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**28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2021**

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4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
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AN INVITATION



**STAFFORD CONSERVATIVES  
NEWSLETTER**

**Theo Clarke MP brings HS2 Minister to  
Staffordshire to meet with local residents**



Picture: Theo Clarke MP with Andrew Stephenson MP. HS2 Transport Minister

Theo Clarke MP for Stafford has repeatedly raised constituents' cases and concerns regarding HS2 with the Government. Therefore, Ms Clarke was pleased that Andrew Stephenson MP, the HS2 Transport Minister accepted her invitation to visit Stafford. Ms Clarke took the Minister to a number of sites across the constituency including residential properties, farms and community sites impacted by HS2.

Ms Clarke and the Minister heard first-hand from Staffordshire residents and local groups about how they have been affected by HS2. Ms Clarke will continue to stand up for local Staffordshire residents in Parliament and raise their concerns in relation to HS2.

# Conservative Councillor Selection Process

## Could **YOU** champion your local community?

### Do you want to stand up for your local community and the interests of local residents?

As a councillor, you can make a difference for the people who elect you, and the places you represent.

You can help transform your neighbourhood, and improve the lives of its residents. You can help improve local public services, enabling them to meet or exceed ever-changing public expectations. You will have the chance to develop and hone a wide range of your own skills; critical analysis and problem solving; public speaking and debating; diplomacy and consensus-building. And you will be able to gain all the political experience you wish. There has never been a better time to become a Conservative councillor.

Conservative councillors are at the heart of our Party's campaigners. And across Britain, our local councillors show how Conservatives earn people's trust to deliver high quality, value-for-money public services.

There are 374 local authorities in England and Wales with over 19,400 elected councillors. At present there are more than 9,000 Conservative councillors, making us the largest Party in local government. **However, this progress can only continue if people are willing to stand for election and become councillors.**

Becoming a Conservative councillor is a uniquely rewarding experience. You will be responsible for making decisions on behalf of local residents as well as having the opportunity to help your local community.

It will also allow you to develop many different sides to your personality - the ability to speak in public; to debate and to persuade your fellow councillors of the benefits of your proposals; and the opportunity to work with council officers to help solve your constituents' problems. Although training will be offered to you as a new councillor, you will find that these abilities will develop naturally.

As a Conservative councillor you will discover that the more involved you are, the more enjoyable and rewarding the work becomes.

Councillors have many different roles but the first thing to note is that all councils are different. Being a councillor is hard work; you have to find an equilibrium between the needs and interests of your residents, voters, political parties and the local council.

**By becoming a councillor, you really can make a difference.**

Want to know more? Get in touch with [admin@staffordconservatives.org.uk](mailto:admin@staffordconservatives.org.uk)

## A profile of Councillor Ann Edgeller

Ann is a County and Borough Councillor, she represents Baswich Ward at Stafford County Council and Stafford South East Division at Staffordshire County Council. Ann is also Deputy Chairman, Membership & Fundraising for Stafford Conservative Association.

Ann was born in Yorkshire and came to Stafford in 1975. Ann was elected to represent Baswich Ward in 1999 – a position that she still holds to this day. In 2008 Ann represented Stafford Borough as Mayor. She was elected to the County Council in 2017.

She’s an indefatigable champion of Stafford and her Borough council responsibilities include Planning Committee, Community and Wellbeing, and she’s also Chairman of Licensing.

At Staffordshire County Council, Ann sits on Health Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair of Scrutiny). She also sits on the Corporate Parenting Panel, Audit and Standards and is a member of the Police & Fire Panel. Ann is also Mental Health Champion of Staffordshire.

Ann is also involved in a number of voluntary and charity organisations. She’s a Governor at Leasowes School, a member of the Patient Participation Group at Weeping Cross Surgery, Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch, a founder member of Baswich Community Group and Speedwatch, Patron of the social club, Lodgefield Park Association, member of and past president of Stafford Knot Rotary, member of Riverway Link and a founder member of Silkmore Support Group.



Ann discussing problems in Baswich Ward with PCSO, Emma



Ann meeting with Ben Adams, Staffordshire Police, Fire & Rescue and Crime Commissioner with his deputy, Helen Fisher



Ann meeting with the incoming Chief Constable, Chris Noble

## Amyas Stafford Northcote

There is to be a Memorial Service for our former President and Chairman, and friend to many of our members, the late Amyas Stafford Northcote on Sunday 21st November at 2.30PM.

The service will be at the Church of St. Joseph's and Etheldreda, Rugeley.

## Conservative Policy Forum

To join our group, visit [www.conservativepolicyforum.com](http://www.conservativepolicyforum.com) and register as a member. This will also enable you to participate in the CPF's snap polls and will give you access to the CPF's member hub, where you can post your thoughts on the New Ideas Forum, vote in their Policy Pitch Competitions, join National Discussion Groups and attend webinars with ministers and policy experts.

