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## KEIR STARMER & LABOUR HAVE VOTED AGAINST:

- ⊗ WHOLE LIFE SENTENCES FOR CHILD MURDERERS
- ⊗ PREVENTING EARLY RELEASE OF SEX OFFENDERS
- ⊗ TOUGHER SENTENCING FOR ROAD-BLOCKING PROTESTERS
- ⊗ KEEPING RAPISTS IN PRISON FOR LONGER
- ⊗ DOUBLING SENTENCES FOR ASSAULTING NHS WORKERS

Source: Hansard—House of Commons



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Emily Thornberry said she doesn't think Sir Keir is up to the job. Just a few years ago she said she was 'disappointed in the Crown Prosecution Service' for letting down victims of rape and sexual abuse. And who was responsible for prosecutions at the time?

Sir Keir Starmer – and he hasn't changed.

He's the same man that saw convictions for sex offences plummet.

He's the same man who attended 21 meetings, where they decided not all child sex offenders should go to prison.

And he's the same man that stopped the removal of dangerous foreign criminals.

Starmer's a risk – and he's one risk that we just can't afford to take.

**HALVE INFLATION | GROW THE ECONOMY | REDUCE DEBT | CUT WAITING LISTS | STOP THE BOATS**

# PHISHING/SCAM WATCH

Phishing emails should be reported to the National Cyber Security Centre on  
**report@phishing.gov.uk**

Please report every one of them. It is our weapon to stop the scammers

## AMAZON CALLS OR EMAILS

Watch out for Amazon impersonation scams.

Amazon says it has initiated takedowns of more than 20,000 phishing websites and 10,000 phone numbers that were being used for impersonation scams. Additionally, it says it has referred hundreds of suspected scammers to police forces around the world.

**SCAM**

It has contacted customers to warn them of the growing threat of impersonation scams, and recommends following these tips to stay safe:

Don't install apps or software Amazon will never ask you to install anything on your device to get a refund or help from customer service.

Don't pay over the phone Amazon will never ask you to provide payment information for products or services over the phone.

Don't be rushed - Scammers may try to create a sense of urgency to rush you into making decisions without thinking them through.

Verify orders with Amazon Check the 'Your Orders' section on Amazon's website or the Amazon Shopping app. Amazon won't call, text or email you about orders you aren't expecting.

## McAfee emails warning

**SCAM**

There has been a huge increase in email scams warning of McAfee expiry dates which urge users to click to update.

Do not click on these or not only will you be urged to pay an enrolment fee but your home page will be bombarded with popups making it impossible to use your computer.

You can sign up for email scam warnings by searching: **which scam alert service**

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## INFECTED ONENOTE

**SCAM**

Watch out for Infected OneNote documents Microsoft OneNote is being used by hackers to deliver malware.

OneNote files can be identified by their ".one" or ".onepkg" file extensions.

Since January there has been a 41% increase in the number of attacks that use OneNote in the UK.

Be extremely careful when opening OneNote documents attached to unexpected emails.

An example is below – Do Not Open this.



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**OPEN**

# Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)

18 May 2023

Dear Members,

A very good day to you all.

As discussed at the last AGM, my focus over the next few months will be to organise the Approvals Panels for prospective Councillors at the next Council elections in 2025, in line with the "Procedure for the Selection of Local Government Candidates". In summary what this means is compiling a list of people who would like to be considered as a candidate, issuing and then collecting application forms, organising an Approvals Committee who will interview each candidate, and then producing a short list of approved candidates for local members to make a final selection from.

Whilst our incumbent Councillors may wish to be considered for the next election, we would also like to hear from any of our members who have an interest in potentially becoming a candidate and serving their local community.

We welcome all candidates who care about representing local people's views and looking after the interests of their local area.

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In 2025 North Northants Council (and indeed local Town and Parish Councils) will elect Councillors to serve their local community and you could be part of our strong, supportive and friendly team of Conservative Councillors and campaigners. If you are interested in finding out more about what might be involved, we want to hear

from you.

## Who may be a candidate?

To stand for your local council you must be over 18 years of age AND a British citizen; a Commonwealth citizen; a qualifying EU citizen; or an EU citizen with retained rights, AND resident in the UK.

In addition, one of the following criteria must apply to you:

You must be and continue to be a local government elector for the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both nomination day and the day of the election, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area of the local authority.

OR

Your principal or only place of work in the twelve months preceding your nomination day and the day of election must have been in the area of the local authority.

OR

You must have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding both your nomination day and the day of the election resided in the area of the local authority.

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Chairman's Report – continued>>>

### Do I know enough to stand for election?

Don't underestimate your own abilities. Each councillor will have something different to offer the council and you will not be expected to take direct responsibility for running the council on the first day that you are elected.

Your main qualifications are a genuine concern for the community and a willingness to learn. Knowledge and experience will soon follow.

Have I the time to be a councillor?

The time commitment involved in being a councillor will vary depending on the responsibilities you decide to take on. Many councillors have work and family commitments as well as other interests which they successfully balance with their role as a councillor.

So, if you'd like to find out more, please email me at [office@cenca.co.uk](mailto:office@cenca.co.uk)

Onwards and Upwards!

