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LABOUR'S MANIFESTO:

- ▶ NO PLAN FOR BREXIT
- ▶ HIGHER TAXES
- ▶ TWO MORE REFERENDUMS



VOTE CONSERVATIVE X

John McDonnell (Shadow Chancellor) has admitted he wants to "overthrow capitalism" and replace it with a "socialist society" from his position on Labour's front bench.

Mr McDonnell lists in his Who's Who entry that one of his hobbies as "generally fermenting the overthrow of capitalism".

Asked on the BBC's Sunday Politics if it were "now your job, the overthrow of capitalism", he replied: "Yes, it is. It's transforming our economy."

"Jeremy Corbyn is a man who favours self-determination for virtually every other country on the planet, it would be a bit odd if he was to give up his chance at government."

Nicola Sturgeon on why Jeremy Corbyn will back a second Scottish referendum

WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE ASSOCIATION IN THE WHOLE OF THE EAST MIDLANDS.

Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)

10 Sep 2019

Dear Members,

At the time of writing my last report, we were anticipating a General Election, well we have one. On 12th December the voters will decide whether or not we have a Conservative Government and, if we do, with how large a majority.



Equally when out canvassing, there have been so many drivers beeping their horns and giving us the thumbs up, or stopping to say well done. It truly is an extraordinary time in politics.

With Town and Unitary elections next year, we really need to capitalise on the current mood and get as many voting intentions as we can.

The General Election. It is obvious to us all that we need a Conservative Government (personally I simply can't understand why anybody would risk a Jeremy Corbyn led Labour Party – surely even the most diehard Labour voter recognises how unfit he is to run the country), and the polls show that voters agree with us. But we must not be complacent – to win this election, and to win by a decent margin, we absolutely have to ensure that our voters come out to vote.

It has been a magnificent effort so far by members who have helped stuff envelopes, knock on doors and delivery leaflets & letters.

Please can anyone who can help, even if only for an hour, make contact with Harriet Pentland or Rosemary Armstrong. As I say, it has been a magnificent effort so far, but as always it is quite a small group who are shouldering the burden, and any extra help will be hugely appreciated. Remember you don't have to knock on doors, there are always envelopes to be stuffed, or letters to be posted through letterboxes.

Canvassing. I know canvassing isn't for everyone, and that's obviously fine, although it really can be enjoyable being part of a group. What's really unique in this election is the changing views of so many voters on the doorstep. I've never met so many frustrated Labour voters, and seen such anger from them at Jeremy Corbyn – and according to the other Associations that I communicate with weekly, they are seeing the same reactions.

Why we absolutely can't let Labour run the country - ever. In the last few weeks, Labour announced they would: -

- Provide free broadband to everyone, despite some estimates showing it would cost up to £100bn. Obviously it would also mean massive job losses to those working for other companies in the sector, and would potentially damage UK pension funds
- Commit to a 4 day week, including for those working in the NHS, but with employees earning the same as they currently do. Independent experts were quick to ridicule the idea, with the Centre for Policy Standards estimating it would cost the public sector alone £17bn
- Support Strikes, including suggesting Labour would allow "Sympathy Strikes", where a Labour Government would allow workers to go out on strike in sympathy with employees in other industries
- Push for Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030, despite the GMB themselves warning that it would mean "within a decade people's petrol cars being confiscated"
- Have a second referendum and back Remain, or Leave, or both, as if we needed more uncertainty....

All this amongst so many more socialist plans that are reminiscent of the 1970's!

Continued>>>>

By-election - Beanfield. I want to say an enormous "thank you" to everyone who helped in the Beanfield Ward By-election. We were fortunate to have a great candidate in Ray Boyd, and with a superb team effort, whilst we didn't win (in what Labour consider to be their heartland), **we doubled our vote share**, while Labour's fell: -

Boyd (Con) : 497 (33.9%)
Dalziel (Lab) : 818 (55.8%)
Stanbra (LD) : 147 (10.3%)

CENCA – the membership continues to increase. I mentioned in my last report that the membership of CENCA was on the increase. As you know, one of the things we wanted to do this year was to communicate more regularly with the membership, and with voters in general, and to try and create a larger active membership.

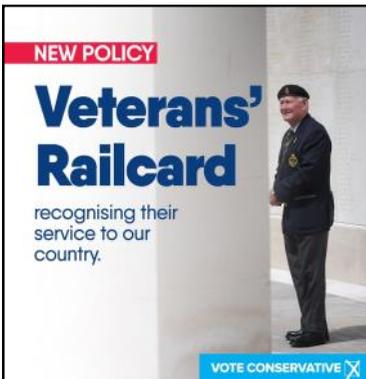
In my last report I notified you all that we had managed to increase the number of members by almost 15% to 400, and I paid thanks to all of those who had helped – well I can now tell you that that number has increased again. We now have almost 450 members, by far the highest in CENCA's history.

Finally, can I repeat what I said in my last report - with the continued help and support of you all, we really can make Corby and East Northants a solid, long-term, 'Blue' constituency.

Onwards and Upwards!

Yours,

Councillor Lee Wilkes
Chairman – Corby & East Northamptonshire
Conservative Association



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THOSE WHO FORGET HISTORY ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES

1945	LABOUR ELECTED
1947	BRITAIN BANKRUPT
1964	LABOUR ELECTED
1964	BRITAIN BANKRUPT
1974	LABOUR ELECTED
1976	BRITAIN BANKRUPT
1997	LABOUR ELECTED
2008	BRITAIN BANKRUPT

Can you see a pattern emerging here?

