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## SUMMER DRAW 2020

Due to the virus we are unable to run our usual draw so our Association is taking part in a new scheme which allows members only to purchase tickets in the Summer Draw on line.

The **SUMMER DRAW** website is now up and running - Go to: [www.conservatives.shop](http://www.conservatives.shop)

There is a cash prize of **£2500** for the first place winner and two great runner up prizes.

**Plus every member entering who purchases at least £50 of tickets will receive a reproduced copy of the EU Withdrawal Bill hand-signed by the Prime Minister Boris Johnson. The original auctioned for almost £500 in January.**

All you need to do is go the Summer Draw website and purchase a ticket. It is as easy as Ebay. There are no paper draw tickets involved. During the purchase process you will be asked which Association you belong to and this can also be verified by postal address if needed. **Our Conservative Association will get 50% of every ticket sold to our members.**

Tickets are £5 each. Just log on at this address to buy a ticket:

<https://www.conservatives.shop/> The draw will be made on 31st August.

Note for members not on the internet—we don't want to leave you out. If you would like to purchase tickets and have no internet access just send a cheque, payable to CENCA, for the number of tickets required and they will be purchased for you through the office web.

Our address is on the back page.

**During this difficult time the support of all members is really appreciated.**

This draw is promoted by Cllr Gary Markwell  
West Sussex County Councillor for Arundel & Courtwick  
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# TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING!!

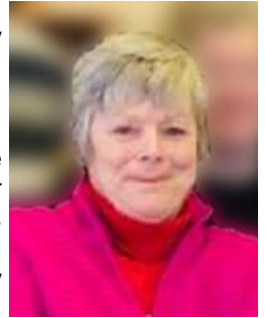
Campaigning in the foreseeable future is likely to be a completely different experience for us all. However, with a bumper set of elections planned for May 2021, these changes need to be embraced to ensure that we have as many Conservative Councillors elected to the new Unitary Authority as possible.

Canvassing is a very important part of any election campaign, but we are unlikely to be able to resume the traditional method of knocking on doors until after Christmas.

So, probably starting in September, we may be delivering a letter and survey to every household in the constituency.

Offers of help would be most gratefully received!!

Candidates who would like to stand in the Unitary Authority or Town Council elections are still needed. If you would like any information on what is involved, please get in touch and I would be delighted to help.



**Rosemary Armstrong**  
Campaign Manager

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021

*We are likely to have vacancies for seats in the 2021 Unitary elections and members are welcome to put their names forward for these.*

*In April next year as the Borough and District Councils are replaced by the new Unitary some areas will have new local town councils.*

*The existing County Council has now formed the bodies which are shadowing existing local councils prior to taking over their duties in 2021. Elections to the new body will take place in April 2021.*

*We will need members to stand for election to all these new councils.*



**David Giles:** Lisa Nandy, Labour's Shadow Foreign Secretary, wants statues of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown to be erected in Parliament Square alongside Winston Churchill and other great statesmen. Someone should tell Ms Nandy that, quite apart from everything else, Blair and Brown aren't dead yet. 5 Jul 2020

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If any members would like to submit a letter or an article for the Magazine or comment on our contributors' articles please email the editor at [ray.boyd@talktalk.net](mailto:ray.boyd@talktalk.net). Letters may be edited. The comments of all Magazine contributors are obviously their own opinion which do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conservative Party, our members, the Association or its management.

# Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)

27 Jul 2020

Déjà vu! Obviously we are all aware of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it is affecting all of our lives, but it made me realise just how long this has been going on when writing this report.

Every 2 months I write a new report to try and keep the lines of communication open with members, and to let you all know what is going on. When sitting down to write July's report, I realised that I have been reporting on Coronavirus for the last the 4 months, and still there is no real end in sight. It is testament to the people of this country, to the businesses, and to the Government, that we continue to cope as well as we have.

**Commerce.** Businesses are starting to re-open, holiday destinations are starting to welcome back visitors, and people are starting to venture out again. There will be ups and downs, there will be localised spikes, there will be holidays destinations added to the "safe list" and then removed again. It will be a tough winter, and many businesses won't make it, but we must stay positive, support our local businesses and shops wherever we can, and be sensible when venturing out.

**Face Masks.** Covid-19 is mostly transmitted by aerosol particles that are exhaled by people who have the virus, and most of those don't know they have it. Face masks help trap those aerosol particles. Whilst they don't provide much protection to the wearer, they do provide protection to everybody else. Please please please - wear a mask if you are able. If we all wear them,



the spread of the virus will be drastically reduced and we can start getting back to normal.