Yours,

**Councillor Lee Wilkes**

Chairman – Corby & East

Northamptonshire Conservative Association



If you would like to contact the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, please write to: The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA

## NATIONAL LIVING WAGE

# INCREASED

Largest ever rise

for 2.9 million workers who will benefit from a 9.7% increase - worth £1,600 for a full time worker.

 Conservatives



## OUR OFFICE OPENING TIMES

A MESSAGE FROM RAY BOYD AT YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE

The office is open from Monday to Friday from 11am to 1pm. Outside office hours you can reach me at: Email: [office@cenca.co.uk](mailto:office@cenca.co.uk). This email address is monitored seven 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 as there is a spam filter fitted). If I am unavailable please leave a message and I will get back to you. Please check the website for office closure dates.

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**

**Just a Thought:** Labour Leader Keir Starmer put his £2000-a-week chauffeur driven car on expenses while Head of the Crown Prosecution Service.

(Source: The Independent 14 Apr 2023)

# IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS IF THESE PEOPLE GOT INTO POWER

## LABOUR'S HIDDEN MANIFESTO—PART 2

In the last issue of our magazine you will have read of Starmer's Hidden Manifesto. Now we have an update of further secret plans they are working on.

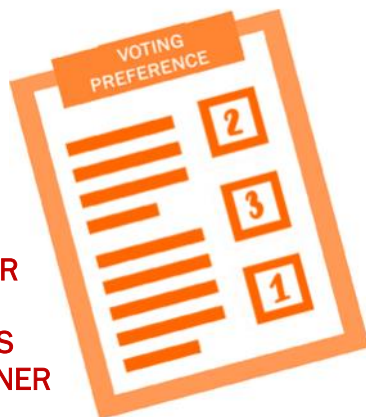
It has been reported that Starmer, and many of his party, did not want us to leave the EU. And they remain secretly committed to reversing Brexit. So we have three new very serious dangers.

Let's look at these aims:

- If Labour wins next year, they plan to give the vote to around 6 million of EU nationals, ie: foreign voters. In Scotland, the SNP lowered the Scottish Parliament's voting age to 16 and extended it to EU citizens too. And look what a mess the SNP has subsequently made of governing that country. Giving votes in general elections to EU residents would be a bad idea even if Europe reciprocated – which it doesn't. In 2022 the European Court of Justice ruled that UK citizens living in France cannot vote in local and national elections. All other EU countries apart from Ireland have that ruling.
- Labour also wants to enable 1.4 million 16 and 17-year-olds to vote. And of course, there is a reason for this – the young are idealistic and somewhat naive – they are usually Left-wing (helped along by many left-wing teachers). So, it is blatantly obvious why Sir Keir Starmer wants to give voting rights to 16 and 17-year-olds. But we don't allow under-18s to gamble, to buy alcohol or tobacco, or even have a credit card. And in England and Wales, it is not possible to get married until the age of 18. So why should inexperienced adolescents be given the right to vote? In law, 16 and 17-year-olds are not adults but children.
- The most serious danger - is proportional representation. Labour wants this as it would mean they would be permanently in power and never again would we have a Conservative government. Labour and the Lib/Dems tried get this system in place a few

years ago but fortunately our country rejected this, helped enormously by the leadership of our then Prime Minister David Cameron, and we retained the first past the post system. Every country which has changed to proportional representation has ended up with a coalition of parties and no real government. And there is no going back. Usually, the second largest party gets into bed with a number of smaller parties to form a government and then, to stay in power, has to pander to the minority groups with their cock-a-hoop plans.

**Labour's plans would mean this country would become a Socialist one-party state – forever. So you have been warned - the future of our country is at stake. The only way to save our democracy is to vote for our Party.**



**AND YOUR  
THIRD  
CHOICE IS  
THE WINNER**

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Sir Keir Starmer must never get his hands on the keys to Downing Street – and with our members by our side we can make sure he never does.

The choice couldn't be any clearer - Rishi's commitments to deliver on the people's priorities or Sir Keir Starmer's soft spot for criminals.

Starmer's a risk – and he's one that we just can't afford to take.



# Northamptonshire PFCC

## Stephen Mold's Newsletter



15 May 2023

*StepAs the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, a key priority for me has always been investing in the front line and expanding the number of officers we have. Last month I was proud that Northamptonshire Police has reached and exceeded its target of 1,501 police officers which is the most the Force has ever had.*

*Reaching this milestone will bring a renewed focus on neighbourhood policing that delivers safer communities right across the county and I am working closely with the Chief Constable to further increase the number of police officers working in dedicated neighbourhood policing teams and to strengthen the connection with local communities.*

*I made a promise to do everything I could to increase the number of police officers in Northamptonshire, firstly using investment from local council tax, and then through the Government's Uplift programme. I am proud to say we have reached the target I set of 1,500 officers, and more. This success at*



*recruiting more officers has been recognised by the Home Office, which is giving Northamptonshire Police additional grant funding of almost £2 million under the Uplift scheme. This additional funding will be used to ensure that the higher number of police officers can be sustained in the medium term.*