Our next CPF discussion will take place on **9<sup>h</sup> November at 7:30PM** at Castle Street.

The theme is '**Planning & Housing**'.



**BOOK NOW**

Association President, **Jeremy Lefroy**, is hosting a **President's Luncheon** at the Moat House, Acton Trussell on **28th November 2021** at 12:30PM. We're delighted to say, John Glen, Conservative MP for Salisbury, Economic Secretary to the Treasury and City Minister will be joining us. So, **book now** as places are limited.

To book, visit our website, call, or email the office to reserve your place.

Tickets cost £30 per person and the menu includes canapés, a main course and a pudding (the delicious menu is on our website – see the dedicated event page).

Please be sure to let us know of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

## Supper Club

Our next Supper Club will be on **Thursday 4th November** at The Red Lion at Bradley when our special guest speaker, will be **Ben Adams**, Staffordshire **Commissioner for Police, Fire & Rescue and Crime**.

Places are limited, so please reserve your table by contacting the office on:

**01758 252 273**

or by email to

**[admin@staffordconservatives.org.uk](mailto:admin@staffordconservatives.org.uk)**

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We are now able to accept contactless payments (preferred), so pay on the day, pay in advance on our website or when you book by phone.

**[www.staffordconservatives.org.uk/events/supper-club](http://www.staffordconservatives.org.uk/events/supper-club)**

## Christmas Draw 2021

It's that time of year again for our Conservative Christmas Draw! Why not support the Party further by buying a book or two of tickets – and be in with a chance to win the first prize of **£10,000**, second prize of **£1,000** or 100 third prizes of **£25** each! Furthermore 200 members will receive merchandise from the Party shop.

This year we've got a cheque for **£10,000** just waiting for someone's name, why couldn't it be yours?

Members should all have received a recent mailing with Draw tickets and thanks to all those who have already returned your tickets and payments. There's still plenty of time to enter so, please return your counterfoils and payments to Castle Street by **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to be in with a chance of winning!

## Young Conservatives

Don't forget the YC Annual Black Tie Dinner is on 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Moat House! For further information and to make a reservation, please contact

**[yc@staffordconservatives.org.uk](mailto:yc@staffordconservatives.org.uk)**

# BASWICH COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Stafford  
FM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH

2PM-6PM

## STAFFORD FM ROADSHOW

Dance Fusion & Beggars Clog Oak  
Dogs Obedience Display & Dog Fancy Dress Competition  
by Pads Dog Training  
Christmas Carol's by Salvation Army,  
Berkswich Primary School &  
Berkswich Parish Church

ALL WELCOME

Come and see SANTA at 5.00pm on his sleigh



Craft and Charity Stalls -  
Baswich Library &  
St Anne's Church Hall

Handmade Christmas Goods, Gifts,  
Vegan Cosmetics, Homeware, Books.  
Tombola, Face Painting

Drinks at The Bod and Burgers from  
Mottershead Butchers

Tea & Coffee - The Vintage Barn

Hot Chocolate - Baswich Library

Crepe Revolution

Battered Treats Weeping X Fish Bar

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

IN CONJUNCTION WITH BODMIN AVE RETAILERS



Please join us to eat, drink and be merry at Castle Street on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm.**

**Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner**

**Home-made Christmas Pudding**

We will have delicious vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives available. Please order when booking your ticket.

**Tickets: £15**

To reserve your place, please call the Association office on 01785 252 273 or reserve by email:

**[admin@staffordconservatives.org.uk](mailto:admin@staffordconservatives.org.uk)** or you can reserve online at **[www.staffordconservatives.org.uk/events](http://www.staffordconservatives.org.uk/events)**



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**CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION  
CURRY NIGHT AT RADHUNDI**

**26TH NOVEMBER 7-10PM**

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YOUR OWN ALCOHILIC DRINK.  
TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT  
SAM THOMPSON 07817265438**



## Upcoming events

For details of all our upcoming events get in touch with the Association Office or visit our website, contact details below.

### November 2021

4 November - Supper Club 7PM at the Red Lion, Bradley, **guest speaker Ben Adams**

9 November – CPF meeting – 7:30PM Castle Street

**\*CHANGE\*** 18 November – Executive Council Meeting, 7:00PM Castle Street, **Executive Council** members only

26 November – Cannock Chase Conservative Association Curry Night at Radhundi, 4 Mill Street, Cannock WS11 0DL, 7PM – To book please contact Sam Thompson on 07817 265 438

28 November – President’s Luncheon, 12:00PM at the Moat House, guest speaker John Glen MP

### December 2021

4 December – Baswich Community Fun Day – **everyone welcome!**

12 December – Stafford Conservatives **Christmas at Castle** Street, 12:30PM Castle Street

12 December – Young Conservatives Branch, Black Tie Dinner, 7PM at the Moat House

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