**New Members.** You will be delighted to know that we continue to have new members join the Association and the Party. Since the last report we have welcomed new members from all walks of life, but I was particularly pleased to see some younger members, and members of the Armed Forces, join us.

**CENCA – Award Winners.** CCHQ have just announced the results of their "Association Incentive Scheme", a scheme that aims to measure the success of Associations by recording their communication, membership, VoteSource activity and so on. All Associations are automatically entered into the scheme. You will be proud to hear that CENCA came second, just missing out on First Place by one point to High Peak. Well done to everyone who has played a part, and continues to do so, in making our Association such an active and successful one.

**East Northants Leisure Centres re-open.** In May, East Northants Councillors voted to financially support the company that runs its leisure centres. In our opinion had we not supported the company, they would have terminated the contract and left us in a position where those leisure centres may never have reopened, certainly not in the way they operate now. Whilst it is early days, it is positive to see that the company are now making plans to reopen those centres.

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**Canvassing and leaflet delivery.** Leaflets and canvassing are some of the most effective methods of communicating with the public – finding out what concerns they have and updating them on what we, as Conservatives, are doing. In line with CCHQ and general Government advice and guidance, there will shortly be a resumption of leaflet deliveries. These will be carefully managed to ensure the safety of deliverers and recipients. At this stage we will not be resuming canvassing. More details to follow.

**Communications.** Using online polls and social media during the pandemic the Association, and indeed the Conservative Party, have tried to ensure that communication with the public has continued, letting them know of the latest advice and guidance, as well as listening to their concerns. Over the coming weeks you will be seeing some online Polls from CENCA, promoted via email and social media. If you see one, please take the time to complete and share them.

**Unitary Council – latest news.** Since the last report there have been quite a few changes to the new Unitary Council, with further meetings taking place, Task and Finish Groups setup, and members of the Shadow Executive being given their portfolios. For the very latest news please visit: <https://futurenorthantsnorth.org/news/>

Stay Safe

Onwards and Upwards!

Yours,



Councillor Lee Wilkes  
Chairman – Corby & East Northamptonshire  
Conservative Association

**WE ARE THE 2020 NUMBER TWO CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION IN THE WHOLE OF THE EAST MIDLANDS.**

## OFFICE OPENING TIMES

A MESSAGE FROM RAY BOYD AT YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE

The Corby Conservative Club has been closed for business during the lockdown and access to the office was therefore restricted to Mondays only. However the Club reopened for restricted hours on 4th July and the Association Office is able to open on Mondays and Fridays from 11am to 1pm. Currently the Club is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Outside office hours you can reach me at:

Email: [ray.boyd@talktalk.net](mailto:ray.boyd@talktalk.net). The office email address is: [office@cenca.co.uk](mailto:office@cenca.co.uk). Both email addresses are monitored 7 days a week. My home telephone: 01536 742954 (Unless already registered you may have to identify yourself on this phone before being connected). If I am unavailable please leave a message and I will get back to you.

You can also contact the Chairman, Cllr Lee Wilkes. Please email me if you need to get in touch with Lee.

Kind regards and keep well, Ray Boyd

**PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR MAILCHIMP COMMUNICATIONS WHICH MAY GO TO YOUR EMAIL SPAM BOX**





16 Jul 2020

Following Government announcements In the past months the CPF Manager, Dr John Hayward has asked for your views on the reopening of schools, on tax cuts proposed by various think tanks and on new taxes proposed by the Labour Party. During July he was interested in hearing what Conservatives think about recent government announcements—on **“travel corridors”, the “Eat Out to Help Out” Scheme, compulsory wearing of face coverings and the various job and business support schemes.**

If you or any you other Conservative supporters you know would like to help inform the Party's policy-making, please encourage to sign up via their website. **It only takes a minute to submit your responses.**

Future topics on which you can submit your responses will include: the **new policy consultation**, about **Infrastructure, Investment and Devolution.**

Go to this webside to have your say:

<https://www.conservativepolicyforum.com/>

### DO YOU GET OUR MAILCHIMP EMAILS?

We have 470 members on our email list and a regular email is sent out to keep members informed of latest news.

Unfortunately a number of members have reported that they have not seen these emails. It is likely that they have gone into their spam box so this should be checked and the sender marked as acceptable for future emails.