Just a thought: Asked on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme on 11 Nov 2019 if she could name a time when Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has ever backed the use of British forces overseas, Emily Thornberry (Labour's Shadow Foreign Secretary) said: "**No, not off the top of my head.**"

LABOUR'S RECKLESSNESS WITH OUR FUTURE



Corbyn and his Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell have a terrifying vision for Britain that would make any temporary loss of output from Brexit – even No Deal – look like a teddy bears' picnic.

Corbyn's rhetoric has already led to an alarming flight of capital and investment overseas. It has been rumoured that fears over a Corbyn government were key in billionaire inventor James Dyson's decision to move his HQ to Singapore. Other wealth creators are fleeing Britain in their thousands, for more tax-friendly regimes in Portugal and Italy where they can escape the prospect of predatory Marxism squeezing them 'until the pips squeak'.

The latest data from HMRC shows that in 2018, the number of 'non-doms' in Britain – those who pay a fee to avoid paying taxes on their overseas income – plunged by more than 12,000 to 78,300. Analysts say that £782 billion has already left UK investment funds amid concerns over the Corbyn threat. That number could rise far higher if the bearded Socialist were ever to get his hands on the levers of power.

With the departure of these wealthy individuals also go thousands of ordinary service jobs, from florists to hairdressers. Just as importantly, when wealthy people flee, they take their money with them. That deprives the British economy of vital investment.

Little wonder, therefore, that one of Prime Minister Corbyn's first acts would be to reinstate capital controls: rules to keep sterling assets being taken overseas. Labour's planned splurge would also likely obliterate Britain's cherished AA credit rating, leading to ever more overseas investors abandoning these shores and wreaking havoc on markets.

The threat to prosperity, jobs and stable markets posed by Corbyn and McDonnell's Marxist agenda cannot be overstated.

Overwhelming evidence suggests a Corbyn government risks kicking away the underpinnings of our free-market economy and trapping Britain in a socialist slump.

Superficially, Labour's spending plans for the NHS, social care for the elderly and social housing, to be paid for by taxes on corporations and the 'wealthy' might not look very different from the Conservatives' plans. But Labour's spending commitments are the tip of an economic iceberg that could bankrupt the nation. At the heart of their project is Marxist redistribution. Income, assets, ownership and power would all be re-allocated on a scale hitherto unseen in Britain.

But that's not all. Among Labour's pledges are such radical ideas as a **four-day** week and a **land-grab** of large farms to make room for 'community agriculture'. This was pioneered in **Zimbabwe and Venezuela**, with disastrous consequences. The differing visions of Britain held by the two main parties could not be clearer. The Tories remain wedded to lower taxes and to a fiscal regime that the financial markets can trust.

Preposterously, Labour seems to think it can raise taxes and spend liberally without any impact on enterprise and prosperity.

The Tories' approach, meanwhile, is to increase spending in government departments but without the politics of envy.

Under Javid's spending plans, every government department would benefit from a 4.1 per cent increase in spending in 2020-21, an increase of £13.8 billion. But that is only the start. A huge infrastructure programme is also planned. The national living wage would be raised to £10.50 by 2024.

While the Tories' One Nation plans to increase spending come at a high price, the party also recognises that there is no room for economic recklessness. That is why, even as we head into an election, the party has as yet made no firm promises of tax cuts.

Thanks to Brexit dithering and a sharp deterioration in global economic conditions, whoever wins December's election faces an uphill struggle to rebuild economic confidence.

The governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, argues that a Brexit deal of the kind negotiated by Johnson could trigger recovery as pent-up business investment is released. Indeed, Carney has suggested the easing of trade tensions between the UK and Europe could lead to Britain leading the world out of its current sluggishness.

However, Britain can take such a vital role only if businesses are reassured that Corbyn and his socialist acolytes are kept out of Downing Street.

Some voters may well have concerns about the immediate economic impact of Brexit. But the terrifying alternative is of dangerous Marxist dogma destroying free-market capitalism and wiping out personal and national wealth.

Such a future does not bear thinking about.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REPORT TO OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The world of Northamptonshire County Council remains, like many areas of government right now, very fast paced, challenging and incredibly interesting. As I write this I am preparing some media message in preparation of the publication of our draft 2020/21 budget. This is released on Monday 4th November.

I have to say I am optimistic, certainly in financial terms with regard to the coming 2020/21 financial year. Although I am unable to provide you with much detail here, I feel the draft budget demonstrates NCC has moved on considerably from when the new leadership was put in place. I and the administration made a commitment to do everything in our power to deal with the then crisis ridden financial situation. Also to do everything we could to improve the services and work hard with our district and borough colleagues to support the local government reform programme in the county.

The statement made by the Chancellor back in September had a number of financial measures that will benefit us in the coming financial year which we are very grateful for. I wrote to all of our MPs to express thanks to government.

It is acknowledged we have some big challenges, particularly in children's

services, but I can assure you we have some excellent people working extremely hard to improve the situation. Our adult social care directorate continues to be a nationally high performing/low cost service which is running very efficiently with targets to drive further efficiency and cost out of contracts. I am also pleased to say that our period 6 finance monitoring report which is also released on Monday shows a narrowing of the financial gap for this current financial year. This has been achieved by a tremendous amount of hard work.

