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# **TOM PURSGLOVE RUNS AGAIN**

**Our Member of Parliament is running for charity in the London Marathon for the third time. Your support for Tom will be very much appreciated.**

# PHISHING/SCAM WATCH

Here are some of the latest scams to watch out for

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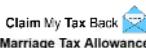
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## TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES

Following government advice Tom's surgeries are being held online. Telephone 020 7219 8043 to make an appointment. Regular surgeries will continue once we get through this period of difficulty.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** "I think it's time we stopped our cringing embarrassment about our history, about our traditions and about our culture. And we stop this general bout of self-recrimination and wetness". The PM continued: "They're trying to restrain me from saying this" but he concluded with: "I wanted to get that off my chest". Boris Johnson 24 August 2020

# Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)

28 Sep 2021

**Tom Pursglove MP** - There can be no other way to start this report other than to offer huge congratulations to Tom. As you will have seen in the recent cabinet reshuffle, Tom's skills, hard work, experience and energy

were recognised and rewarded with elevation to Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Ministry of Justice, jointly with Home Office). It is an enormous position with responsibility for issues such as illegal immigration, immigration enforcement, overseas development aid, sponsorship of Border Force, human rights, family law, tribunals and sentencing, to name but a few. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Tom.

**CENCA – Award Winners.** CCHQ have just announced the results of their "Association Incentive Scheme", the 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 third, just missing out on Second Place by one point. Well done to everyone who has played a part, particularly Ray Boyd and Rosemary Armstrong, in making our Association such an active and successful one.

**Afghanistan Refugees:** Council pledges support for Afghan refugees. None of us can have missed the news of the awful situation genuine Afghan families and refugees find themselves in at this moment in time. We owe a debt of gratitude to these refugees,



especially those who have put their lives in danger to help us. Despite what you may have read in the local press, North Northamptonshire Council have firmly committed to do whatever they can to support the Government in the resettlement process, and is already working with West Northamptonshire Council and partner agencies to help achieve that.

**Planning Reforms.** As highlighted in my November 2020 Chairman's Report, the Government had unveiled a white paper detailing its ideas for delivering new housing through changes to England's planning system. Many of us were unhappy with those proposals, very unhappy, and I know a number of us had sent in our comments and thoughts to the relevant Government Departments. Well, following the appointment of a new housing secretary in the recent cabinet reshuffle, Michael Gove has announced that he will pause those controversial planning reforms and meet with Conservative MPs who had been critical of them. Fingers crossed.

Take care all.

Onwards and Upwards!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee".

**Councillor Lee Wilkes**

Chairman – Corby & East Northamptonshire  
Conservative Association

**WE ARE THE NUMBER THREE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION IN THE WHOLE OF THE EAST MIDLANDS - SO WE TRY HARDER**

# OFFICE OPENING TIMES UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM RAY BOYD AT YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE

The Corby Conservative Club has opened fully and we are able to man the office at the Club once again from Monday to Friday from 11am to 1pm.

Outside office hours you can reach me at:

Email: ray.boyd@talktalk.net. The office email address is: office@cenca.co.uk. Both email addresses are monitored 7 days a week.

The office telephone is manned during the above hours. My home telephone is: 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. 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**



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

You can email the editor, Ray Boyd at  
ray.boyd@talktalk.net  
All emails will be acknowledged.

## 200 CLUB NEWS

Cheques have been sent out the winners of all our draws from January last year to August this year. **This was a total of £750 in prize money!**

***The Lucky winner of the September Draw for £25 was Mrs Sue Singlehurst. (No 15)***

Now is your chance to be one of our lucky winners. The cost is just £15 for the year with eleven monthly prizes of £25 and two big prizes of £100 and £50 in our annual draw in February. Just set up an annual standing order for this amount and your name will be entered in every draw.



We also hold our Annual Lunch in February each year where you will get a chance to meet other members and make new friends. Our Member of Parliament usually attends and has a chat with everyone.