*In 2019, prior to Uplift, the Force had a headcount of 1,280 police officers, and were set a Home Office target to recruit 190 new officers over the next three years. The Force has far exceeded that target figure, recruiting 266 between 2019 and 2023. This figure reflects numbers on top of normal recruitment to replace natural attrition in the force such as retirements, leavers, and transferees. A total of 663 officers were recruited in the three-year period.*

*In addition, the Force has increased the number of women and people from Black, Asian, and ethnic minority backgrounds serving as police officers. In 2019 the Force had 441 female officers, accounting for 33.6 per cent of all officers. This number is now 563 and accounts for 36.42 per cent of all officers. In 2019, the Force had 52 officers from an ethnic minority background. In 2023, at the end of Uplift, this figure was 71. The increases in both women and officers from an ethnically diverse background are the highest they have ever been for the Force.*

*Our success in recruitment is not just reserved for Northamptonshire Police. Twelve new recruits have joined Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service -*

>>> Stephen Mold—continued

and will now start the journey of becoming firefighters before being posted to stations across the county in the summer. I was proud to welcome the new intake last month as it marked the start of a three-week induction that has seen them learn more about the organisation, including spending time with Fire Control – which fields 999 calls from members of the public – as well as the Prevention, Protection and Business Services teams.



The recruits will then undertake eight weeks at the Fire Service College, where they will undertake training on how to use breathing apparatus, put out distinct types of fires, deal with hazardous materials and administer first aid. Once they have finished the intense training course at the College, they will have a Passing Out Parade before returning for three weeks further training at Northamptonshire – where they will then be posted to a Watch at one of the stations around the county.

This is an exciting time for them to join us. Over the last year, with the support of local people through their council tax, we have invested in eight new fire engines and have a state-of-the-art aerial appliance which will also be on the run shortly. This investment in equipment means that we have more resources to respond to incidents when our residents are in need and ensures our staff have the best tools available to do the job. The extra investment in our staff also means that we can dedicate more time to preventing incidents from happening in the first place, such as through our community work and Home Fire Safety Visits.

Northamptonshire has again shown how we can deliver both innovation and improvements to help ensure residents get the services they expect and deserve. Whilst I have no intention of anyone resting on their laurels, we can all be proud of what we have achieved so far.

### Stephen Mold

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

As ever, if you need any help or assistance, I can be contacted at:  
[commissioner@northantspfcc.gov.uk](mailto:commissioner@northantspfcc.gov.uk)

## North Northamptonshire Unitary Council - FIX MY STREET



A service to report local street problems.

Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ygtabsux>

How to report a problem

- Enter a Northamptonshire postcode, street name and area, or check an existing report number
- Locate the problem on a map of the area
- Enter details of the problem. Please enter a single problem per enquiry. The first item described will be taken as the enquiry

Confirm the report and Northamptonshire Highways will investigate.

<https://tinyurl.com/ygtabsux>

# CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM

Use the QR code to download the brief [www.conservativepolicyforum.com](http://www.conservativepolicyforum.com)

## What is the CPF?

The local Policy Forum meets to discuss the Conservative Party policies. It is open to members and supporters for a friendly informal discussion session. The summary is sent to the Conservative Party Headquarters where results are collated and ultimately fed through to the Prime Minister's office. Many of the suggestions put forward are ultimately incorporated in our Party's policy.



**There has been a break in CPF meetings while the many local elections have been taking place.**

Our new Chairman Adam Fernley would now like to continue the work of our excellent past Chairman, George Whittaker by holding regular meetings to discuss policy ideas.

<https://tinyurl.com/2pkcvgy9>

**The next CPF meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th June at 7:30pm at Corby Conservative Club.**

**Members interested in attending should contact the office for full details and a copy of the briefing papers.**

## RECENT CPF CONSULTATION

In response to the recent CPF consultation on **Making The Case for Freedom**, substantive submissions from 69 CPF groups were made. Our friends at **Kettering** Conservative Association were among the top contributors. A detailed collation of responses has been sent to the Prime Minister's Policy Unit, the Party Chairman and the CPF Chairman.

Responses in brief:

**How the Party should present its belief in freedom:**

- Freedom is essential to the flourishing of individuals and societies. It fosters creativity, innovation, and progress, leading to greater prosperity and well-being.
- Conservative freedom emphasises the ability to make personal choices for yourself and be responsible for those decisions within a society that is governed by laws that protect a person's right to choose.
- In order to promote freedom to the next generation, two-in-five CPF Groups (40%) called for more concerted action against the divisive "woke" agenda, which "is making it harder to share open, honest discussion without fear or favour."

**Other ideas included:**

- Teach children about the importance and value of freedom.
- Encourage critical thinking and respect for diverse perspectives.
- Encourage entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Promote a type of National Service (community or charity work or in the forces).
- Give families more control over their children's education.

Copy for the next issue must be received by 10<sup>th</sup> July 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](mailto:ray.boyd@talktalk.net)

All emails will be acknowledged.



# THE MADNESS OF WOKE

Prison officers have been ordered to stop calling criminals 'convicts' on the grounds it is 'offensive'.