Overall as we approach the end of the calendar year, I am feeling optimistic with the caveat that we cannot lose focus, we know our areas of challenge and are highly committed to continue to work hard to honour the commitment to hand NCC over to the two new unitary authorities in the best shape possible.

If you would like any clarification or if anyone would like to contact me please email me – mgolby@northamptonshire.gov.uk or call me 07973 444 741. I would be pleased to hear from you.

With best wishes

Matt Golby

“There will be no increases in VAT, NIC or on income throughout the life of this Parliament.”

Boris Johnson 24 Nov 2019

Compare this to Labour's promises..

And don't forget that infamous note left behind by the last Labour Chancellor



RAY JACKSON - 'THE NEVER-ENDING STORY'

13 November 2019

I am getting totally fed-up watching programmes on TV such as Question Time when both politicians and hangers-on with long consultancy names argue endlessly about the People's Vote or the second referendum. We have had a referendum and a clear majority decided to leave the EU. Ordinary British citizens made their choice and asked the members of parliament to implement it. The MPs have ignored the electorate and have constantly milked publicity to their own comfort and satisfaction. We, the electorate are helpless to stop this abuse of democracy and are becoming more and more frustrated. Anyone opposing our decision is acting undemocratically and is unworthy of the honour of their place. Fundamentally there is no reason for the House unanimously not to pass the legislation straightaway. Every member is under obligation to obey the will of the people. Those who claim they do not understand the issues despite nine weeks of intense debate by Parliament, the Press and Radio and TV are often laughed and jeered to scorn, the best way to treat such public admission of crass ignorance. Just as we are

not really used to referenda, we have no idea about what sanctions we can use against our erring MPs who consistently oppose or abstain. Not selecting them at the next general election seems to be all we can do. This is far too slow and could break the long held tradition that Members are representatives not delegates. But reasonable as I am I believe what we are witnessing now will be repeated unless we can find another way of government which enforces our power. The tradition of MPs representing us, worked out over 1000 years will have to be changed.

Now the most common justifications for not recognising the will of the people:

Our economy will be harmed. After years of struggling to spread wealth more evenly across the country after the long and painful decline of our basic Victorian industries (coal, steel and transport) using government subsidies to encourage the relocation of both publicly and privately owned businesses. Everyone rejoiced when companies like Nissan set up in Britain. We knew very well our membership of the EU was important to Nissan and Honda and many others. Industrial officers are brilliant, but membership of the EU made their job that much easier. But we voted to leave and all that good industrial wealth generated will be lost to us. And the only reason I have heard is that we wanted to give Cameron and Osborne a serious smacking.

Second Reason.

According to Nigel Farage we were about to be overwhelmed by immigrants, destroying our national identity and undercutting our wage structures. In my view this argument reached an hysterical proportion, fanned by papers like the Mail and it is only recently we have begun to realise how much we need foreign doctors and nurses, agricultural workers to come over seasonally to get in the harvest and international companies and universities to bring people in to work on science-based projects. We could not win this argument with Nigel Farage and the Mail at the time, or perhaps our politicians did not understand it clearly enough, and it was this possibly that started to move towards the referendum.



Ray Jackson

Did we have a deep underlying instinct that despite all the negatives we would be better off outside?

Third Reason. We lose our sovereign right to make our own laws. Possibly – but we were a well respected

country, with a firm commitment to democracy (then). We had authority and respect and could and should have got more of our own way. Deep down were we really playing at it? I was privileged to see Barbara Castle in full flood winning argument after argument in the Parliament at Strasbourg.

Despite all this we decided to leave. Did we have a deep underlying instinct that despite all the negatives we would be better off outside? Not an economic, immigration or governmental reason or one of national pride, just instinct which might be called 'political'. We do not need a reason, just do it. We who a century ago were leading half the world; we who had exploited the joint stock company and made finance available to create companies, wealth and employment, we who have harnessed science to our needs, we are capable of standing alone, leaving an organisation we have been integrated with for 47 years. We need to stand firm, maintain our Conservative principles, vote to a man/woman without squabbling Conservatives at the General Election and give Tom, and a few others, the chance to get us out of this mess.

Ray Jackson
200 Club Chairman

Two of Britain's biggest power companies have shifted the ownership of their businesses offshore to protect against the threat of nationalisation by a Labour government.

National Grid and SSE, who together own the country's gas and electricity transmission networks, said they had started overseas holding companies in the wake of Jeremy Corbyn's plans to bring them under state ownership.

The dramatic action comes after Jeremy Corbyn announced he wants to nationalise rail, water and electricity - as well as huge chunks of BT and potentially bits of Virgin, TalkTalk and Sky to provide free broadband.

Experts say the hard-Left offensive would cost hundreds of billions of pounds - but there has also been alarm on the markets as Labour insists Parliament would set the price for seizing the firms.



Photo: Pixabay

That could hurt shareholders, including millions of ordinary workers who invest in such companies through their pension funds.

Mail on line 25 Nov 2019

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS OF OUR FANTASTIC TEAM



GOOD NEWS ON THE OUNDLE NORTH BRIDGE - WORKS ARE SET TO START!