If you are interested in joining for £15 a year please contact Ray Boyd at the office or simply notify your bank to join via a standing order. If you prefer to pay by cheque annually that is okay. Just send your cheque for £15 made payable to CENCA to Corby & E Northants Conservative Association, Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 1SZ

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**Just a thought:** A. "I think woke culture is exceptionally dangerous. "What it actually comes down to is the suppression of free speech.

Ann Widdecombe 3 Sep 2021

# OUR TOM RUNS FOR CHARITY AGAIN

As you will know, I've long been passionate about the benefits of getting out there and getting active for health and wellbeing - a big focus of my local work this autumn, spurred on by running the London Marathon again in early October! Having run it twice before, there is a sense of trepidation again about the scale of the task ahead and the need to somehow get round the 26.2 miles of the course..... Basically, I know just how much it hurts in those last 6 or so miles!

This time, I'm fundraising for the brilliant local Corby & East Northamptonshire charity, the Mintridge Foundation (<https://www.mintridgefoundation.org.uk/>), who inspire young people to get into sport by taking athletes and sports stars into schools, and Justice and Care (<https://justiceandcare.org/>), who do important work with human trafficking victims who have been through unthinkable trauma, supporting them to come forward and rebuild their lives.



In the past, the support of local members has been incredible in helping me to reach my fundraising target and with everything that has been going on of late, I am a little behind with getting started with my fundraising appeal. And so I'd really love your support to boost my training as we approach the big day and to raise a great sum to help these charities carry on their vital work! You can find my fundraising page, here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TomPursglove>



As ever, thank you so much for all your help, support and encouragement - and wish me luck!

With best wishes,

*Tom*

Tom Pursglove MP  
Member of Parliament for Corby & East Northamptonshire

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 magazine contributors are obviously their own opinion and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conservative Party, our members, the Association or its management.

# RAY JACKSON - 'DO WE NOT CARE ANYMORE?'

29 Sep 2021

How depressing it is to read that 20% of our fellow countrymen are refusing to be vaccinated against Covid. And even more depressing that a high percentage of our friends in Corby are behaving in the same way. Despite exhortations of people like Dr. Watt of the Great Oakley Centre on television pointing out vaccination is the best way to end the crisis, intelligent, normal people with some appreciation of science from their schooldays continue to put their friends and themselves at risk.

It cannot be fecklessness, careless, self importance (I am too busy to get involved). It is selfishness. So medical staff at KGH are putting their lives at risk every day. Nationally 100 people die every day. In the past faced with such a crisis the cry would be '*We must all act together for king and country to preserve our way of life*'. Many would still think sacrificing their lives would be the greatest expression of love for their neighbour.

Are we now such a morally poor, unprincipled country that we do not care anymore. Let us not put our neighbour's children at risk, perhaps kill them. We used to be a great, civilised caring nation, mourning everyone killed in the war and erecting monuments and honouring them. Our nation has changed. It seems we could not care less about our neighbours. We probably do not even think about it, but we are quite content to risk our neighbours' lives.

And now to politics. All employers know that the satisfaction of receiving a pay increase lasts only about six weeks before the need for another increase comes in. It applies to us all.

The government made masses of money available to people whose jobs were threatened and it was a magnificent and totally unexpected award. But it will impoverish us for decades to come. Some papers are now describing us as lapdogs to the United States, penniless and without substance.



*Ray Jackson*

But it was a necessary action by a sensible government. even though it has hollowed us out. We are going to hear every government department screaming for cash, just to keep going. Education would seem to be the first in the queue.

The Labour Party sees the easy way out by guaranteeing every worker £15/hour, thus pricing out of the market those new companies that are trying to get established and of course setting the tone for the government to become the national paymaster. Brexit has created lots of jobs and job opportunities. Many companies want to rebuild their staff numbers. Leaders will be particularly valuable. It is going to be difficult. But the six weeks are up, but there will not be any more handouts. The government has to try to recover what it can, minimising harm.

*Ray Jackson*

President and 200 Club organiser

**Just a Thought :** The invasion of Iraq was Britain's gravest foreign policy mistake since Suez, and probably before. Our involvement in the occupation of Afghanistan was the second gravest. Both were the fault of war-criminal Tony Blair who seems to lack either shame or insight.