**If you are still not receiving them please email the editor on [ray.boyd@talktalk.net](mailto:ray.boyd@talktalk.net) and your address will be checked. If there is still a problem then copies of Mailchimp emails can be sent from the office email address.**

And of course you can always check our website which also contains the latest news. Go to: [www.cenca.co.uk](http://www.cenca.co.uk)

### A READER WRITES

8<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The pandemic has halted demonstrations on climate change, BLM, Racist statues, etc. All these demonstrations (possibly by the same people) separate our country. We all have views and yet do not feel the need to go out onto our streets. The hate whipped up on Social media, which I will never be part of, is very poisonous.

We are still picking up the boat people in their hundreds. In doing so we are encouraging the people-smugglers. We are also putting vulnerable people in the hands of the slave trade in this country. There are now more people in slavery in the world than there were being taken from Africa in the last century when slavery was at its height— it is just well hidden now.

I salute those who would want to be a police officer in today's UK. In June the man responsible for killing 3 people in Reading was a terrorist, recently out of prison, known to the authorities, yet allowed out into the community to kill. The softly, softly approach is not doing a thing for law and order. It's time to get tough.

Recently my hubby has been researching past newspaper articles. It's been quite noticeable how things have changed in almost 70 years. Policing was so much more robust, fines very large for the times, magistrate courts were open every day to deal with miscreants for what we would consider quite minor offences like being drunk in the street, etc and they commanded large fines and court costs - which were collected right away. There are too many *Do-Gooders* with a minority voice shouting about a criminal's human rights, when they don't care about their victim's rights. I wonder if Boris & Stephen Mold will read this? Our laws, penalties, outcomes of criminal activities need to change, Please.

On a happier note: During lockdown we have all noticed and heard the birds so much more. Feeding birds all year round it has warmed my heart to see them all getting along queuing at the feeder awaiting turns to get seed - all sizes and breeds and quite happy. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could all take a leaf from their society rules. Of course, there are those birds like buzzards, crows, ravens and magpies who are the bullies in their world but generally they are peaceful only causing mayhem when hungry.

Sincerely, Member Dee Davies

Copy for the next issue must be received by 10<sup>th</sup> September please. Contributions and letters from members are welcome but some editing may be necessary by the editor.

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All emails will be acknowledged.



# TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

18 Jul 2020

After many difficult, often distressing, and very challenging months, we are now seeing the biggest relaxation of restrictions we have seen on our journey out of the Coronavirus emergency, with, amongst others, restaurants, pubs and hairdressers reopening their doors and welcoming customers back for the first time since March. It has been a truly tough time for them all, and I know that they are all appreciative of the custom of local people in helping to get business back on track.

The recent changes have also seen greater freedom afforded around spending time with friends and loved ones, which is such a relief for so many. The last few months have been exceptionally lonely for many people across the country, and in our community, but those difficult sacrifices have directly led to the welcome progress that has been made in tackling this virus head-on, and the ability to relax the rules, which is particularly important for our businesses and the jobs they provide.

That said, with our lives beginning to go back to some sort of normality, people still continue to go to great lengths to provide help and support to those who need it, and it was great to see for myself the hard work of some of the volunteers in Raunds a few weeks ago, who have been doing a lot to help support those in the town who are 'shielding' to get through this difficult period - with the latest batch of support parcels recently having gone out. Lots of time and effort has been put in by so many people across Corby & East Northamptonshire to help make this difficult time a little easier for



those 'shielding'. I know I have said it many times before, but a big 'thank you' must go to them all again and again, and I remain confident we will get through this tough time together, and with new friendships made.

It is also worth noting here that I remain conscious of the fact that some businesses are still not able to reopen and their worries and anxieties at this time are profound - and understandably so. For those businesses, my message is this - I hear you, and am actively pressing Ministers to identify solutions to get you open as quickly as possible, in a safe and responsible manner, and informed by your feedback.

With the theme of recovery in mind, we all recognise that the economic cost of this crisis has undoubtedly been enormous and that in itself is a great tragedy, as reflected in various statistics. Throughout, the Government has done an unprecedented amount to sustain businesses, jobs and livelihoods, but even with that mitigation, difficult times are likely to be ahead.

I absolutely share the Prime Minister's determination that we need to be on the front-foot in ensuring that businesses can bounce back as quickly as possible and that we restart the economy pronto. That matters for the sake of people's jobs, the wellbeing of their families and the strength of our wider economy, and it also matters if we want to be able to continue to invest in our public services in the years ahead, which is something I know we all want to see.

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In his recent speech, the Prime Minister set out the Government's plan for the way forward, which can be encapsulated in: to build Britain back *better*, build back *faster* and build back *greener*. The Government is clear that it will be taking the opportunity to rebuild Britain in the wake of this crisis; tackling the great unresolved challenges of the last three decades; sticking to the promise of building 40 new hospitals, while promising £14 billion for primary and secondary education over the next three years; planting 30,000 hectares of trees every year; and building infrastructure with quality and speed to ensure a united and successful Britain.