A report by Tom Pursglove (Parliament candidate)

Friday, 1 November, 2019

Tom Pursglove has worked hard to secure the funding from the Government for these works to take place, and has been advised by Northamptonshire County Council that the works are finally set to commence on the 11th November 2019. The latest update is as follows:

“Northamptonshire Highways have been working with associated parties including East Northamptonshire Planning Authority, the Environment Agency and Historic England, to

secure consent to start works on the repair of Oundle Bridge North. The bridge was shut to heavy goods vehicles because of concerns about a number of its arches. The bridge currently has a 3 tonne weight restriction installed to prevent further deterioration to the condition of this historic Grade II listed structure.

The design approval, method of repair working and consents have taken time to agree as the structure is listed and a historic monument.

The works were due to commence Monday 11th November 2019, for a period of 30 weeks to repair and strengthen the bridge.

Northamptonshire Highways are keeping traffic management to a minimum to mitigate disruption to road users, whilst allowing the team to complete their work efficiently.

The southern footway will be closed at all times to allow work to be carried out safely. Most of the works are being undertaken below the bridge and will not affect road users. Pedestrian access will be maintained on the other side of the bridge.

To allow vegetation to be safely cleared weekend daytime closures will be required in the first few weeks of the scheme. These have not yet been programmed and Northamptonshire Highways will provide closure time and date information as soon as possible.



Towards the end of the 30 week programme some full 24 hour closures will be required. This is to allow the removal of the width restriction and to resurface the carriageway. Full details will be provided in due course.

It is understood there have been concerns about safety on the bridge during periods of ice and snow. It is confirmed a smaller vehicle will be used to grit when necessary.”

This is obviously very welcome progress on this key priority issue for residents and Oundle businesses and Tom will be pressing NCC hard to complete the works as quickly as possible.

Tom would also like to pay tribute to the really hard work of local councillors Wendy Brackenbury and Annabel de Capell Brooke who have both campaigned forcefully for the works to be completed at the earliest possible date.

If you are in Corby shopping and looking for somewhere to eat why not try the Corby Conservative Club. Lunchtime snacks available from Wednesday to Saturday for under £7.

Non-members welcome. Check the Club website: www.the-cons.co.uk
Restaurant opening times are on the back of this magazine



Our Party Manifesto 'Thank You'

CPF UPDATE ON THE PARTY MANIFESTO
26 Nov 2019

Thank you to all who submitted manifesto proposals to the Conservative Policy Forum. This includes over 100 CPF Groups who responded to our latest policy discussion, which invited input to the Party's manifesto. It has been a great opportunity for us to showcase the diverse array of talent and thought that members can contribute to one of the most important ideas documents the Party produces. In addition, we have now presented the final version of the CPF Members' Manifesto to the Prime Minister's Policy Unit, based on all the work of CPF Groups since the 2017 general election.

This is just a quick follow-up message to say I hope we've all had a chance to look at the new Party Manifesto, and to give ourselves a quiet but well-earned pat on the back!

Our CPF Manager, John Hayward has analysed the manifesto and found:

- *57% of commitments in the published manifesto can be traced back to ideas proposed by CPF groups.*
- *47% of ideas in the CPF Members' Manifesto are reflected in the published manifesto.*

With proposals from CPF Groups lying behind more than half of our manifesto commitments; and almost half the ideas in the CPF Members' Manifesto reflected in our party's offer to the nation, I think we can fairly claim to have had a big input.

It's a level of involvement and influence which other think-tanks can only dream of, and it wouldn't be possible without the collective brain-power and thoughtful dedication of every CPF member around the country. Well done and thank you all!

Now, back to delivering those leaflets.....

Best wishes,

John Penrose
CPF Chairman

SO YOU CAN SEE THAT OUR CPF MEETINGS DO HAVE AN EFFECT. OUR CPF CHAIRMAN, GEORGE WHITTAKER WILL ARRANGE OUR NEXT MEETING EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. DETAILS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO ALL MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS.



Thanks to all the ideas from Party members and MPs as well, we are building a compelling, inspiring policy vision that won't just underpin the upcoming election campaign but will map out the future direction of post-Brexit Britain as well.

All the ideas are being formally processed through the Party's Manifesto Committee, and we are writing busily. Inevitably there won't be space for everything, but we will fit in as much as possible. And many other ideas which aren't big enough to make a headline will go into our background policy war-chest, to be rolled out if we need to respond to particular twists and turns of the national debate during the campaign itself.

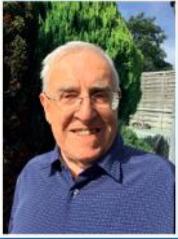
Just a thought: *"I'm no stranger to fighting elections against socialists. But the prospect of Jeremy Corbyn in Downing Street sends shivers down my spine."* Alan Mabbutt Director General of the Conservative Party

BY ELECTION RESULT FOR CORBY BEANFIELD WARD

Thursday 10 October 2019

Ray Boyd would like to thank everyone who helped in this campaign. And of course the many people who voted for him. We didn't win, but as the Chairman says, "Although we didn't win it was a great result and we achieved a great deal."

Labour vote down 5% Conservative vote up 17%



Ray says, "This excellent campaign can be likened to that great scene in the original film 'Zulu'.

When asked why the warriors were just standing facing the army and being shot at, Michael Caine (as Hooke) replies, 'They are counting our guns'.



LABOUR'S BREXIT POLICY IN A NUTSHELL

Labour's Laura Pidcock: 'We recognise why people voted Leave. We recognise why people voted Remain. We are not the party of either. We are the party of both.'