Rod Liddle 25 Aug 2021

# TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

JOINTLY AT THE HOME OFFICE AND THE MINISTRY OF  
JUSTICE

26 Sep 2021

A new ministerial role within Government - excited to get to work on what are key local priority issues!

On the 17th September, I was hugely honoured to be asked by the Prime Minister to join the Home Office and Ministry of Justice as a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State. The hard work began straight away, with a thorough induction and the process of taking the flagship Nationality & Borders Bill through its Committee Stage in the House of Commons has already begun. It is an enormous honour and a privilege to be asked to serve - with so much important work to do and no time to waste. Whilst the challenges ahead are daunting, I'm really looking forward to working with both Secretaries of State and new ministerial colleagues to deliver on various key promises we made at the General Election - and promises that really matter to local people.

For context, a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State is one of three rankings of Ministers and are given specific areas of a department's work as their portfolio. In my case, I am responsible for immigration compliance, victims and witnesses, miscarriages of justice, marriage and divorce, and coroners and death management. So a large and varied amount of work to get stuck into, with responsibility for at least three pieces of significant new legislation.

I am acutely mindful that these areas of the Government's agenda are all crucially important and impact on the day-to-day lives of people up and down our country. One particular area that has been the focus of my mailbag recently as a constituency MP has been the number of small boats crossing the

English Channel from France, facilitated by evil criminal gangs and putting lives in grave danger - my number one priority now as the Minister is to tackle it and put those criminal gangs out of business once and for all, by making this route to our country unviable. Many of the measures in the Nationality & Borders Bill are vitally important to achieving just that.

Importantly, there is no doubt that the United Kingdom has a very proud record of helping those fleeing persecution, oppression, or tyranny from around the world. The Home Office's 'New Plan for Immigration' seeks to retain this compassionate approach and combine it with increased fairness, firmness and efficiency. I welcome the ambition to see an asylum system based on need, to better protect and support those who require our help most. The Government is also seeking to strengthen the safe and legal routes for refugees with this new approach, fixing historic anomalies in British nationality law. I am also pleased that the Government is committed to ensuring that resettlement programmes are responsive to emerging international crises and that persecuted minorities are represented. The plan also assists refugees once they have settled in the UK through support to integrate into society and help accessing employment and sponsorship programmes.

However, I understand that many people in this country feel that the current asylum regime is open to abuse. I agree that the system is too inflexible and rigid.



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I also appreciate the frustration felt by many regarding vexatious claims in the asylum system. I therefore welcome the fact that at the heart of the new plan is the simple principle of fairness. I agree with the Home Secretary that access to the UK's asylum system should be based on need, not on the ability to pay people smugglers.

I know many of my constituents have felt that if an individual illegally enters the UK via a safe country where they could have claimed asylum, they are not seeking refuge from imminent peril, but are choosing the UK as a preferred destination over others. Therefore, for the first time, whether an individual has entered the UK legally or illegally will have an impact on how their asylum claim progresses, and on their status in the UK if that claim is successful. Those who succeed with claims having entered illegally will receive a new temporary protection status rather than an automatic right to settle; will be regularly reassessed for removal from the UK; will have limited family reunion rights; and will have no recourse to public funds except in cases of destitution.

As I say, I am pleased that the Government has introduced the Nationality & Borders Bill which is the cornerstone of delivering on the 'New Plan for Immigration'. This Bill has introduced fundamental reforms so that those who enter the UK illegally will find it harder to stay. Crucially, the Home Secretary has been consistently clear that illegal immigration facilitated by serious organised criminals must be stopped. These criminal networks are exploiting people and making money from human misery. I welcome the action already underway to tackle this issue and the extensive cooperation between the UK and our partners in Europe that is taking place - some of which I saw for myself down in Dover last week. However, clearly more action is required and it is encouraging that the

Government is doing so through this new plan, such as introducing measures to widen existing powers to tackle those facilitating illegal immigration - through acts like piloting small boats - including raising the maximum sentence for facilitation to life imprisonment.