The speech was significant for Corby specifically as we received news of additional funding for the town as part of this 'New Deal' for Britain - an initiative aimed at accelerating infrastructure projects, fuelling jobs and the country's economic recovery. This means that Corby will receive between £500,000 to £1 million to spend on fast-tracked regeneration projects. It is receiving the funding as one of the 101 towns previously selected for 'Town Deals', under the Government's plans to level-up places across the country, that I campaigned hard for our inclusion in last year and the work on which continues to pull together our local bid.

This new funding comes on top of Corby's previous allocation of up to £25 million through the 'Towns Fund', which is targeted at areas with proud industrial and economic heritage. How this latest pot of funding is to be spent is yet to be decided, but no doubt Corby Borough Council and the various partners involved in the Corby Town Deal Board will be keen to hear ideas from local people in due course on how it should be spent.

Finally, I just want to say "thank you" to all CENCA members locally for all of the patience you have shown throughout this very challenging period and for your support for the Government in the difficult work it has had to do. There are no easy answers and every decision involves a trade-off of one sort or another, owing to the inevitable balance of risks. We must now see this through - there will no doubt be difficult decisions ahead, but we have a duty to move forward carefully and responsibly and I know we all look forward to better times ahead - and please stay safe and well.

With best wishes,

**Tom Pursglove**

Member of Parliament for Corby and East Northamptonshire

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## MORE FUNDING NEWS FOR OUR CONSTITUENCY

The Government are providing a total of £300M for principal Councils in England to support the new Test & Trace service. Northamptonshire County Council will receive £3,270,065 of this. The funding will help NCC to -

- develop tailored outbreak control plans, working with their local NHS and other stakeholders;
- help local communities develop and action plans to reduce any spread of coronavirus in their areas; and
- build on the continued efforts of communities to respond to the Pandemic locally.

This is very welcome news to all, regardless of political persuasions.



# Northamptonshire PFCC Stephen Mold's Newsletter

25 Jul 2020

When I ran for election in 2016, I had an ambitious plan for our police force, and I have worked hard over the past four years to deliver on that plan for our residents. We have made good progress on increasing police numbers, tackling rural crime, and increasing the safety of our children. However, there is still more to do, and this is why I am seeking re-election next May.

Since 2016, I have led some far-reaching changes to policing and our criminal justice system across Northamptonshire. Working closely with the new Chief Constable, Nick Adderley, we are building a police force which is modern and responsive, tackling crime and making our communities safer.

Despite funding challenges, we are investing over £20 million a year extra into frontline when compared to my coming into office. This additional investment has increased police officer numbers to provide a better service to the most vulnerable members of our communities, including additional resources for response to domestic burglaries, domestic abuse victim support and investigation, missing persons, and sexual offence investigations.

Early intervention has been at the heart of my Police and Crime Plan. I really believe that prevention is better than cure, and by tackling the root causes of crime with children and their families at an early stage, we can reduce the risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour and crime for future generations. I invested in a team of early intervention support workers to work directly with families identified by police and partners, and set aside funding for an outreach youth service to bolster the support



we offer to young people and to work with them to engage in positive activities in their communities. I have supported the police lead early intervention hub and Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV), and my office successfully led a bid with police and partners to secure £627,000 additional investment to work directly with young people at risk of involvement in gangs and crime. We have increased resources for the

Public Protection command to enable more frequent and effective monitoring of convicted sex and violent offenders in our local communities.

Tackling domestic abuse and violence in the home is also a key priority, and a measure of success has been the increase in the number of Domestic Abuse Prevention Orders issued by Northamptonshire Police more than any other Force in the East Midlands. These are court orders made after reports of domestic abuse, and provide victims with the space to consider their future relationships, with powers of arrest and possible imprisonment for those that breach them. We are also a pilot area for the use of conditional cautions as a response to domestic abuse, allowing people the opportunity to engage with programmes to support them to change rather than receive a police caution.

Tackling rural crime was a key concern for residents and by working with rural communities and farmers, I have developed a rural crime strategy which has enabled me to increase policing patrols in our villages. We have also been engaging with local communities, listening to their concerns and offering advice and support on security measures. As a result of this work, we have recently seen a 30 per cent reduction in burglaries across our county.

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Stephen Mold— continued>>>

We also carried out an extensive consultation with 1,200 people with mental health issues, ADHD, or autism. This was to understand their experience of the police or criminal justice system, and to develop a programme of activity based on their feedback to enhance services and better protect the public.