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis said the vast majority of British Jews were 'gripped by anxiety' at the idea of Jeremy Corbyn in No 10.

He accused Mr Corbyn of allowing the 'poison' of anti-Semitism to take root in Labour, saying it could no longer claim to be the party of diversity, equality and anti-racism.

Urging voters to examine their consciences in the polling booth, he warned: 'The very soul of our nation is at stake.'



**EVERY LABOUR GOVERNMENT EVER
HAS LEFT OFFICE WITH UNEMPLOYMENT
HIGHER THAN WHEN THEY STARTED**

A LITTLE NOTE ABOUT FACEBOOK GROUP 'CORBY CHATS BACK'

This group is not a genuine chat group of friendly Corby folk. It was started by a Labour activist and is a thinly-disguised Labour Party advertising sheet. The nasty trolls on it spreading poison give Corby a bad name and it should be called '*Corby Rants Back*'

Just a thought: "79% of people no longer trust politicians."

Survey on 'I'm a Celebrity—get me out of here'.

TOM PURSGLOVE

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE FOR CORBY & EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

31 Oct 2019

Kettering General Hospital's new 'Urgent Care Hub' gets the green light!

You will be interested to hear about a significant development last week, which is very good, and indeed welcome news for our area.

Having campaigned hard on this for several years now, I was delighted to hear last Wednesday that Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's £46 million project for a new 'Urgent Care Hub' has been given the green light by the Government, and the funding will be allocated for it in the next capital review. This is a really important announcement for our area and I would like to pay tribute in particular to the hard work of my Kettering colleague, Philip Hollobone, who has ably led the charge, and the management of the hospital who have done so much to get us to this point and for all their efforts in producing such a comprehensive proposal, which has now received Government backing, with the funding agreed to.

In fact, Philip secured a debate on this in Westminster Hall, where the announcement was made and as ever, he made an impassioned case for our local hospital and eloquently made the argument for this much-needed upgrade. I was delighted to go along to the debate to support him, and you can watch it, here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2cpz2py>.



This new hub will undoubtedly help to facilitate better and safer patient care for local people, and fits alongside the brilliant Urgent Care Centre we already have in Corby - indeed, the long-established view has been that there should be a hub (Kettering General Hospital) and spoke (Corby Urgent Care Centre) model, so that people can access the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

This upgrade at KGH helps to achieve exactly that.

Better healthcare for local people, meeting the demands of the housing growth we are seeing, and ensuring we can all stay better for longer is one of my top priorities. This is undoubtedly yet another very welcome boost and I want to say "thank you" to all those who have supported the campaign to make this happen!

With best wishes,

Tom
Tom Pursglove
**Parliamentary candidate for Corby &
East Northants**

**Just a thought: "Jeremy Corbyn used to be uncertain about Brexit. Now he is not so sure."
Boris Johnson - launching the Conservative Manifesto 24 Nov 2019**

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CRISIS COUNCIL REPLACEMENT PLAN DECISION ON HOLD

The new plans would allow the creation of two unitary authorities in Northamptonshire to replace its troubled county council and the district and borough councils.

The government had already approved the plan, and Parliament **was expected to pass it** before the election.

But it was put on hold after Labour called for a third unitary council in the county, to serve Northampton only.

A **government report in 2018** recommended the scrapping of the Conservative-run county council, which twice banned all but statutory spending.

A draft Structural Change Order confirmed two "shadow authorities" would be set up during a transition period following local elections in May.

Labour-run **Corby Borough Council** was the only authority in Northamptonshire not to lend its support to the proposals.

The new North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Councils were due to start operating on 1 April 2021 but the position is now uncertain until after the **general election on 12 December**.

Andrew Lewer, Conservative candidate for Northampton South, said: "The borough council's own figures, based on research they've done, says it's going to cost an extra £750 per year for a Band D house in Northampton South for a purely Northampton-based unitary, rather than going ahead with the very prolonged process we've already had for a more sustainable solution for local services."

Labour candidate for Northampton South, Gareth Eales, said: "Labour will adopt something that was already part of a report by an organisation called Deloitte, which said the three-unitary solution was the more preferable but the local Conservatives and the government opted to ignore it and went with their own preferred option, which would electorally benefit them."

Andrew Simpson, Liberal Democrat candidate for Daventry, said: "We've always said there should be more than just two unitary authorities for Northamptonshire but we've had this imposed on us by the Conservatives and a lot of work has been done to get to this point. So, the question is, can we take it forward and what can we do to quickly get local government back and running?"

Why unitary?

The unitary authority model means all council services come under one authority's remit, rather than some the county council providing services such as education, community health and social care, and borough and district councils looking after services including waste collection and planning.

Under the plans, South Northamptonshire, Northampton and Daventry would effectively merge to create West Northamptonshire Council.

A second unitary authority - North Northamptonshire - would cover Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough.

Source: BBC. 7 Nov 2019

SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

As Parliament is currently not sitting final approval of the Structural Change Order (SCO) cannot be completed. There is a short time frame as the new Unitary elections were planned to take place in April 2020 instead of the local Borough and District elections.

If the SCO is not completed in time then it is possible that we will revert to the existing setup and we will face Borough and District elections instead of the Unitary with the County Council remaining in place..

However our Parliamentary Candidate thinks that it most likely that time will be found in the Government's timetable to sign the SCO.

But if Labour wins the election, who knows?