Civil servants at the Prison Service headquarters have also instructed warders to drop the phrase 'ex-con' for former prisoners - and refer to them as 'persons with lived experience' or 'prison leavers'.

A Prison Service spokesman said it was part of a 'clampdown' on 'inappropriate deviations' from its guidelines.

The national chairman of the Prison Officers' Association (POA) trade union was instructed to drop use of the words in an official letter from the Ministry of Justice agency.

Tory MP Craig Mackinlay described the Prison Service's latest intervention as 'nonsense'.

'However you refer to them – convicts, offenders or prisoners – these are people who find themselves in prison for serious offences against their victims and the community at large,' he said.

'I frankly don't care what you call them because they're all the same. They have not earned the right for new, woke nomenclature to describe their status.'

He added: 'This new agenda that has taken hold right across government departments has to stop. It is not respected by the public. It's just pure nonsense.'

Source: Daily Mail 11 May 2023

***Taking it further—perhaps victims of crime should be referred to as 'negative experience recipients'.***

## KEIR STARMER ON 'WHAT IS A WOMAN'

Asked by the Times to define a woman, Starmer replied that:

A woman is a female adult, and in addition to that trans women are women, and that is not just my view – that is actually the law. It has been the law through the combined effects of the 2004 [Gender Recognition] Act and the 2010 [Equality] Act. So that's my view. It also happens to be the law in the United Kingdom.

*But his statement above is not exactly correct. The Equality Act does not change anyone's sex – legal or otherwise. The Equality and Human Rights Commission was clear about that back in 2018:*

*In UK law, 'sex' is understood as binary, with a person's legal sex being determined by what is recorded on their birth certificate.*

Starmer's ability to define 'women' has improved, yet he still thinks one-in-a-thousand females have a penis. Source: Spectator Coffee House 25 Apr 2023

### **And here is Suella Braverman on the same topic:**

There is something peculiar about this political moment, where those of us advancing unfashionable facts are beaten over the head with fashionable fictions. Like the fact that 100 per cent of women do not have a penis.

The Labour leader does not inspire anyone, even his followers.

The Spectator magazine published Starmer's 11,500 word manifesto in full – every word. The aim was to see how many people would read it from start to finish. To find the answer, they added a few words in the middle. This offered a free bottle of champagne to the first person who logged on and asked for one. **Nobody did!** Proof that nobody read the entire speech!

(Source: Daily Telegraph 13 Apr 2023)

# TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS



May 2023

## Virtual Meeting with Senior Leadership from the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board

As part of my ongoing extensive work regarding local healthcare provision, I was pleased to meet with Senior Leadership figures from the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board, including its Chief Executive, Toby Sanders, to discuss the challenges that our local healthcare services face, including around waiting times, GP access and dentistry provision.

It was a productive meeting, and, with the recent announcement of the new Community Diagnostic Centre for Corby at the Cottingham Road complex, it was good to get an update on the thinking around the difference this key infrastructure upgrade will make.

We also touched on the continued, ongoing commitment to Corby Urgent Care Centre, which is of course hugely welcome. The ICB is also set to assume responsibility for dentistry from NHS England this month and so it was helpful to be able to outline the pressing nature of local concerns being raised about this and the need to see commitments made around additional capacity seen through - and likewise with GP access.

The meeting also afforded some helpful insights for me to feed back to my ministerial colleagues at the Department of Health and Social Care, not least following the Secretary of State's visit to Kettering General Hospital last summer, where the KGH new buildings project was discussed - suffice to say we are all united in wanting to work together to drive this forward.

I will of course continue to monitor the situation closely across our various health services and facilities, and feed in local views, whilst doing all I can see additional improvements made to our local health services landscape, building on the successes we have had to date to improve the infrastructure and add capacity



## Meeting with local campaigners regarding their campaign: 'No School Fines - don't prosecute when children can't, not won't, go to school!'

It was great to meet with two local parents, Susan and Maddie, when they delivered their campaign - 'No School Fines - don't prosecute when children, can't, not won't, go to school!', to 10 Downing Street, which aims to remove school fines for children with SEN, so that parents and their families are not being disadvantaged by having children that don't attend mainstream school and need supportive alternatives in order to flourish in their education.

Their petition, to date, has nearly 300,000 signatures on it - a significant campaigning effort and clearly a very important issue to many. I look forward to helping Susan and Maddie going forward in trying to secure a meeting with the relevant Minister to discuss this.

## The Government's plan to tackle anti-social behaviour, including here in Corby & East Northamptonshire

This is all very welcome - and precisely what people in Corby & East Northamptonshire want to see. With that in mind, it's very good news that Northamptonshire is one of our 'Immediate Justice' trailblazer police force areas, supported by some of the £160 million of funding announced to crack down on ASB in our parks, high streets and communities. I really do believe this will help make a real difference in making our streets safer, building on the significant officer uplift of recent years, which I consistently campaigned for.

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## **'Transforming Support: The Health and Disability White Paper' and associated Urgent Question in the House**

I was proud to recently launch the Government's new 'Transforming Support: The Health and Disability White Paper'. As the Minister for Disabled People, Health & Work, I'm passionate that everyone should have the same opportunity for a fulfilling working life, regardless of their place of birth, or whether they have a disability or health condition.