As part of taking this Bill through the House, detailed oral evidence sessions have been held and I fielded my first question at the Despatch Box in the House of Commons to provide clarity on specific aspects of the Bill - and all in my first week! But all of this scrutiny is vital to ensuring our plans are properly scrutinised before becoming law and I will be leading the line-by-line scrutiny for the Government after the conference recess concludes.

Of course, my work as the Member of Parliament for Corby & East Northamptonshire continues uninterrupted, having recently visited Brigstock to understand more about the flooding that occurred last winter and the mitigations required to prevent future such occurrences, speaking at a recent 'Love Corby' business event, as well as meeting with residents as part of my weekly advice surgeries and I also continue to respond to thousands of letters and emails each month personally. Clearly, I have my work cut out, but I'm up for the challenge and deeply honoured to have been entrusted with such important work - I actually think it is very exciting that our community is represented around the table when reaching decisions on so many of the key issues that local people care about and on which they wish to see action.

**Tom Pursglove** Member of Parliament  
for Corby & East Northamptonshire

**Just a Thought:** What is your sex? It's a simple question. But, according to guidance for the 2022 Scottish census residents can answer what they think best. It says: '*If you are transgender the answer you give can be different from what is on your birth certificate. You do not need a Gender Recognition Certificate.*' So Scotland won't actually know how many of each sex they have.



# Northamptonshire PFCC

## Stephen Mold's Newsletter

22 Sep 2021

Last month, I joined fellow Commissioners from around the country at a meeting with The Prime Minister Boris Johnson at Downing Street. The briefing focussed on the Government's new Beating Crime Plan, which sets out its strategic approach to cutting serious violence and neighbourhood crime, including burglary and anti-social behaviour. A panel discussion that included Home Secretary Priti Patel and Policing Minister Kit Malthouse, covered the wider criminal justice

system, early intervention and work with young people, and police pay. During this meeting, I was able to explain the success of Northamptonshire Police's approach to burglary: The Force already visits all victims of domestic burglary and gives the crime a focus that has significantly reduced the number of incidents in the county. I also took the opportunity to talk about our focus on young people and early intervention to improve life chances and prevent crime from happening in the first place.

I was pleased to hear the Government's commitment to ensuring that every element of the criminal justice system needs to work together to ensure swift and speedy justice for victims and for people accused of crime. The Government's Beating Crime Plan puts such a focus on PCCs working with partners to prevent reoffending and to stop crime from happening in the first place, and I welcome that. In Northamptonshire, we are already working hard to create safer communities and to focus on preventing young people from becoming involved in crime, with other projects including the Youth Team and the tri-service Emergency Services Cadets. It was great to hear the Prime Minister restate his commitment to policing and to tackling crime and I look forward to getting on and working with partners, to make that happen.

We now have more police officers than ever before, and I am committed to making sure that they provide high quality services that keep Northamptonshire safe and make its residents feel safer than ever.

Working in partnership with the Chief Constable, there is an increased focus on neighbourhood policing, with named officers in all rural and urban communities and a greater focus on community



safety activity. As part of this work, I also want to see work to reduce the harm from domestic abuse and on early intervention to protect children and prevent crime.

The renewed focus on neighbourhood policing has taken a further step further as we now have 94 Police Constables, 83 PCSOs, almost 20 Sergeants and 4 Inspectors on our Neighbourhood policing teams as at the end of August. In addition to this, new liveried vehicles have been introduced to help teams become more visible and accessible in their local communities. The additional officers and new vehicles are part of the changes to local policing I announced earlier in the year, which will see the number of neighbourhood constables increase from 50 to 100 by mid-2022, with the ambition for a further 60 by 2023. The increase in officer numbers means, for the first time, a cohort of new recruits will begin their policing career in a neighbourhood team. I know how important it is to people that their police are truly local – visible, accessible and focussing on the crime that matters to them where they live and work. We have the benefit of more than 200 extra officers in the past four years, with more than 100 still to be recruited by 2023 and I am determined that we now make the most of this and get more police out on the beat and into the heart of the community. I am delighted to see the new recruits begin their policing career in such a vital role.

