

Newsletter

AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2024 >>>

Birmingham 29th September - 2nd October

Will you join us at the Conservative Party Conference?



Conference location:

International Convention Centre

8 Centenary Square

Birmingham

B1 2EA

Tickets: <https://www.conservatives.com/conference/tickets>

Member of Parliament for Stone, Great Wyrley & Penkridge:

The Rt Hon Sir Gavin Williamson, CBE MP

For news and other information visit: www.gavinwilliamson.org/

27th August 2024

Gavin Calls for Essential Bus Service in Hixon



Sir Gavin Williamson has called for the introduction of a new bus service in Hixon, to improve local access to facilities.

Sir Gavin has raised his concerns about the lack of facilities in Hixon, which currently doesn't have a doctor's surgery, dentist, or pharmacy. The village has a population of over 2,000 and is continuously expanding, yet the nearest doctor's surgery is in Great Haywood, which is over 3 miles away.

One local resident voiced his concerns, stating that only one bus service goes through the village, from Stafford to Uttoxeter.

Sir Gavin has called for the introduction of a bus service from Hixon to Rugeley, which would go through Great Haywood, enabling residents to use essential facilities there.

Sir Gavin said: 'There is much to do to improve services in Hixon, and introducing a bus route that connects the village to Great Haywood would be a fantastic place to start. I'll be doing everything I can in the coming months to work with the relevant authorities and make this happen, so that those who are vulnerable and unable to drive can stay connected and access vital services.'

Gavin Visits NCS Programme in Slade Heath



Sir Gavin Williamson visited an NCS programme at Laches Wood Education Centre in Slade Heath.

Sir Gavin joined over 180 students taking part in the National Citizen Service programme, which challenges young people to tackle various team-building exercises and embrace the outdoors.

Sir Gavin spoke to representatives from the programme and toured the site, where students were participating in a range of activities from ziplining, rock climbing, and roasting marshmallows.

The organisation hopes to provide young people with experiences that boost their confidence as well as enabling them to meet new friends and make a positive impact on their local area.

Sir Gavin said: 'It was great to meet with students taking part in the NCS, a fantastic scheme to encourage young people to contribute to their communities. I was pleased to see that the students were enthusiastically taking on the activities available and were enjoying the team-building exercises.'

Gavin Visits Sandon Village Fete

Sir Gavin Williamson joined residents at Sandon’s annual Village Fete this weekend, a traditional summer fair that’s been central to the Village’s social calendar for over 70 years.

Sir Gavin was pleased to see the popularity of the event, which attracted visitors from across Staffordshire to take part in the traditional fete activities, such as carnival games and a grand raffle. The day also hosted archery sessions, alpaca trekking, and ferret racing, among many other activities. Sir Gavin had a go at the archery and enjoyed watching the dog and classic car shows.

The funds raised from the day will support several local organisations, such as the Midlands Air Ambulance and Hixon Community First Responders. Profits will also be donated to the Moira Fund, a national bereavement support charity.

Sir Gavin said: ‘It was wonderful to attend Sandon’s Village Fete, a day out packed with traditional activities and interesting shows. The organisers did a terrific job ensuring that there was something for all the family to enjoy. It’s always great fun to be a part of community events like this, and I’m pleased that the funds will be going towards a range of important causes.’

Gavin Raises Awareness for Citizen's Advice Services



Sir Gavin Williamson met with the Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Advice Staffordshire South West, Claire Davis, to discuss how they can work together to support local residents.

Sir Gavin visited the Citizens Advice Centre in Stone to learn about the services that the organisation has been providing in the local area. Citizens Advice has been helping 681 people with the cost of living in Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge, where over 18% of people are in a negative budget, meaning their income doesn't cover essential spending.

Sir Gavin raised his concerns that those needing support might not know how to access it. Claire and the team agreed that people should seek assistance as soon as a problem emerges.

In particular, Citizens Advice Staffordshire South West has been helping residents access support with rent arrears. Often, those needing support contact the team when they are facing eviction, rather than doing so earlier when the team are more able to help.

Sir Gavin said: 'It was great to meet with Claire and the team at Citizens Advice, a fantastic organisation that provides one-on-one support to over 2 million people each year. I agree that there should be greater awareness of when and how people can access their free advice and I will do what I can to raise awareness throughout Staffordshire.'

