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BOSTON CONSERVATIVES BRANCH NEWSLETTER

## BRANCH CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS By Niel McCafferty



From feedback we are getting from members, it is clear that many (if not the majority) are deeply unhappy with the direction of the Party. I'm one of them. It appears that much of the political side of the Party is totally adrift from the membership in terms of policy and aspiration. That is before we get onto electing leaders, or not as the case may be.

An example of the problem hits very soon. Corporation Tax goes up by a third in April.

Officials at the Treasury are hallucinating if they think the rise will help balance the books. In my opinion, and that of many other business owners, the policy is about as un-Conservative as you could get. One complainant was told that "businesses don't vote", illustrating how detached politicians and officials are from the rest of us. Yes, businesses don't vote, but their owners do. Small companies make up the bulk of the UK business population. Their owners take the hit. They mostly can't 'off-shore' or creatively reduce their profits. There are better ways to balance books before pressing the tax button, and it is high time the politicians we support sat back and listened for a change.

# **DID YOU KNOW ABOUT** **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO VOTING** **RULES**

## **Voter ID** requirement

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
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If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Find out more about accepted forms of photo ID, how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate, and what to expect on polling day.

Voting and bringing ID

## **Supporting people to vote in the 2023 English local elections**

We know that some groups are more likely to experience barriers with this change and may need support to access photo ID.

Organisations working directly with voters, including local authorities and charities, can help voters make sure they have photo ID ahead of the elections.

We've created packs for organisations in England to help them raise awareness, and support voters with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, if needed. The packs also include information on voter registration.

Resources to help those who are likely to need support with the new voter ID requirement, including:

- Disabled people
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- Older people
- People experiencing homelessness
- People who are registered to vote anonymously

Acceptable photo ID can be a passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state, or a Commonwealth country

• A driving licence issued by the UK, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state

• Some concessionary travel pass, such as an Older Person's Bus Pass or an Oyster 60+ card

People will be able to use expired photo ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

**Further information Can be obtained from the Electoral services Team at Boston Borough Council**



By  
John S. Maltby  
Convener

The last CPF discussion was 'Making the case for Capitalism.'

The debates included the following responses

We should re-affirm our beliefs in Self Help, standing up for ourselves -best system we have. Realise our own potential and ambition. The World revolves around Capitalism and its tried and tested, winning formula. Freedom comes from Capitalism – Competition within Capitalism removes most obstacles. A means to generate wealth. Improvement of living standards. Recognise the distinct difference between socialism and capitalism. Thatcherism advocated giving people the chance and they will get off their backsides to create start-ups.

We should promote Education :-via practical skills, buy to let example, basic budgeting and prioritising. Creating wealth to create roles and responsibilities/opportunities. Continually Look to ourselves as an example. As a vision:- work hard to get/give resolve- Aim High. Social conscience to be incorporated into this vision. Greater use Social media to promote Capitalism. Exchange the word "Capitalism" for Enterprise and Economic Freedom and finally create a "can do-will do" attitude in everything we do.

As Conservatives we should demonstrate delivery of the following:

On the Cost of living we should give money back to the people. Small government low tax.

On Energy security, we need to Encourage small businesses – fracking and small nuclear plants for example. Put Britain to first. Refrain from EU or other bodies to be involved in our energy market. Regain the control of energy supply ASAP i.e.. EDF. Break up large monopolies that act against the consumer interest and Include Food within the nation's security policy.

On the NHS Health and Social care we need to consider Regionalising NHS and tie in social care. Train and retain new member of staff for a minimum of 5 years. Consider the Canadian Model. Ensure anyone not paid into our system should be made to pay up front before treatment and have Cosmetic surgery privatised.

As a Global influence we need to Become an enabler, rather than direct ownership model. Be a Facilitator, opening doors for modern Britain to pursue. Educate entrepreneurs' and negotiate by being responsible players on the world stage. Create the path for true capitalism and Recreate British Overseas Trade Board for overseas development.