The doubling of Northamptonshire's ANPR network has resulted in 340 arrests, serious criminals thwarted, and a clear message that this county is a hostile place for criminals. ANPR – Automatic

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## Stephen Mold—continued>>>

Number Plate Recognition – reads the registration of passing vehicles and checks them across several databases, raising the alert if a vehicle is stolen or linked to crime. In December 2020, we announced that 150 new camera sites would be installed across Northamptonshire to increase coverage across rural areas and major towns as well as on the county borders. The £1.3 million investment has achieved significant results in the past eight months with 340 arrests made, 627 vehicle seizures, 310 intelligence-led searches, and 1026 traffic offences identified.

Some highlights included:

In May 2021, a property was burgled, and several firearms, items of jewellery and a quantity of cash were stolen. A male was identified through police inquiries and his vehicle added to ANPR systems. The vehicle was subsequently stopped by officers and the suspect arrested for burglary.

In May 2021, a vehicle linked to multiple thefts of purses from elderly victims in the Lincolnshire area activated a camera entering Northamptonshire. Officers responded to the ANPR hit and managed to stop it in Welford Road, Northampton. Three men were arrested and taken into custody, undoubtedly preventing further offences.

In June 2021, police received reports of an altercation in Northampton. Officers attended and found a male with multiple stab wounds. Quick actions by officers at the scene identified a vehicle that had been used in the offence. The vehicle's registration was added to the ANPR system which was then subsequently stopped by armed officers. One male in the vehicle was arrested for grievous bodily harm.

In July 2021, one of the new ANPR Intel Officers identified a vehicle containing a missing 15-year-old girl at risk of CSE which we stopped and found her to be in company with a man in his 60s. He was promptly arrested for child abduction.

The results that have been achieved through our investment in additional ANPR capacity speak for themselves. These additional ANPR cameras and staff members are a fantastic resource, supporting Northamptonshire Police officers and staff in their work to target people who come to the county to commit crime and cause harm. These success stories show how the appropriate use of technology is helping Northamptonshire Police to deny

criminals the use of our county's roads. Good work is taking place across the county to prevent crime and support victims, and I am pleased to see that our investment in ANPR is playing an important part in making Northamptonshire safer.



I am also proud of the work we have undertaken to invest in and improve the Fire and Rescue Service. Ten transferees have now been welcomed to the Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue family which I funded in addition to 20 recruits that were needed earlier this year to replace outgoing staff. The ten firefighters will now be working out of Daventry and Rushden fire stations, having recently completed their intensive training at the fire training centre in Chelveston.

Of the ten starters, three had served as on-call firefighters in Northamptonshire but wanted to make the role full-time – while seven have moved from other services in the country. The move also offers an alternative job path for many of them, with previous careers of the new intake including spells working in logistics, the food industry and the Royal Air Force. It's really exciting to welcome ten new recruits to Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service. We made a commitment to the people of Northamptonshire that we would make them even safer. It's really pleasing to hear these new recruits say they joined us because the fire service is on the move and is a good place to come and work.

As ever, I am always happy to provide any help or assistance and can be contacted at:  
[commissioner@northantspfcc.gov.uk](mailto:commissioner@northantspfcc.gov.uk)

**Stephen Mold**

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend at CENCA'S Annual Christmas Lunch

to be held at Corby Conservative Club, Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 1SZ  
at 1pm on Friday 3rd December 2021

Corby & E Northants Conservative Association

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Homemade Vegetable Soup

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Apple Pie & Custard

Coffee & Mints

Vegetarian option available

Speakers

**Tom Pursglove MP**

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for  
Home Office and Ministry of Justice

Plus a Guest Speaker to be announced

After having to cancel last year's Christmas Lunch due to the lockdown it is good to be able to announce that we are going ahead with the function this year.