We have embedded a mental health street triage scheme, where police officers and mental health professionals work together to rapidly assess people in mental health crisis. This means they can be better cared for, and also reduce the amount of time that police officers need to spend at this type of incident.

In January 2019, I also took over responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service from the County Council. The Fire and Rescue Service had suffered from significant underinvestment because of the Council's financial situation, and transfer has enabled me to give the service the dedicated support it needs to develop investment plans for the future.

In Northamptonshire, we have shown that collaboration can help improve the services we are able to deliver to residents in a more cost-effective manner. We are looking to increase efficiencies across the police and fire services in the future through integration of back-office functions and seeking opportunities to co-locate services in our communities. We already have a new joint police and fire service building at Weekley Woods in the north of the county, and through similar approaches in other parts of the county, we can deliver a more joined up service, whilst at the same time providing value for money to the taxpayer.

I also see our businesses as essential to keeping our local economy vibrant. I launched a cyber-security forum bringing together the police and business to provide briefings on

keeping businesses safer online and to share security threats and updates. The forum is growing in number, and is able to provide live information on current threats and how to protect your business from them.

I am proud of what we have achieved in Northamptonshire. I am proud of the work my team and colleagues in the police and fire service are doing to make Northamptonshire safer. Together, we have delivered some long-term improvements, which I know will have real benefits to our front line officers, and provide assurance in communities across the county.

These are difficult times and if you need any help or advice please get in touch with me at:

commissioner@northantspfcc.pnn.gov.uk

**Stephen Mold**

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

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HM Government  
**Coronavirus**  
 Be aware of refund scams  
 If you receive a text or email from HMRC offering you a tax refund, it's a scam

GOV.UK  
 Government has taken steps to see coronavirus as a crisis - the outbreak is fast  
 As a precaution, measures against COVID-19 in schools, care homes, and residential care homes  
 Government has established the National Health Service (NHS) and programmes for dealing with coronavirus outbreak in a...  
 You are eligible to get a tax refund (maximum of £2,500)

NICOLA STURGEON's government has written to Boris Johnson's treasury to request new financial powers and the ability to borrow up to £500million to prevent the Scottish economy from falling into chaos due to COVID-19. RICHARD PERCIVAL  
 The Express 25 Jun 2020

SPARE A SHEKEL GUY.

London crime rising five times faster than rest of England, report reveals

Homicide up 23%	Knife killings up 28%
Robberies and thefts up 15%	Drug offences up 23%

HOW DOES HE SLEEP AT NIGHT?

**“LOOK AT ME - I AM VIRTUE SIGNALLING TO SHOW HOW I CARE”  
ONE DAY THE LEADER OF THE LABOUR PARTY IS GOING TO REGRET THIS PHOTO**

Members will possibly have shuddered when they saw the awkwardly-posed photograph of Sir Kier Starmer kneeling in support of Black Lives Matter. Perhaps he should have a look at the BLM UK website and maybe rethink. (Their manifesto commitments are printed in this issue of the magazine).

And on a Zoom call to Labour members a couple of weeks ago Sir Keir Starmer boasted that if he were in Government, the lockdown would have come earlier, with stricter controls.

*“I think if you look back, what you would have seen from a Labour government is a willingness to act more clearly and more decisively. So we were saying weeks ago that there should be strict controls, that it was clear that the infection was getting out of control, and that the government need to act more quickly and more decisively. And we would have done that.”*

At that actual time Starmer was staying very quiet, and his top team were loudly **opposing** calls for stricter measures.

Angela Rayner patted herself on the back during a Zoom conference for being elected Labour’s “*first female deputy leader*”. Margaret Beckett and Harriet Harman would like a word about that.



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**TOM PURSGLOVE, MP’s WEEKLY ADVICE  
SURGERIES**

Following government advice Tom’s surgeries are being held on line. Telephone 0020 7219 8043 to make an appointment. Regular surgeries will continue once we get through this period of difficulty.

**ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

Our regular meetings have been suspended during the lockdown. Our next Executive meeting was scheduled for 21st August but it is thought that could be too soon for many of our members. The next meeting after that is planned for 6 Nov 2020. Confirmation and venue will be notified to all Executive members via Mailchimp and email.

**Just a thought:** Hindsight is a wonderful gift. Peston seems to have it in abundance, now constantly asking why we didn’t do this, why we didn’t foresee that, etc., etc. He didn’t ask it at the time, of course. The government is doing its best in unprecedented circumstances and it is unlikely that an alternative government would have done any better.

