



Chairman's Message

Dear Member

I am taking the slightly unusual step of writing a Chairman's communication out of sync with my normal quarterly timetable. The reason for this is because of a number of developments I want to tell you about now.

1. Campaigning

This is now back in full swing, albeit in a modified manner. As I have told you previously, Government advice and CCHQ decisions now allow us to resume the delivery of our InTouch newsletters to our constituents. With the County Council elections scheduled for 6 May 2021 and our candidates already duly elected, we are already seizing this opportunity.

All-member mailings have gone out from candidates and Councillors advising of specific opportunities and these are now regularly loaded on to the ['Events'](#) section of our website. Currently, we are delivering InTouch newsletters across Billingshurst, Broadbridge, Holbrook, Horsham East and Horsham Riverside with others planned.

Leaflets can be collected from Gough House or you can meet up (while socially-distancing) with HCA colleagues in specific outdoor locations where our candidate will lead the effort. The events are listed on our website as **'Campaign Leafleting'** and I encourage you all to follow the links and come along to assist in this critical activity.

2. Connect Calling

Connect Calling is the Party's proprietary operation for reaching out to supporters via the telephone. Clearly, it is an excellent substitute for knocking on doors (which we are still not permitted to do) and one we can do together as a group. CCHQ will run a Zoom meeting specifically for Horsham to show our members how this works.

We intend to do this on Monday 21 September at 1800 in the evening and I would be thrilled to see as many of you in that Zoom meeting as possible to learn how we might use this in Horsham. Please



contact the office at office@horshamconservatives.com to reserve your place.

3. Councillor Briefings

Following a suggestion from one of our members, we are implementing a series of briefings exclusively for our members by key Councillors from the Councils operating across our constituency. It is my intention to involve Councillors from Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council; however, we will be beginning with Horsham District Council on Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 1800 in the evening.

The Councillors present will be as follows;

- Councillor Karen Burgess (Chairman - Horsham District Council)
- Councillor Peter Burgess (Cabinet Member - Horsham Town)
- Councillor Claire Vickers (Cabinet Member - Planning and Development)

With planning across the Horsham District very much in the forefront of everyone's minds, this is an excellent opportunity to learn first hand about Council policy, how this is being managed and what the key factors are when developing policy.

I strongly urge as many members as possible to take part in this briefing and learn what is happening where you live. The event is listed on the Events section of our website and interested members should register at office@horshamconservevatives.com to ensure they receive the necessary Zoom login details.

4. Virtual Party Conference

This year, because of Covid-19 restrictions, the Party is holding a virtual conference which all members are able to participate in completely free of charge. It takes place from Saturday 3 October to Tuesday 6 October and is a fantastic opportunity to hear from Cabinet Ministers and other key Party personnel. I strongly recommend that you register to participate by following this link [here](#).



5. Conservative Policy Forum

The next CPF meeting takes place via Zoom this Tuesday 8 September at 1900. The discussion topic will be "Infrastructure, Investment and Devolution" and the meeting will be hosted by our CPF Chairman, Mr. Ross Dye. A link to the meeting details is [here](#) and those interested in participating should confirm to office@horshamconservatives.com to ensure they receive the necessary Zoom login details.

6. Conservative Women's Organisation

We are seeking willing members to get involved and help to run the CWO in Horsham. The duties are not onerous, but we would love to hear from anybody that has a little time to give to help us organise events for our members and be part of a CWO committee. Full support will be given from Gough House. If you would like to help us, please send a note to office@horshamconservatives.com with your contact details or call us on 01403 242000.

I hope you all find something of interest in here and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our forthcoming online events or perhaps out delivering leaflets!

Best regards

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