The cost is just £21 per person  
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**A report from our youngest member of the Unitary Council  
Councillor Macaulay Andrew Nichol (Corby Rural)**

During August I visited both Stanion village and Corby old village to respond to reports of fly tipping and overgrown greenery. It is always important that we continue to tackle any sort of litter tipping, as we are all united in wanting to see our streets/paths nice and tidy.

I have recently attended the recent Stanion Parish Council (SPC) public meeting, which was assembled so that residents could discuss solutions to address the increasing crime rate in the village. It was absolutely amazing to see such a high turnout on a Sunday and I thank everyone who joined us for this very important discussion. There is still a lot of work to be done, however I am extremely confident that alongside Den Palmer and the SPC, we can come up with prompt and viable response to tackle this issue - as soon as possible.

I have decided to begin a series of catch up canvassing sessions around Corby Rural. This is so that I can give updates to residents predominately about what has been going on within the North Northamptonshire Council (NNC), as well as more specific updates on their local areas. I have spoken to a lot to residents about the amazing achievements that the NNC has already accomplished in its short time, this includes our fight against climate change, our many health and well-being events which has taken place all around North Northamptonshire, including here in Corby, with East Carlton and the West Glebe hosting a series of activities. It also gives me a lot of pleasure to inform residents that the NNC has join forces with domestic abuse charities, this campaign aims to bring down domestic abuse rates all across the county. Tackling domestic abuse is a serious priority for North Northants and it is so important that support is there for everyone, so I welcome this announcement and I am happy to see NNC take urgent action.



# Conservative Policy Forum

The CPF has now arranged topics of interest which will be put forward for inclusion for our future discussions.

Now, more so than ever before, there is a genuine recognition at the top of the party that members views need to be sought and heard: 4-out-of-7 commitments in the Party's 2019 election manifesto can be traced back to ideas proposed by CPF members.

The topics for our next consultations papers will be:

**1st Nov 2022 - 16th Jan 2022 Planning and Housing**

**17th Jan 2022 - 20th Mar 2022 : Jobs and Pensions**

Our CPF Chairman, George Whittaker, plans to hold our next meeting in November when we will be discussing the red-hot topic of Planning and Housing. It should be an interesting meeting.

Please let the office know if you would like to be included and details of the briefing papers will be supplied to you together with the venue and date of our next meeting.

**As always, all members and friends are invited to our meetings which are friendly and informal and do provide feedback for the Party.**

## Summary of CPF consultation on the Union & Constitution

90 CPF groups from 159 constituencies met to discuss this topic. A detailed summary has been forwarded to the Party Leadership.

### Benefits of the Union most commonly identified by members during their discussions were:

Shared defence and security, a shared internal market, a shared currency and banking system, greater shared international influence, a shared history and heritage, shared opportunities for trade, shared risk and prosperity.

An overwhelming majority of groups believe that (i) metro mayors add a costly layer of bureaucracy for less accountability and

(ii) PCCs have weakened Police powers to act.

A majority (56%) expressed concerns over the Supreme Court making political decisions and moving away from common law, effectively making it a proscriptive Constitutional Court.

Two-in-three groups (68%) said the number of peers should be significantly reduced.

Half (48%) said that peers should be appointed, not elected and a similar percentage called for term limits on how long individuals may serve in the Lords.

In contrast, one-in-nine (11%) expressed support for at least a portion to be elected One-in-three (34%) said that the upper house should be more representative.

There were also a number of interesting comments on this topic and they can be read on the CPF website.

## CPF RECOMMENDED READING

CPF members were asked: 'If you could recommend just one book for others in the CPF to read over the summer, what would it be?'

Thank you to everyone who participated. The following authors were each mentioned at least three times by different contributors:

Laura Dodsworth: A State of Fear: How the UK Government Weaponised Fear During the COVID-19 Pandemic (May 2021)

Penny Mordaunt and Chris Lewis: Greater: Britain after The Storm (May 2021)

George Orwell: 1984 / Animal Farm / England Your England

Isabel Hardman: Why We Get the Wrong Politicians (Sept 2018)

Iain Dale: The Prime Ministers (Nov 2020)

Andrew Roberts: Churchill: Walking with Destiny (Oct 2018)

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## **OUR MAILBAG**

Dear Editor,

Whatever is happening to education at school? Now 73 years of age, I was taught to descale, gut fish, pluck and remove inners of feathered game before cooking, prepared fresh vegetables, do household accounts, had a flat in my last year on school premises, borrowed a baby for 2 days/nights and was taught to learn all involved in domestic science over a month, [I agree no borrowed baby should be allowed now]. 16 years later my children's cookery class's list for next week's domestic science lesson consisted of tinned foods!! Now Health and Safety means so much can't happen anymore.