# A NEW TYPE OF EVENT FOR THE FUTURE

Members have been notified over the last few weeks (via Mailchimp and email) of a number of events/discussions to which they were invited. These involve using Zoom software. Members need to register for Zoom in advance and on the day of the event the meeting ID is sent to those registering.



Image by Alexandra\_Koch from Pixabay

Recent discussions were with Iain Dale (*Is the Media biased?*) Charles Moore (*Margaret Thatcher*) and Liam Fox (*the 2020 US Election*). Members even had the opportunity to take part in an on-line Race Night. The event on Friday 10th July with LBC Broadcaster Iain Dale was a great success, raising over £600 for Conservative Associations who joined in promoting the event. Members representing 75 Conservative Associations throughout the UK joined our events.

Conservative Home offered a free online event with Daniel Hannan - author, campaigner and columnist. The discussion was on *The Future of Freedom*.

The events take place using Zoom software. To register for Zoom go to: <https://zoom.us/>

It is hoped members will try this new type of event which may lead the way for future interactive functions. Profit from ticket sales of the online events to our members are allocated to CENCA on a per ticket sold basis.

*(Even our Monarch, HM The Queen, has had a go at Zoom discussions and found them fun so why not try them yourself).*

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## CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE 2020

Due to the Coronavirus CCHQ have had to review how they could hold a traditional Conference in October this year.

**Following discussions with partners they have decided that the Conservative Party will host a Virtual Conference and move most of our conference in October online.**

CCHQ are excited to be working with partners and suppliers to produce the Virtual Conference and will provide further details shortly, with the full agenda going live in early September.

The Party's first priority is for the health and safety of members, delegates and attendees.

**The Virtual Conference will provide a fantastic opportunity for members to share ideas and hear from voices across the Party.**

Party Conference is a highlight of the political calendar and obviously many people will be disappointed if they can't attend Conference in person.

**Members who have already purchased passes to attend the Conference will receive an email with instructions in due course.**

**Just a thought:** The BBC has announced that £100m will be spent on 'diversity' within the organisation, focusing of course on diversity of skin colour rather than diversity of thought or background, whilst simultaneously cutting back local and regional news, radio and current affairs to save £25m. The Licence fee collected from six million pensioners will fund this nonsense.

# RAY JACKSON - CORONAVIRUS

232 June 2020

Being an elderly and sheltered person, I was delighted to receive 14 offers of help with my general care and shopping, 8 from church friends and 6 from village friends. Later on two very well composed emails came through the internet offering help. Having spent a lot of 2019 attending funerals I was surprised I knew so many people, but of course I met many during my career as an industrial gipsy, not only in Britain but also the Far East. I could not help noticing that while these friends were developing apolitical ideas or trying to fill up gaps in their knowledge by intense reading, they were full of life. Once the project ended, so did they despite my encouragement for them to keep going. This did not apply where there were grandchildren – not in my case.

So we seem to be blessed for living in a caring community. I wish I could feel as confident about the people protecting us from coronavarus. I have had my fun describing the managerial incompetence and naivete of cabinet ministers and all their professors who make promises and qualify them out of credibility only days later. We cannot do much more than watch these toffs continue to throw money away until hopefully one day they come up with a winner.

Orwell asked, "Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thought-crime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it".

Some words which are now unacceptable:

Woman, man, he, she, chairman, her, him, brainstorming, actress, coloured, retarded, sexy, manfully, mother-tongue.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** Britons have felt demoralised by attacks on innocuous traditions. Who wants to be told, after all, that they're bigots simply for singing Swing Slow, Sweet Chariot? An activity which has no ill-intent whatsoever. Much of this is due to the media treating Twitter, where far left opinions are rife, as reflective of the "real world" – and blowing them out of all proportion.

Maybe then, good responsible Conservatives will get together, gather up the few financial resources left to us and try to rebuild our constituency.

We have got form - Re-industrialization after steel closure - a remarkable achievement specially in the light of what our present leaders are doing. Imagine Kelvin Glendinning and Willie Maudsley, after a few jars, cross examining young cabinet ministers!

What we must do is to work out a rough plan about how we are going to find work for our 25 - 35 year olds. With the teachers being unable to find safe means of teaching, we may find youngsters presenting themselves for job interviews with no qualifications. 30 million people live within 100 miles of Corby. With that and HS2 should we become the Town which specialises in Transport? We have some successful businesses already to develop.

