP

We're strongest when our members play an active part - and we want to know how you'd like to get involved.

Not everyone wants to knock on doors, and that's absolutely fine. There are plenty of ways to take part across **Stafford** and **Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge** - from campaigning and Connect Calling, to helping with events and fundraising, assisting with digital content, or simply joining us socially. Whatever suits you, we want to match you to it.

That starts with two minutes of your time. Our short survey is now live, and it's the best way to tell us what you're interested in and how much time you can offer.

Take the survey now: tinyurl.com/CSCF-SURVEY

The more members who respond, the better we can put people, time and talent in the right place. Please don't leave it to someone else - take the survey today.

THE 100 CLUB - JULY DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to July's winners - thank you to everyone who's part of the 100 Club, and to everyone considering joining.

While most months pay out 35% of the pot in prizes, June and December pay out 90%.
Bigger prizes, better odds, and an excellent reason to join before the next one.

A reminder of how it works:

- £5 per month = one number in our monthly draw
- Hold up to 4 numbers to boost your chances
- Each month, 35% of the pot is paid out in prizes: 1st Prize 20%, 2nd Prize 10%, 3rd Prize 5%
- **June & December bumper draws: 90% of the pot paid out**

The more members who join, the bigger the prizes get for everyone - and every pound also goes straight towards our campaigning across Central Staffordshire, from leaflets and canvassing to supporting our candidates and local organisation.

Not a member yet? It takes two minutes to join, and you could be in with a chance next month.

JOIN TODAY - IT TAKES TWO MINUTES

tinyurl.com/CSCF-100-CLUB

Or find out more: centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk/100-club

JOIN TODAY

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

JOIN OUR 100 CLUB

🏆 THIS MONTH'S PRIZE WINNERS

🥇 1st Prize:
NATHANIEL WILLIAMS
🥈 2nd Prize:
ANDY ADAMS
🥉 3rd Prize:
CATHY COLLIER

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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