Do our children, be they male or female, get any home management lessons at all to educate them?

Most schoolteachers for too long a time are classed as 'Mates' rather than educators, any education minister of any party must get to grips with sorting out our children's futures, our senior school children have been 'part timers' for too long, and they are being prepared for working hours at all. Good to see many schools have gone back to dropping the first name address for teachers and requiring them to be addressed as 'Sir' or 'Miss'. This teaches respect.

I have to agree with all MOG's page in the last magazine, Conservatives must get a grip on local issues here in Corby and surrounding areas for ordinary people - not just big businesses albeit they are important, more inclusivity for your local Conservative members too - not just those who are better off financially when it hopefully comes back to fundraising events after Covid 19.

Dee Davies

28 Sep 2021

**A LOVELY EMAIL TRYING TO EXTRACT MONEY**  
Greetings! I have to share bad news with you. Approximately few months ago I have gained access to your devices, which you use for internet browsing. After that, I have started tracking your internet activities. One week later, I have already installed Trojan virus to Operating Systems of all the devices that you use to access your email.

I have downloaded all your information, data, photos, web browsing history to my servers. I have access to all your messengers, social networks, emails, chat history and contacts list. While gathering information about you, I have discovered that you are a big fan of adult websites, and all your videos will be shared to your friends, colleagues and relatives.

Let's settle it this way:

You transfer \$1650 USD to me (in bitcoin equivalent according to the exchange rate at the moment of funds transfer), and once the transfer is received, I will delete all this dirty stuff right away.

## **GREAT STUFF—PITY ABOUT THEIR ENGLISH**

Dear Tom ,

I just wanted to say that despite all the criticism of the Prime Minister's tax plans I am sure that many, many Tories et al do understand the very simple question we all have to face which the Pandemic has caused us and all countries to have huge new debts which of course need to be paid for. How do the critics think this will be done—by magic ?

Income tax and other taxes are low compared to earlier years and 1.25 percent on NI is hardly astronomical .

Boris and yourself are doing a great job !

Yours sincerely,

ABH

5 Sep 2021

Dear Sir,

I am unhappy with the way the government is supporting the Green agenda and the spread of Wokeness. I am now switching my loyalty to another party..

Sincerely GBF 30 Aug 2021

*Editor: A quick check of our records reveals that this resident has always flagged up as 'Against'*

# CORBY CONSERVATIVE CLUB NEWS

The Club is now fully open for business. Our first big event since the lockdown ended was our August Bank Holiday Trailer Gig and it showed that our members and friends are just itching for this type of event.

## AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY AT THE CLUB



Photo: Glen Rodden

A tremendous crowd enjoyed an afternoon and evening of great music with not only the restaurant extremely busy but our outdoor Barbecue serving food as fast as they could cook. Member Grant Cassidy donated his time and the food for the BBQ.

The Club has seen 90% of existing members renewing with new members joining every week. And those joining in October will get free membership for 2022 so this is a great time to join.

The Club has around 1,000 members and each one pays us a small subscription and is an Associate member. Currently our Association donates this fee to the Club.

On a serious note: like all pubs and clubs the Corby Conservative Club is having to try lots of different ways to attract its members. For the last 18 months so many

people have got used to the idea of just buying a few cans from the supermarket, renting a SKY film and just staying in now. It is a huge task to get everyone back into the habit of visiting their local but unless we can do this so many of our traditional venues will be converted into soulless blocks of flats.