*Ray Jackson* 200 Club Chairman



*Ray Jackson*



The monthly draw for the 200 Club prize is delayed until the office is fully opened again when all outstanding draws will be made

Charlotte C Gill 24 Jun 2020

# A MESSAGE FROM RISHI SUNAK, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER



Our plan has a clear goal to protect, support and create jobs. It will give businesses the confidence to retain and hire. And create jobs in every part of our country, to give young people a better start.

**Governments, much less people, rarely get to choose the moments that define them. What choice there is comes in how we respond.**

Where problems emerge, we will confront them.

Where support is justified, we will provide it.

And where challenges arise, we will overcome them.

**Because for me this has never just been a question of economics, but of values.**

I believe in the nobility of work. I believe in the inspiring power of opportunity. I believe in the British people's fortitude and endurance.

And it is that value, endurance, more than any other we need to embody now.

**We will not be defined by this crisis but by our response to it.**

It is an unambiguous choice to make this moment a meaningful one for our country, which transcends the frustration of recent months.

It is a plan to turn our national recovery into millions of stories of personal renewal.

It is our plan for jobs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rishi Sunak".

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## BE WARNED - THERE ARE SCAMMERS ABOUT PRETENDING TO BE FROM THE NHS

And so it begins!

*'Good morning, I'm calling from the NHS track and trace service. According to our system, you are likely to have been in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This means that you need to self-isolate for 7 days and take a COVID-19 test.'*

*'OK, can you tell me who that person was?'*

*'I'm not able to tell you that as it confidential information.'*

*'Right. Um..so..'*

*'But you need to be tested within the next 72 hours. So can I just get the best mailing address so that we can send a kit to you.'*

*'OK (gives address.)'*

*'Thank you - and I just need to take a payment card so that we can finalize this and send the kit to you.'*

*'Sorry - a payment card? I thought this was all free?'*

*'No - I'm afraid not. There is a one-off fee of £50 for the kit and test results. Could you read off the long card number for me, please, when you are ready.'*

*'No - that's not right. This is part of the NHS so there's no charge.'*

*'I'm afraid there is. Can you give me the card number please - this is very important, and there are penalties for not complying.'*

Potential victim puts the phone down.

This is how scammers work. And vulnerable people will fall for it.

Don't be one of them.

# OF COURSE BLACK LIVES DO MATTER – BUT.....

Anyone worth listening to agrees that black lives matter. But what does the organisation 'Black Lives Matter' stand for? Worryingly, for the 34,000 Brits who have topped up **BLM UK's** coffers with over £1million in recent weeks, finding out is no easy task.

Despite being inundated with donations, BLM UK does not appear to have its own website and is not a registered charity. What's more, the group is resisting calls for it to become one. So why won't it? Their response: *'A charity structure would not allow us the freedom and flexibility to do our political work in the ways we wish to do them,'*

according to BLM UK. What then is that political work? Here are 11 things that BLM UK advocates that might make some supporters think twice about backing the organisation:

## 1. BLM wants to 'dismantle capitalism'

This objective might come as a shock to many of those who have donated to the BLM cause. It might come as a particular surprise to Premier League footballers like Man City's Kevin De Bruyne, whose shirt at Monday's game against Burnley was emblazoned with the organisation's slogan. De Bruyne is City's top earner and is paid £350,000 a week. It is unlikely he would fare as well without capitalism.

## 2. BLM says climate change is 'racist'

BLM's attempt to blockade Heathrow and London City airports in 2016 was greeted with widespread bemusement. Why was 'Black Lives Matter' trying to stop people going on holiday? The answer: *'Climate crisis is a racist crisis,'* the group said on its Twitter feed. *'Black people are the first to die, not the first to fly, in this racist climate crisis,'* it added.

## 3. BLM wants to abolish prisons

*'Prisons and detention centres should be abolished,'* BLM UK has said. It seems likely that Britain's 80,000 prisoners would approve, but do the thousands who have donated to BLM also back this policy? And what should happen to those convicted of violent crimes like murder if there are no prisons?

## 4. BLM wants to get rid of borders

*'Britain's borders are 'enforced by extreme violence,'* according to BLM UK, which proposes that open borders might be the answer.

## 5. BLM says unemployment is 'violence'

Not having a job is miserable, but is it really 'violence'? Yes, according to BLM UK.

## 6. BLM condemns stop and search

Tragically, a quarter of those killed with a knife in Britain last year were black. This is the highest proportion since records began more than twenty

years ago. Stop and search is far from perfect but it is a key strategy for police to ensure that more black teenagers don't have their lives cut short. Yet BLM describes an uptick in what it calls 'racist' stop and search as 'violence'.