**MEMBERS SHOULD CHECK THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION IS UP TO DATE.
SUBSCRIPTIONS FALL DUE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF JOINING, NOT ON 1st JANUARY.
CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD OR ENQUIRE AT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE IF UNSURE.**

Boris Johnson has made these 6 pledges:

1. Extra funding for the NHS, with **50,000 more nurses** and **50 million more GP surgery appointments** a year.
2. **20,000 more police** and tougher sentencing for criminals.
3. An **Australian-style points-based system** to control immigration.
4. **Millions more invested every week** in science, schools, apprenticeships and infrastructure while controlling debt.
5. Reaching **Net Zero by 2050** with investment in clean energy solutions and green infrastructure to reduce carbon emissions and pollution.
6. We will **not raise the rate of income tax, VAT or National Insurance.**

Jeremy Corbyn Statement on 31 Oct 2019.



Boris Johnson has spent months promising we'd leave the EU today. The failure to do so is his and his alone. Labour will get Brexit sorted by giving the people the final say within six months with the choice of a credible leave deal or remain. And we'll carry out what you decide.

Not sure that this is an election-winning pitch. Corbyn's analysis is a bit shaky:

1. *It's Boris's fault Labour blocked Brexit.*
2. *Labour will get it sorted - in another 6 months or so.*
3. *We can't tell you if Labour are in favour of remain or leave.*
4. *But we will carry out what you decide next time (but not last time obviously)*

1st November 2019 - Jeremy Corbyn will long remember this date. This was the day it all blew up on his Manifesto's launch pad: he was hit by THREE body blows as party's Jewish wing refuses to back him, BBC is vindicated over anti-Semitism exposé, and Nicola Sturgeon condemns him as 'utterly useless'.

Boris Johnson: We need more stop and search

"If we simply address this epidemic like sociologists or outreach workers, we will not solve the problem and we will not be truly helping these kids. We also need to be tough. I know this because, 11 or 12 years ago, our capital city was in the grip of an almost identical epidemic. People were horrified at the loss of young life and the violence they could see on their street corners. I contested the 2008 mayoral election on a simple pledge: to get knife crime down. I have to tell you that for the first six months – perhaps longer – I thought we would fail. It was an utterly hellish

time. I would lie awake praying that the following day would not see another stabbing....We substantially changed the calculation of risk in the mind of any kid setting out from home with a knife. We launched Operation Blunt Two – a massive programme of stop and search. In its first year, this took about 10,000 knives off the streets. Naturally there were protests from pressure groups. Some suggested that stop and search was discriminatory and heavy-handed. We ignored these voices. It worked." - Boris Johnson,



A MEMBER GIVES HER VIEWS OF VARIOUS TOPICS

Boris Johnson and team have been working tirelessly to get us out of the E.U.

Now we have the General election looming on 12th December. Weeks of polls ahead that I have NO faith in.

While disgusted at our members of parliament over the last almost 3½ years I must now state that every time I hear/see Jo Swinton the Liberal Democrats leader, I have a mental picture in my head of a 'Whirling Dervish' thrashing around, being quite dictatorial and screaming at any one person who disagrees with her.

A bit like Labour councillors in Corby who insult our own Corby Conservative members through social media which is disgusting for any decent person to do.

Jeremy Corbyn is nothing more than insecure/irresolute so to have him leading our country would be a disgrace.

As for extension rebellion, a lot these people are damaging our children by all the fear facts they put out. Our climate is changing but to worry too much about it in the U.K is rather silly as we are one of the lesser polluters in the world. I do worry about our wildlife/insect/birds who are already well down in numbers over the last 20 years, BUT, how many of these so called 'warriors of the extinction of species' are **cat owners who are the terrorists killing so many of our once prevalent species of birds, do they also enjoy letting off fireworks which cause distress to animals and humans alike also pollute our air for days or spend £5,000 on a ticket to Japan for the rugby final, flying there and return ?**

Sorry if I offend but it is a fact which I find upsetting to see these wonderful creatures being tormented to death by cats for fun.



Dee Davies (Member)

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During the third quarter of this year, Corbyn and Labour banked £2.6 million from trade unions, accounting for 93% of all the donations they reported.

Since Jeremy Corbyn became Leader of the Labour Party, his union comrades have bankrolled his ambitions with a £42 million cash pile.

But it gets worse.

The major donations report for the second week of the campaign has just been released – **and it shows that the unions have given Jeremy Corbyn another £3.4 million in just 7 days.**

Report from Councillor Kevin Watt – Corby Borough Council

The General Election of 2019 will be the most pivotal moment since the election of Margaret Thatcher in 1979. This saw the beginning of the release of UK industry from the control of the Union Barons and hard left Shop Stewards. The ensuing Privatisation of many companies and industries allowed them to modernise, become entrepreneurial and truly respond to customers needs.

The stark choice we face on December 12th is between a Centre Right Conservative and a Hard-Left Momentum Controlled Marxist-Led Labour Party. Make no bones the difference could not be greater.



This is not the Tory Versus New Labour elections with spending commitments differing by a few billion on paper. Labour is now controlled by a Hard-Left Marxist Chancellor who's blueprint for the UK is Venezuela were the poor now eat their own pets to survive. A country that has the 2nd highest oil reserves in the world but has hyperinflation with 4 million fleeing to neighbouring states. Corbyn and Abbott hailed Venezuela as showing the world a new way of governing that was fairer. Now they backtrack somewhat describing it as not the right kind of socialism. The truth being that Socialism has never worked in any country, the poor have always got much poorer and ironically the rich still get richer although they are a narrow band aligned to the ruling party.