So far, we have delivered on our goal to support one million more disabled people into work, achieving this five years' early, but we're keen to do more, with this White Paper building on this progress to help more disabled people to start, stay and succeed in work, with all the appropriate, wraparound support available to do this properly.

This will be achieved in three ways: first, by investing to step up our employment support for disabled people and people with health conditions. Second, by ensuring people can access the right support at the right time and have a better overall experience when applying for, and receiving, health and disability benefits. Third, by reforming the benefits system for the future, so that it focuses on what people can do, rather than on what they cannot.

### **Meeting with residents regarding the Lyveden Way 5G mast application in Corby**

I was pleased to visit some local Corby residents recently to discuss their concerns regarding a 5G mast application on Lyveden Way at Oakley Vale - a busy main road overlooking a residential area and the nearby Oakley Vale Primary School - to see the proposed site with them. They rightly raised their concerns as to the proposed location of the mast, which, standing at 15 metres, would be a huge blight on the scenery directly in front of the area, and which could also limit motorists' visibility as they pass through.

Indeed, other sites nearby would arguably be far more suitable, as they would not cause such issues; indeed, I understand a previous application for a 5G mast on Lyveden Way at the same location was rejected.

Having made various representations on this, I have been informed since the meeting that the application has already been given consent, but nonetheless, I'm very keen to try and work constructively with local residents, North Northamptonshire Council and Corby Town Council, as well as with the applicant, Three UK - as I have done previously elsewhere locally - to try and encourage a constructive approach that identifies a more appropriate alternative siting, more suitable than the one currently proposed. Ultimately, we all want to see these vital infrastructure upgrades delivered, but they should be delivered in a way that minimises the impact on, and disruption to, local residents.

### **Significant Budget boost for pothole repairs here in Corby & East Northamptonshire**

As part of the recent Budget announcement, North Northamptonshire will receive an extra £1,494,000 to repair potholes across the area.

This is very welcome news and will sit alongside the additional investment already being made by North Northamptonshire Council of £1.5 million, which is being spent across the area to carry out works such as pothole repairs, vegetation clearance, sign cleaning, road marking renewal, drainage investigation and much more.

Having pressed for more funding for such repairs from the Government, I shall certainly be arguing for our fair share to be spent on our roads here in Corby & East Northamptonshire and with that in mind, I would strongly encourage residents concerned about particular potholes or road defects to report them directly on Street Doctor, details of which can be found in this magazine, in order that they can be investigated and repaired accordingly.

Equally, as ever, I am very willing to formally raise any concerns on your behalf if you could kindly provide the details to me via email on [pursglovet@parliament.uk](mailto:pursglovet@parliament.uk).

Sincerely

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

## BOUNDARY CHANGES

From 13th September 2023 the new boundary changes will come into effect in our area.

This means that members who live in the affected areas of Sstanion, Little Stanion, Cottingham, Middleton, East Carlton and parts of Irthlingborough will no longer be on our list of members in our constituency (unless they have joined us as an additional member).

They will be transferred to their new constituency association and they should receive a welcome letter from that association in due course.

CENCA thanks all members who are being moved for their loyal support over the years and wishes them well in their new constituency (where they will be well-served by MPs, Philip Hollobone and Peter Bone).

## THE DEMISE OF THE SNP

The SNP saga rumbles on. People were surprised when Nicola Sturgeon stepped down just a few days before details of the SNP problems were revealed. But now it appears that by a fortunate coincidence, the police raid on Nicola Sturgeon's house was delayed for two weeks until 7 days after the leadership contest by the Crown Office – presided over by a Scottish government minister. If voters had been aware of the raid it might have made a big difference in the outcome of the election.

Unfortunately it looks as if the real winners over this debacle will be Labour who stand to gain 40+ seats.

## HAS YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT VISITED YOUR PREMISES?

**A common moan heard at our local Conservative office is: 'Tom Pursglove goes to lots of businesses but he never comes to mine'.**

**The most likely reason he doesn't visit is because you haven't invited him. He won't just turn up and hope you are in. He would love to hear more about your business and the work you do so please feel free to drop him an invitation.**



On 26th April Labour had a chance to stop the boats.

The voted to keep the boats coming.

They're not serious about protecting our borders. But we are.

Labour could have voted to pass our bill and stop the boats. Or they could vote to keep the boats coming and protect the people smugglers.

Labour picked their side - and it's not the British people's.

They voted AGAINST our bill to stop the boats and make things fairer for British people.

So now we know the truth.

Labour don't want to stop the boats

**Just a Thought:** Winston Churchill once commented: 'If a man is not a socialist by the time he is 20, he has no heart. If he is not a conservative by the time he is 40, he has no brain.'

## TOM PURSGLOVE MP - FLOODING

Over the last couple of days, I have heard from a number of families affected by flooding in Raunds and wanted to say something about this, particularly with regard to the situation in the North Street area specifically.

Like them, I am very concerned that, despite mitigation measures being put in place, families in this part of Raunds are continuing to suffer from the flooding of their homes, which is of course devastating and extremely shocking, not least given the fact that this invariably happens quickly and without warning.