Claire Davis, Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Advice Staffordshire South West, said: 'It was great to meet with Sir Gavin to discuss the issues that are affecting our clients and to discuss how we can work together to help local people.'

FEDERATION NOTICES

JAMES CANTRILL



Jeremy and Janet Lefroy are very kindly hosting a tea party to thank James Cantrill for his parliamentary work on Saturday 21st September between 3pm and 5pm.

After 15 years in both Jeremy Lefroy's and then Theo Clarke's parliamentary office (and as Jeremy's agent before then), James has been a constant for constituents and Party members alike and if you would like to join us in celebrating James, please contact Jeremy Lefroy by email at jjlelfroy@gmail.com and he will let you have the details of the location and parking arrangements.

SUPPER CLUB

The next Conservative Supper Club at the Red Lion, Bradley, will be on Thursday 26th September 2024 (7PM for 7:30PM start)

TICKETS: £20 per person

BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

To book: please contact the Federation office on 01785 252 273 or by email to contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

PENKRIDGE SUPPER CLUB

Our friends at the PenkrIDGE Supper Club are launching their first supper club of the 2024/2025 season on **Friday 11th October 2024**.

Peace Memorial Hall, PenkrIDGE

Doors open 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Tickets: £20 per person for members and £22.50 per person for visitors.

To book: please email penkridgesupperclub@gmail.com

CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM



Everything in politics starts with an idea.

Sometimes it's a burning injustice that has to be fixed. Sometimes it's an inspirational vision of how to make the world a better place.

A single idea can build new societies, new ways of living that are better than before. An inspiring idea will outlast elections, Parliaments and Prime Ministers, leap national borders and change entire countries.

The Conservative Policy Forum is here to find the world-changing, era-defining ideas and shape the policies of tomorrow.

Join us as, together, we seek to develop and advance Conservative ideas and policies within the Party and in Government for the benefit of the whole nation.

Each year we run a series of national policy consultations to understand what people across the country think about the big issues and their perspective on what policies and priorities the nation needs to prosper.

The next meeting of the Central Staffordshire CPF Discussion Group will be on **THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER at 6:30PM** and meetings are held at our Castle Street HQ. The theme for the current discussion paper is **Conservative Values in Policy-Making**. The discussion papers can be found [here](#).

All members are welcome but we'd ask that you please confirm your attendance by telephone (01785 252 273) or email contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

100 Club

JULY'S WINNERS ANNOUNCED

1st Prize: **ROY WHALLEY**

2nd Prize: **PAM KITTLE**

3rd Prize: **JOHN FOSTER**

AUGUST'S WINNERS ANNOUNCED

1st Prize: **PETER HOBSON**

2nd Prize: **PETER EDGELLER**

3rd Prize: **HELEN ADAMS**

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Join our 100 Club today and you could be our next winner.

Full details (application forms and other information including the terms and conditions) can be found on our website:

<https://www.centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk/100-club>

Contacting the Federation

Your Federation is staffed by volunteers, the office is not permanently staffed. The telephone line is diverted to a mobile number and calls are answered if someone is available to take your call. But please remember that the volunteers who manage your Federation work full-time, so sometimes it's not possible to answer your calls and in these circumstances you are able to leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note that members can also contact the Federation by email (which is often a quicker way of getting a response) at contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

Car Parking at our Castle Street HQ

The Federation generates important revenue towards the upkeep of our Castle Street HQ by renting car parking spaces to both members and non-members.

Occasional parking at our HQ remains free for members, but we would ask that members inform the office if you will be parking at HQ at least 24-hours in advance, with details of the car registration number so that you do not receive penalty notices. You can get in touch with the office to notify your intention to use our car park, by telephone to **01785 252 273** or by email to contact@centralstaffsconservatives.org.uk

We would also ask that members please park with consideration for other car park users.

Parking is at the owner's risk. The Federation does not accept any responsibility for theft or any damage, intentional or otherwise, to vehicles or vehicle contents.

Upcoming events

26th SEPTEMBER - Supper Club at the Red Lion, Bradley - 7:00PM

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