It has taken the best part of 10 hard years to turn around a British economy, damaged by New Labours profligate spending without raising the necessary taxes to pay for services we want thus creating an out of control deficit. A vibrant dynamic economy generating taxes to pay for services is not something that just pops into life - governments must create the conditions for companies to prosper within. Their prosperity creates jobs and pays taxes. Labour always eyes companies from the profit they make, profit being a dirty word in their book; profit should be handed to the government for they will spend it wiser. Labour is not interested in a dynamic growing

economy creating jobs and taxes if its judged to be capitalist, the only one that can be tagged as socialist with heavy centralised state control and it doesn't matter if it fails like all the other socialist economies before it, just call it Socialist.

Who better to warn us that the IRA loving Shadow Chancellor himself when he said in 2013 "Look, I'm straight, I'm honest with people: I'm a Marxist."

Let's not live to regret that warning - the only choice on December 12th is a Conservative Government.

Cllr Kevin Watt

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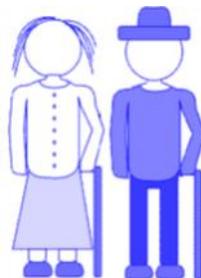
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BORIS IS COMMITTED TO HIS 'TRIPLE, TRIPLE LOCK'

Experienced campaigners will remember the last General Election disaster when Theresa May, as prompted by her advisors Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill, foolishly decided in her manifesto to abolish the Triple Lock causing support to die on the doorstep overnight thus losing her the majority .

This magazine has long campaigned for these payments to continue so it is good to see that Boris is listening and appreciates his faithful supporters. (Maybe he reads our mag!)



With older people traditionally more likely to go out and vote, the manifesto commits to maintain the pension's 'triple lock' plus winter fuel payments and the older person's free bus pass.

CORBYN IS COMMITTED TO HIS 'TAX, BORROW AND FUDGE'

He has admitted his party could not pay for its £60billion plan to compensate so-called 'Waspi' women who lost part of their pension – and says the party would have to borrow the cash.

He concedes low earners could face higher taxes under Labour, despite his previous pledge to limit rises to the rich, and his party will abolish the Marriage Allowance—which will cost all married couples £250 a year. **(Remember it was Labour's Gordon Brown who got rid of the pensioner's additional tax allowance.)**

He will not say whether he would authorise the killing of the Islamic State terror group leader if UK special forces found him. He is also in a dither about our nuclear defence system saying he would think about it when the time came.

Corbyn cannot say who would lead the campaign for his Brexit deal in a second referendum in which he has pledged to remain neutral.

He acknowledges that Labour would keep free movement in all but name.

Corbyn does not realise that the top 5 per cent of earners, who he has targeted for tax rises, already pay 50 per cent of all income tax.

And we mustn't forget Labour's other tax promises:

- **Increasing petrol cost by 16p a litre**
- **Inheritance tax which will tax homes passed on to children at 40%**
- **Small Business Tax—an increase of £5,000**



Northamptonshire PFCC Newsletter

25 Nov 2019

Northamptonshire Police has introduced a new model to increase focus on local communities. The new policing model creates two Local Policing Areas (LPAs) covering the West and the North of the county. It gives people a named senior officer responsible for policing and tackling crime in their area. Chief Superintendent Mick Stamper has overall responsibility for the local policing command and is supported by Supt Chris Hillery, who is responsible for the West LPA and Supt Dennis Murray, who is responsible for the North LPA. They are each supported by a chief inspector overseeing response and neighbourhood policing and a detective chief inspector heading the area-based CID. Each area also has a dedicated team that works across the area to focus on specific issues and crimes. The West LPA covers Northampton, Daventry and South Northamptonshire and the North LPA covers Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire. Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: "I am confident that the move to two policing areas will be a change for the better that will bring an even greater local focus, with a local response to local concerns. "This change is part of the Chief Constable's plans to reshape the Force and I share his drive to make sure that police are visible and accessible in the communities they serve and can respond effectively. I'm looking forward to seeing how this new model will deliver an even better service to the public."



The North LPA: DCI Andy Rogers, Ch Supt Mick Stamper, Supt Dennis Murray & PFCC Stephen Mold

Volunteers from across the county have been busy knitting teddy bears for officers to give to comfort children at incidents. The 800 bears donated to the Force so far are being named 'Bobby Buddies' and are the result of an appeal from the Domestic Abuse Prevention and Investigation Team (DAPIT). Many of the bears have been received along with notes telling of the knitters' own experiences, or explaining how the experience of knitting them has opened up some honest conversations of abuse.



This is just one of a number of community safety initiatives to receive support from the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold, who awarded this project £1,000. "This initiative has generated an incredible reaction, and we've had some really touching feedback," Stephen said. "Some of the teddies were donated anonymously and some were left with thank you notes for help that police officers have given in the past. "I'm full of admiration to all the knitters out there for their overwhelming support, and to the DAPIT team for their great idea." If you're an expert with a pair of knitting needles and would like to help, please email Rachel.Percival@northants.pnn.police.uk

A new countywide domestic abuse and sexual violence strategy has been developed to guide work being carried out to tackle abuse in communities across Northamptonshire. The strategy has been prepared and led by the office of the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on behalf of the Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership. It brings together and builds on the work being done by the members of the Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership on this issue and make Northamptonshire a place where "everyone can live safely and experience healthy relationships without the threat of domestic abuse or sexual violence". Domestic abuse affects thousands of people in Northamptonshire every year: 16,139 incidents of domestic abuse were recorded by Northamptonshire Police between September 2017 and December 2018 and 4.6% of domestic abuse incidents have a sexual element.