Over recent years, I have had various meetings with residents, the local authority and the relevant local developer, to discuss the concerns regarding Brick Kiln Road/North Street and the surrounding area, and, at my most recent meeting on this matter, there was optimism that a resolution had been found. However, the very significant rainfall of the last few days has highlighted that more arguably needs to be done to prevent further flooding of local residents' homes, and efforts must be redoubled by North Northamptonshire Council, the Environment Agency, and the developer, to address it. I am making this argument accordingly in the strongest of terms.

Ultimately, they need to come forward, with proper consultation, and be clear about what will now be done to find an appropriate resolution once and for all, so that residents do not have to worry about their homes each time there is significant rainfall. That peace of mind is vital. Indeed, any new development must take flooding risk fully into account and any mitigation schemes must be sufficiently robust to address it.

As I have for a number of affected families already, I stand ready to assist anybody in any way that I am able at any time, as well as raising the issue more broadly in the way I have described. It is also worth people having a look at the work of the RAIN project, who I recently met with, and who can be found here: <https://rainnorthants.co.uk/>. RAIN is working to create a greater flood resilient Northamptonshire and have a wealth of help and advice available on their website.



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**JUST A THOUGHT - ON WOKENESS:** “If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” George Orwell:



This article has been condensed from the Leader's web update

to make sure that it is correct and easy to understand. We have visually changed the interface of the pages for assisting and guiding the customers to navigate easily the pages and facilitate quick and clear access to the information that they are requesting. View the new Weddings and

Ceremonies pages on our website

## LEADER'S UPDATE - MAY 2023

You can watch Council meetings on the internet. Go to our website and search 'Meetings' for a full list of dates. The Full Council agenda and papers will be published on our website the week before the meeting.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES

The improvement of safety measures for pedestrians along George Street in Corby was discussed at an Executive meeting. Following a previous phase which looked at the safety of pedestrians across a section of George Street and saw the upgrade of an existing zebra crossing and the introduction of a tiger crossing, alongside other changes, a second phase is proposed to the introduction of enforcement with the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition to seek to improve the safety for pedestrians. The Council is aware there are other areas of North Northamptonshire which are suffering from similar issues, which is why the report also proposes that £25,000 is utilised to undertake investigation, traffic studies and feasibility works for further schemes across the local area.

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## OUR WEDDING & CEREMONIES WEBSITE

The development of northnorthants.gov.uk continues with another service migrated over. The Weddings and Ceremonies section is the latest platform to have developed and moved across to the North Northamptonshire Council website. The new website is quite dynamic and has a vibrant identity and supports the customer with an easy and simplified navigation throughout the pages. Everything is up to date and all content has been reviewed

## PRIMARY-AGED PUPILS PLACE ALLOCATION

It was announced this week that a total of 3,793 reception places have been allocated to pupils across North Northamptonshire. Allocations to reception

- One of their preferred schools: 98.6%.
- First preference: 93.2%.
- Second preference: 4.3%.
- Third preference: 1.1%.

More people than ever before (99%) made their applications online. Families who applied for their primary school place online and within the deadline can check their offer online. A total of 981 junior school (Year 3) places have also been allocated to pupils across North Northamptonshire.

Allocations to junior schools

- One of their preferred schools: 100%.
- First preference: 99.9%. Any parent has the right to appeal (through the independent appeals process) against refusal of a place at any school for which they have applied.

## SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Residents are being invited to have their say on the future shape of services providing 'short-breaks' for children with disabilities in Northamptonshire. Short breaks are breaks for children and young people with disabilities which give them rich opportunities while also allowing their carers to have a break from caring to carry out other vital activities they may not otherwise be able to do. Currently Northamptonshire Children's Trust and the NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board fund a range of different services from a number of different organisations to provide these breaks ranging from residential and non-residential breaks, personal care and support,

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holiday clubs, sensory impairment services and sleep support. Having worked with parents and practitioners the organisations have developed a potential new model for the services and are looking for feedback on this before going any further. The new proposed model would bring all current short break services into one offer, led by one organisation – as opposed to the current situation where services are provided across a range of different organisations. The aim is to ensure these services are better joined up to meet the needs of families. Workshops are being held for families and practitioners working in the field. If you are interested in attending a workshop please email: [sufficiency@nctrust.co.uk](mailto:sufficiency@nctrust.co.uk).

### LITTER PICKING ON THE A6003

Our workers have been out clearing up litter again in the North Northamptonshire area.

This time it was from a one mile stretch of the A6003, which links Kettering and Corby, over three days a few weeks ago, with four people collecting 172 bags of rubbish. Litter-picking is a simple action that anyone can do to make an immediate and visible difference to their area – a Keep Britain Tidy survey showed 85% of those who took part in last year's Great British Spring Clean reported that taking part made them feel more pride in their local area. And 74% said it improved their mood too!

With Best Wishes,  
Jason



Jason's latest report can be read via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/yj98touj>

## PUBLIC ORDER BILL

### NOW LAW

- ✓ **Tougher sentences** for protesters blocking our roads, railways and emergency services.
- ✓ **New measures** to clamp down on road blocking 'lock-on' protesters.
- ✓ **More powers for police** to carry out Stop and Search on protesters and intervene before chaos is caused.
- ✓ **New court order to stop** reoffending protesters who repeatedly use highly disruptive protest tactics.