An invitation has been sent out to all members for the next CPF meeting which will be on the case for Freedom



## Boston Conservatives Branch Lottery

### David Skipworth

### DO YOU WANT TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL PARTY AND HAVE IT COST YOU NOTHING AT ALL?

Then why not take out a Lottery Subscription, 5 members who year have had their Subscriptions back in winnings, and if you be in that position!



did exactly that last joined, you too could

As I continually and persistently keep saying, every subscriber's contribution is greatly appreciated by myself and the Branch Committee, and you have the added knowledge that you are helping keep the Branch and the Association financially secure, not such a mean feat in today's economic climate.

I am not sure what more, beyond continuing to banging the drum, I can do to encourage more members to participate, but I am always open to any suggestions, so if you have any let me have them, on [bostonconservativesbranch@outlook.com](mailto:bostonconservativesbranch@outlook.com)

**In April this year we will be having a promotional draw for the 1st anniversary of the Branch Lottery. To be eligible to be in it you will need to have an active subscription in place by 1st April 2023, so you don't have long.**

All current subscribers will automatically be in it, and a Winner is GUARANTEED.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Association Website, or sent to you via email on request. Newly joining or renewing members will already have been fortunate or unfortunate enough,( dependant upon your view), to already have received them, but replacements are always available. No one is turned down and all monies are gratefully received, no medicals no credit checks, as the Life Insurance plans say.

Remember, the Lottery is not only for members, if you have family or friends that you can encourage to also join please do so, Bigger in this case is Better!

Thank you to the current Subscribers for your continued contacting you in the near future regarding any renewals you can always get in before me and renew



support, and I will be that are due in April, but

## LOTTERY RESULTS



No winner this month  
Prize fund to rollover

# BOSTON CONSERVATIVES SUPPER CLUB

## Dates for the diary

March 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 17<sup>th</sup>



69 attended and  
interesting  
Cllr. Ben Bradley MP.

enjoyed a very  
address by

He is very active in his local politics  
combining his responsibilities as an elected County  
Councillor, Leader of Nottinghamshire  
County Council  
and also Member of Parliament for Mansfield.

Next Supper Club is on Friday 17th March.

Michael Cheyne will be sending out the invitations  
in due course. Email address

[bostonsupperclub23@gmail.com](mailto:bostonsupperclub23@gmail.com)

## Boston Borough Council Local Elections

We are finalising the selection of Candidates to fight the next Local Elections. Part of that selection process is to ask Members by ward to confirm that they are happy with the choice of candidate, Democracy at Work, so please look out for any communications relating to the selection of candidates.

With more than 15 members in a ward your votes becomes important and can be binding, less than 15 it is still important but the final decision will rest with the Association Executive who will decide after taking the views of members into consideration.

You will have received various notices asking if you can provide any Campaign support. It could be leafletting your own street, your ward, canvassing if we do any or working in another ward, the choice is yours, but the important thing is identifying who can or are able to give any help or support to our candidates. In the first instance if you want to let the Branch know we can then pass your details on to the Campaign Teams for them to make direct contact with you. We already have had some response from members indicating if they can help, but if more members are available and can help it would be great.

## MP Selection Process

The Association has also started the selection process for the MP. A selection Council made up of representatives of all wards in the Constituency has recently been formed which under the current rules will take the initial decision to either adopt or reject the sitting MP. Only if he is rejected by the Council and a vacancy advertised will it go out to the membership in an Open contest, with appropriate hustings and other election events and which would allow others on the Approved Candidates List to put their names forward as well. If approved and re-selected, the sitting MP automatically becomes the Prospective Candidate for the next General Election.



# ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2023



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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

It is with deep regret that my wife and I are not renewing our membership but we are both Conservatives and have been all of our lives, unfortunately at the moment both Nationally and locally we have got people standing under the Umbrella of Conservatism just to get themselves elected and that is not good enough we need true Conservatives representing us.