The Corby Conservative Club has some unique features which must make a visit worthwhile:

1. **Very** low bar prices
2. Extra **large** spirit measures as standard
3. A really **nice**, clean environment fully updated during the lockdown
4. Super **hygienic** toilets
5. Full disabled access to all rooms

**The Club Restaurant:** The Club's chef has now moved on and a new chef takes over from mid-October. The Club has a fine reputation for good food and the new chef promises to make sure he maintains and even improves on this. You can phone on 01536 203711 or just check on the Club's Facebook page for more information.

Association members could help the Club considerably in two ways:

1. Perhaps consider joining the Club. (Do it now to get free membership next year).
2. Make use of the Club once it reopens.

We have already booked our Christmas Lunch to be held at the Club in December. Details are elsewhere in this magazine.

You can find details of how to join the Club and see what facilities are on offer at:

[www.the-cons.co.uk](http://www.the-cons.co.uk)

When Raunds Conservative Club announce their opening plans members will be advised via Mailchimp.



Photo: R. Ward

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

To minimise local administration, the Voluntary Party's Membership Committee has recommended that no new **local** Standing Orders or Bank Transfers are set up from now on. They advise associations to direct members to pay through Direct Debit or Credit/Debit Card (online or via the CCHQ Membership Team). Please note, the money received by Associations remains the same whether payments are made centrally or locally. Existing members coming up for renewal will be asked to transfer their payments to CCHQ. So if you know of someone who would like to join please ask them to go to:

[www.conservatives.com/join](http://www.conservatives.com/join)

# THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - 'BUYING A HOME HAS NEVER BEEN EASY'

11 Sep 2021

I sincerely hope that you've all had a good summer, although August was a bit of a miserable month with no sun – let's hope for a better spell of weather in October.

As I write this, Covid infections are rising, although thankfully this does not seem to be reflected, as it was in the first two waves, to hospitalisation and deaths.

The vaccine rollout has undoubtedly been one of the high points of the Conservative Government - although I like to reserve my praises for the researchers and the medical profession who were instrumental in that success.

Well, we now see what the Government is doing about the social care crisis, although after studying the comments, I fear some 'smoke and mirrors' are at play and in fact the crisis will not be solved but yet again kicked down the path - albeit the ball they are kicking is getting smaller..... When will all politicians not realise that with rising population (as has been occurring for the last 20 years) that the NHS needs to be funded accordingly, as indeed do the Police, Border Control and Social Services - but they are a different topic.

I cannot see how we can cry about the 'miserable plight' of the young having to shoulder the increase in taxes.

I worked out that on the average UK wage, anyone who enjoys an evening out would just need to sacrifice one drink to compensate for the rise in NI.

And I am heartily sick of hearing about the 'rich pensioners'.



If a pensioner is forced to live on what the state provided then that is about £8,000 per annum - less than a third of the average wage.

Yes, there are pensioners who have incomes considerably in excess of this ,but they have provided these incomes for themselves by saving personally into a pension pot or paying into a Company pension scheme.

I could go on, and on, and on about the sacrifices my generation and that before had to make to achieve the wealth they have in their homes - no Sharm el Sheik holidays, no television and mobile fees of £1200 per year, no spending £100 on a Friday night out etc. etc. And who will get their money at the end - the young!

Now I'll turn to the head of the Met Police. Should she still be in post? Why has our Home secretary not shown the guts I thought she had and sorted this - perhaps there's something we don't know.....wheels within wheels and all that. I sincerely hope that Priti Patel will think hard about this and do something soon.

I wish you a happy, safe and enjoyable autumn - keep spending to fuel the economy, Rishi will love you.

## MOG

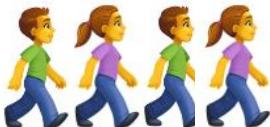
MOG's comments are obviously his own opinion which do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conservative Party, our members, the Conservative Association or its management.

MOG is a long-time active, subscribing member of the Party in another Northants constituency

**Just a thought:** There's a trusty slogan for any business that chases tedious Left-wing themes of social justice instead of doing what we pay them to do. **'Get woke, go broke.'**

Amanda Platell 31 Jul 2021

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