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## DOMINIC RAAB - A SAD TALE, AND PROOF THAT THE INDEPENDENT CIVIL SERVICE IS NO SUCH THING.

Of course Dominic Raab resigned. Who would want to work in an office where you would not be able to show your authority and most certainly would not be permitted to criticise staff for work which was below expected standards. Imagine going to work knowing that the people who are supposed to working for you are, instead, doing their utmost to get rid of you.

Their success in forcing Dominic out forebodes a very difficult situation for any minister who speaks sharply to one of their staff. Those civil servants need to get in the real world of someone like Sir Alan Sugar where shoddy work means 'you're fired'.

Jacob Rees Mogg in referring to the complainants, said: "I think now we've seen the report. It's a veritable blizzard of snowflakes."

Mr Raab attacked the findings of the report as "flawed", and claimed they "set a dangerous precedent for the conduct of good government".

**JUST A THOUGHT:** Although the Metropolitan Police do have their faults it must be dispiriting to be criticised for letting Just Stop Oil protesters block the highway and then to be bad-mouthed for arresting Not My King protesters.

# 200 CLUB NEWS

If you have been a member of CENCA for 12 months or more, you may recall hearing from Ray Jackson last year about the 200 Club and the marvellous lunch that he organised in Glapthorn. Sadly, as you will know, Ray passed away in 2022 so we have had to suspend operations until a new Chairman was elected. At the AGM recently Cllr Richard Levell volunteered to take on this role and has organised a lunch to take place on Sunday 9th July at Corby Conservative Club.

**Your invitation is enclosed with this Magazine.**

If you are not yet a 200 Club member please consider joining. For £15 a year, you are entered into a monthly draw, the one winner of which receives £25, except in February when the first prize is £100 and there is also £50 for the runner-up.

£25—200 CLUB WINNERS		
Sep	46	R Brudenell
Oct	18	K Burdett
Nov	39	B Cromie
Dec	2	Mrs H Harca
Jan	12	Mrs J Howard
Feb	£100 & £50 prize to be drawn at the Lunch in July	
Mar	22	DA George
Apr	3	Mrs H Harca
May	20	DV Capp
Jun	31	B Cromie

Members also receive a free copy of our Magazine.

This is a relatively low-cost but fun way of raising additional funds for the party and the chances of winning are infinitely greater than the National Lottery!

A joining form is enclosed with this magazine for you to make payment through your bank - please note that this is not the same account as you use to pay your annual subscription for membership of the Party.

**The ticket price for the lunch is £28 but 200 Club members receive a discounted price of £25 for themselves and their guests. NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR GUESTS.**

Please give thought to this simple way of helping the party which is faced with a difficult election sometime next year.

**New member's number(s) will be entered in all draws from 1st August 2023**

**Just a Thought - On Woke:**  
The moment you declare a set of ideas to be immune from criticism, satire, derision, or contempt, freedom of thought becomes impossible. Salman Rushdie

Corby & E Northants Conservative Association

## 200 CLUB LUNCH

**Sunday 9th July 2023**

12.30pm for 1pm lunch  
MENU

Prawn & Avocado Cocktail  
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Chicken Chasseur  
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Chocolate & Orange  
Fudge Cake

Vegetarian option available  
(on pre-order)

Raffle

Guest Speaker: Tom Pursglove, MP  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR WORK AND  
PENSIONS



# **THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SUE BRAVERMAN, KC, MP**

## **‘There is no such thing as petty crime ‘**

Perpetrators of anti-social behaviour will face swift and visible justice, increased fines and enhanced drug testing as part of a new crackdown launched by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak today (27 March 2023).

Delivering on the Prime Minister’s pledge earlier this year to clamp down on these crimes, the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan will make sure this issue is treated with the urgency it deserves, establish a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of anti-social behaviour, and give the police and local authorities the tools they need to tackle the problem.

### **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**Introducing TOUGHER PUNISHMENT for perpetrators**

**CRACKING DOWN on illegal drugs**

**INCREASING POLICE AND UNIFORMED OFFICER PRESENCE in anti-social hotspots**

**HIGHER FINES for litter, graffiti and fly tipping**

**LAUNCHING A NEW TOOL For the public to report anti-social behaviour**

- ✓ Nitrous Oxide (NOS) - we’re banning it
- ✓ Vandals will be forced to repair the damage they cause (starting within 48 hours)
- ✓ Police presence will increase in places that need it most and will have powers to test for a wider range of drugs, and for a wider range of reasons
- ✓ Increased fines for people who selfishly fly-tip, litter, and graffiti, with this money going back into the local community
- ✓ A new simple way to report anti-social behaviour which will give you updates and allow you to challenge decisions

**In short: TOUGHER PUNISHMENTS, HIGHER FINES AND A CLAMP DOWN ON DRUGS.**

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.