Nationally the MP's are doing the best job they can to allow Labour to win the next General Election and that will be absolutely disastrous for our Country, only a couple of days ago I had an email from Rishi saying that they had got Brexit done and taken control of our Borders, that tells me that he is very out of touch with what is going on if he thinks that 1000 illegal migrants crossing the Channel daily when the weather conditions are right is taking control of our Borders.

Locally the Councillors got rid of Peter Bedford as leader, he was probably the best leader Boston has had in recent years and he was a true Conservative as was Stephen Woodliffe who resigned from the Party because of this. As I believe I told you before I was one of the Councillors and a portfolio holder who took over Boston Borough Council when the By-pass Party had totally messed it up and the improvement board was in, within about six months we had turned it around and was ourselves being used as an example of how a Council should be run, we worked very long hours, in fact there were occasions when I was actually exchanging emails with the Chief Executive at gone midnight on a Sunday. I think that what I have just told you will help you to understand why we are so angry, we have a Borough Council now that are not true Conservatives and certainly a Leader that is not up to it, after all the work we did to put the Council on a good footing it is now virtually being run by East Lindsey and it looks like getting worse, yes Councils need to share some services but they must remain independent. I do fully understand the lack of membership concerns as I was Association Chairman for sometime but in order to increase membership the Party must adopt a Conservative approach to everything and they certainly are not doing that at the moment, they also need to look at changing the membership rules, at the moment the MP's choose our leader and they are only a very small percentage of the membership, on top of that when this small percentage have done that the Leader then chooses who he wants to be the Party Chairman, what other organisation allows one person to choose the Chairman, both of these positions should be chosen by the membership.

I wish the party all the best for the future and congratulate the committee on the work they are doing for the Party and look forward to seeing some positive changes in the future.



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# Out and About

By Paul Skinner Council Leader



## Boston Marathon

Boston UK Marathon will take place on Sunday 16 April 2023 and this year will see the introduction of a 10K event.

The Boston Marathon Association is a voluntary, not for profit organisation with an overriding aim to benefit the town and people of Boston. It's the community spirit which keeps the race alive!

The full and half marathons will start from 8am in the Market Place and the 10K and Fun Run will start at the main gates of Central Park from 9am. Final plans will be advertised on social media and the website nearer the time. All races finish at Boston College. The routes and further information can be found on the website – [www.bostonmarathon.co.uk](http://www.bostonmarathon.co.uk)

Anyone interested in volunteering on the day should email [volunteersbostonmarathonuk@gmail.com](mailto:volunteersbostonmarathonuk@gmail.com)

Boston groups and businesses can express an interest for UKSPF and Rural England Prosperity Fund money

Businesses and communities in Boston are set to benefit from £2.62million of new funding secured by the Borough Council through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF).

The Council is inviting eligible local organisations to submit expressions of interest for the funding, which will help to support the delivery of projects and programmes that help to build pride in place, provide high quality skills training and increase life chances across the borough.

Investment in local projects and programmes will be focused around three key themes, with further priorities identified by the Council as part of the original application process:

**Communities and place:** Developing and promoting Boston's heritage; addressing the challenges of integration and inclusion with migrant workers; supporting the High Street; investment in community facilities; enhancing the cultural and heritage offer.

**Support local business:** Helping local businesses invest for future growth; encouraging new businesses to establish; helping local social and community enterprises to innovate and grow; diversifying the local economy; encouraging investment in new technologies.

**People and skills:** Supporting social enterprises to deliver training and development in the community; engaging both the migrant population and over 65's in training and development activity.

The fund will be administered by the Council, with the decision making process supported through the expert insight and feedback of a group made up of representatives from local businesses, community organisations, education providers, investors and other key sectors.

The full bidding guide for the funding and the expression of interest form is available on the Council's website [www.boston.gov.uk/UKSPF](http://www.boston.gov.uk/UKSPF).