## 7. BLM wants to get rid of the police

The group says it seeks to 'develop' and 'deliver...strategies for the abolition of police'

## 8. BLM says the government appointment of a Pakistani heritage woman is 'racist'

Munira Mirza is something of a great British success story. Mirza, a working-class northerner of Pakistani heritage, was the only pupil in her sixth form to win a place at Oxford. Mirza now heads up the No.10 policy unit. So how did BLM react when she was tasked by the PM with setting up a commission on racial inequality? *'This appointment is racist,'* BLM UK said.

## 9. BLM condemned the suffragettes

Suffragettes ultimately secured the vote for women in Britain. A progressive step? BLM UK doesn't appear to be convinced: *'Despite what you might've learned at school, many suffragettes were also working to advance White power,'* the organisation has tweeted.

## 10. BLM said Churchill is 'staunchly racist'

Without Churchill it seems all but certain that Britain would have lost the war to Nazi Germany. And yet while Churchill was clearly no saint, is it fair to describe him – as BLM does on its Facebook page – as *'staunchly racist'?*

## 11. BLM describes big charities as 'colonisers'

*'Big charities are nothing more than colonisers repackaged for the 21st century,'* according to BLM on its official UK Facebook page.

As a result of some of these policies, aims and statements coming to light, there is growing disquiet among supporters who have stumped up cash only to discover what BLM UK really stands for. BLM UK is also continuing to resist calls to be more transparent about its leadership because of concerns about a possible threat from far-right activists. Instead, in responding to questions about who runs it, BLM UK says: *'We assure you all organisers involved with BLM UK are Black (not politically black, Black and of the African and Caribbean diaspora) and the funds raised will be diligently used to transform the nature of Black life in the UK.'*

Will that be enough to reassure those people who agree that black lives matter but don't buy into the Black Lives Matter political project?

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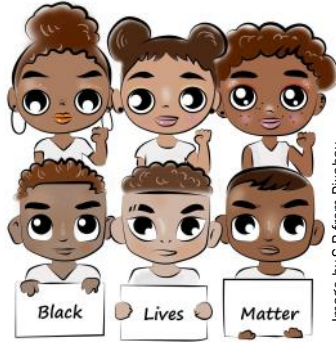


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## THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - 'POLITICIANS DON'T LISTEN TO US ANY MORE'

22 Jul 2020

As I write this article for the August edition of the newsletter, we are just about slowly but surely coming out of lockdown due to the pandemic which is Covid 19 sweeping across the world. Whilst we hear that our very unfortunate death rate due to the virus was one of the largest for the Western world (with the notable exception of the USA) I fear that now is not the time to try to examine what went right and more importantly what went wrong in the handling of this unfortunate time by our elected representatives.

I just hope that you will all remember to ask your MP to make sure that the publication of Operation Cygnus results from 2016 are part of the enquiry which is certain to come and must NOT be led by MPs.

Now to further serious issues. I really fear for several things occurring following the virus. Firstly, I believe that many, many firms and Companies will take the opportunity to use the virus as an excuse to cut labour and therefore throw millions out of work. I fear that customer facing businesses such as Banks will use this pandemic as an excuse to not face customers which will ultimately force us to on line services which are proved not to be safe. I fear for the 18 to 25 year olds, they will bear the brunt of the impending loss of jobs.

Overall when a cure or a vaccine is found for Covid 19 ,and the signs are excellent from our own scientific community, we will be in the biggest recession this country has ever seen in peace time. We are not alone, most countries will be in the same position. We cannot shy away from our responsibilities as citizens.

Tax will need to increase, and I suggest at a minimum we should accept the following, 1p on the rate of normal taxation, 3p on the rate of higher taxation and 5p on the rate for those earning in excess of £100,000 per annum. We all have a responsibility to help pay for this time and we must all accept this.



In addition, I have great concern for the Political elite. I fear that they no longer listen to us as citizens, and I fear that their views about us are that we are unable to think sensibly about any subject. They treat us like imbeciles.....but we need to always know the truth even if that hurts! When you can - tell them that!!

Finally. President Xi JinPing has elected himself for life, President Putin has elected himself until Twenty thirty-seven and President Trump has already said he will not accept the results of the next election in the USA if he doesn't win. I rest my case about the Political elite.

In these strange times, keep safe and enjoy the British summer. We have one of the greatest countries on earth, populated by some of the most able and brilliant brains on the planet - but we must energise ourselves to get back to where we once were and put ourselves back on the Global stage where we belong.

Very best wishes

MOG  
Bye for now,

**MOG**

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