**Just a Thought:** "If the SNP can't fix the mess that Nicola Sturgeon left their party in, how can they possibly fix the mess that she left Scotland in?" Rishi Sunak 19 Apr 2023 PMQs

## TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES



As your local MP, Tom believes it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that his constituents have. As such, he holds weekly advice surgeries.

To book an appointment, please **telephone 0 2 0 7 2 1 9 8 0 4 3**, or **email [pursglovet@parliament.uk](mailto:pursglovet@parliament.uk)**, as he operates his surgeries on an appointments basis, utilising virtual, telephone and face-to-face methods - ensuring that his constituents do not have to rush through their concerns and to best meet people's individual circumstances and requirements.

### LET TOM HAVE YOUR PHOTOS

If you have taken any photos of constituency landscapes or landmarks which could be featured in the 'Community Notices' headers, please send them in and Tom will try to use as many possible (and credit them accordingly!), as a celebration of the fantastic place we live and work in. Tom know we have many budding photographers in our community and it would be great to showcase their work! Send your photos to the email address above.

**You can write to him at:**  
**Tom Pursglove, MP, House of Commons,**  
**Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA**



## CAN'T GET THROUGH TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PHONE?

Go to either of these addresses and download the forms.

<http://ow.ly/4FHp50KfR1c>

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/contactus>

### CONSERVATIVES LOSE CONTROL IN HOME COUNTIES COUNCIL . WAS THERE A PACT?

Labour seized control of Bracknell Forest Council, in Berkshire, for the first time in a quarter of a century on Thursday, despite the Tories securing far more votes.

The defeat followed an apparent local pact between Labour, the Lib Dems and the Greens, which saw them stand down candidates against each other in order to maximise the anti-Tory vote.

Despite winning 45 per cent of the vote in the May local elections the Conservatives lost 27 seats on the council, leaving them with just ten. By contrast, Labour gained 18 seats, allowing them to take control despite securing just 32 per cent of the vote

The Lib Dems got only 16 per cent of the vote yet gained six seats while the Greens picked up two seats with a total vote share of just six per cent.

Labour and the Lib Dems did not field candidates against each other in any of the council's 15 wards, while neither party stood against the Greens in the ward in which it won its two seats against Conservative candidates. Lib Dem deputy leader Daisy Cooper said the pact was a 'decision taken by a single local party' and did not reflect national policy. Labour insisted it had 'not done any deals' nationally.

Source: Daily Mail 7 May 2023

*Locally we lost Great Oakley and Oundle council seats in the by-elections last year. Somehow the Lib/Dem vote collapsed in Great Oakley and similarly the Labour vote disappeared in Oundle. Makes you think !*

**Just a Thought:** Extinction Rebellion block ambulances, as Keir Starmer takes £380,000 from one of their biggest backers. Source: CCHQ 28 Apr 2023

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

All members who pay their subscription direct to our Association using a standing order have been sent a letter from CENCA explaining the new system now in operation at CCHQ.

A new direct debit form with a SAE was included.

If you have received this letter from us it would be very much appreciated if you follow the instructions and send off the form as soon as possible.

This will freeze your subscription for the year and your subscription will no longer be collected at CENCA but at CCHQ.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOME SECRETARY



# Conservatives

**We promised 20,000 extra police officers — and we've recruited every single one.**

My number-one priority is to create safer streets for every resident in every community.

And I've worked with police forces across the country to help make that happen.

We promised 20,000 extra police officers. And we've exceeded that target meaning we now have the most police officers we've ever had.

We promised tougher sentences for criminals. And we've ended automatic early release for child murderers and terrorists.

We promised to fight antisocial behaviour. And we're banning laughing gas, increasing police patrols and raising fines for fly-tipping, graffiti and littering.

Nearly 21,000 extra police. Tougher sentences. Increased fines.

While Keir Starmer, Labour and the Lib Dems voted against more police funding and tougher sentences, we made a promise and we kept it.

I'm now working with residents and local police forces to make sure our new police officers are patrolling where we need them most.

And together we'll continue to take the action needed to cut crime, lock up criminals and make our streets safer.

Yours sincerely,

***Suella Braverman***

Home Secretary



### GREY LIVES MATTER:

**SHOULD STATE PENSION RISE TO £320 PER WEEK?** Following the successful campaign to restore the Triple Lock spearheaded by Silver Voices this organisation is suggesting that the state pension should rise to 50% of average earnings representing a minimum state pension of £320 pw.

Members interested in this topic should go to: <https://silvervoices.co.uk>

# CORBYS CONSERVATIVE CLUB

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Photo: R Boyd



## CORBYS CONSERVATIVE CLUB

### COMING EVENTS

Sat. 3rd June	5 SIXTHS
Sun. 11th June	TOOTS PERCY & THE FLEA CIRCUS
Fri 16th June 7.30pm	TREV'S QUIZ
Sat. 17th June	THE KING PINS
Sat. 1st July	THE CONUNDRUMS
Sat. 15th July	MOD STORY
Sat. 29th July	PRISONER

### EASY QUIZ EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

Hosted by John Headley

4th JUNE, 18th June, 2nd July, 16th July, 30th July and 13th August

Between 3pm and 6pm. Quiz starts at 4.15pm  
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