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Stephen Mold— continued>>>

The Office of Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner has already put in place a number of initiatives, some in partnership with Northamptonshire Police, including a new programme to ensure that first time abuse offenders who would be cautioned, have to attend a programme to tackle their abusive behaviour and prevent reoffending. Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: “Domestic abuse has no place in Northamptonshire. I have already set in place a number of actions from my side, and I look forward to this contribution being part of an overall plan that ensures the right support is available for those who need it.”

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) is to grow in strength for the first time in five years. A recruitment drive has just taken place to net 32 whole-time firefighters. Twenty of these will be needed over the course of the year to fill posts that become vacant as serving firefighters leave or retire. Twelve of these posts are brand new, growing the strength of the Fire Service from 242 to 254 - 12 extra firefighters to keep Northamptonshire safe. NFRS will also purchase seven new vehicles - five fire engines and two water rescue vehicles - to replace ageing and outdated equipment. The recruitment drive has been made possible by the transfer of governance to Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold. This meant that the portion of the council tax collected for the Fire Service will only be spent on the Fire Service. The Chief Fire Officer and his team now have control of fire service resources and are able to create a capital investment programme and plan for the future.



Chief Fire Officer Darren Dovey said: “At Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service we pride ourselves in working as hard as possible, with the resources available to us, to keep the people in this county safe. This extra investment in more firefighters and vehicles is very welcome in helping us become even more resilient and to strengthen the support we give to the community in dealing with emergencies, as well as preventing them.”

PFCC Stephen Mold said: “I’m really proud to have been able to support the Fire Service to quickly reach a stable position where this investment can be made to increase the number of firefighters in the county and so enhance the capacity of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service.”

The number of burglaries in Northamptonshire is at its lowest level since June 2008. Northamptonshire Police set up a Burglary Team and launched Operation Crooked six months ago to make burglary a top priority for the Force. As part of the operation, the Burglary Team ensures that every burglary victim in Northamptonshire is guaranteed a visit from the Police. Since the team was launched in April 2019, the number of home invasions has halved and is now at an 11 year low. During that period, 157 people have been arrested for burglary offences.

Detective Inspector Wayne Preece, said: “As a team, we are really pleased with the impact we have made in reducing burglaries across the county and we hope to make even more of a difference when our one year anniversary comes around. “However, whilst having the lowest volume of burglaries in 11 years is definitely something to be proud of, we also acknowledge that there is still a lot to do and we will not become complacent.” Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: “People told me that the police response to burglary is a top priority for them, so I was pleased that the Chief Constable agreed to this new focus on investigation. I am thrilled with the significant results achieved so far.”

For more information go to

As ever, I am always happy to provide any help or assistance and can be contacted at:

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Stephen Mold

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

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THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - 'PLEASE STOP LYING TO US'

25 Nov 2019

Well, here we are in the middle of the third general Election campaign in five years - so much for the fixed term Parliament act.

I have just heard that we have some magic solutions to look forward to.....

- We will have a fully paid up and publicly owned Rail system.
- We will have a fully owned and maintained energy industry.
- We will all save a fortune a month in free Broadband.

In addition, we will have billions pumped into the NHS, we will have one million council houses built and rents will be capped for these and private lets and we will all live in this Euphoric and Utopian state for evermore. I don't know about you but I don't believe in fairy stories and it's high time that the Conservative campaign shattered these ridiculous illusions for ever.

However, I have a word of caution to our Conservative election candidates. **Please tell us the truth.** I am hearing from them that NI contributions will be frozen under a Johnson-led Government - yes this is achievable. I am hearing that no one will need to sell their home to fund later life social care - yes this is and should be achievable. I am hearing that taxes for income and pension income will not rise - yes this is achievable and finally I am hearing that Corporation Tax will not be taken down to 17% but will remain at 19% and this is also achievable.

The four things which are paramount to us winning on December 12th are the NHS, Education and ensuring that there is

sufficient housing which can be afforded by younger people. And of course, **Get Brexit Done.** I would suggest that when Boris is returned to Number 10 with what should be an overall majority that he firstly gets exit done and then gets together the other Party leaders and has a cross party working group to ensure that the NHS is fit for purpose, properly funded and governed and is therefore taken out of the election debate forever. This too is achievable.



Another piece of advice I would offer is to make sure that all pledges are honoured and the people kept informed. we are heartily sick of the Westminster-centric MPs we have put up with for the last 20 years. We need to be better and truthfully informed. Rest assured when Mr Corbyn and Mr McDonald lose on December 12th the Labour party will scratch its head and ask why? They will quickly come up with the answer that the two aforementioned people are the reason and they will silently and quickly replace them with someone like Andy Burnham or David Miliband (or at least that's what I would do to get back to a decent position). If this happens then we really do need to be on our mettle

In any event I hope that next time we will be celebrating and I wish Tom every success in Corby and East Northants - he deserves to win and hopefully he will.

Merry Christmas all and have a very prosperous and Conservative New Year,

Yours sincerely

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