



THE BIG CHOICE - less than 70 days away

Postal votes campaign



South Nottingham PPC Jane Hunt knows the importance of postal votes. She is pictured here with her team who helped out with the "Get Out the Postal Vote" exercise in the Park Estate.

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Share the facts

Be at the heart of the most important election in a generation - start using our Share the Facts site today and let everyone know what's at stake in May.

This election is going to be close - and we need every Conservative supporter to play their part.

One simple but important way you can help is by joining the thousands of supporters sharing graphics, videos and blog posts online through our Share the Facts site.

Every week, Share the Facts users help get our message out to over three million people - and with you on board, we can reach even more.

You'll be playing a vital role in the campaign: letting your friends and family know about our plans to secure a better future for Britain - and how Ed Miliband, propped up by who-knows-what minor parties, would put it all at risk.

Simply go to the Share the Facts site on Google, click on an item you want to share and sign up for an account when asked.

You'll then get points every time you share something on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn - with regular prizes for those at the top of the Share the Facts leaderboard.

Get sharing today - and play your part in this crucial election.

Conservative club fire

Three fire appliances attended the Newark Conservative Club on Sunday 22nd February when a fire started in the club's snooker room.

Extensive damage was done to both the room and the snooker tables and smoke damage occurred in the rest of the club's premises including the bar area and the stewards flat. No one was hurt during the fire and it is understood that the club will be closed for a considerable time whilst work is progressed.

The Newark Conservative Association offices at the rear of the building escaped damage apart from loss of electricity and smoke fumes.

Comment

Pundits have it that this will be the closest fought election in post war history when we go to the polls in May.

In Rushcliffe and Newark, with previous majorities, there is bound to be a positive expectation but in the three 40/40 seats of Broxtowe, Sherwood and Nottingham South there is a much more a feeling of "we have to win" for it is on the success of seats such as these throughout the country that the outcome of an overall Conservative majority will hinge.

For Anna Soubry and Mark Spencer we all need to offer assistance to make sure that both of these hard-working Members of Parliament retain their seats and we can do this by helping to canvass and do other work. They are just a telephone call away and just one session out of your week will be welcomed.

You can contact Anna Soubry's office on 0115 943 6507 and Mark Spencer's office on 0115 9681186

The Nottingham South seat with Jane Hunt as the PPC is one we can well win and Jane with her helpers is making their presence well felt throughout the constituency. Again a little of your time will be welcomed Contact her office on 0115 948 4533.

A most important aspect of any election is postal voting and there is no doubt that many elections have been won by the number of postal votes the various parties have been able to obtain.

Canvassing for postal votes is an essential part of any campaigning and for individuals this is an easy way to cast your vote. You may be away at a particular election time or you may even be ill and unable to attend a polling booth. A postal vote ensures that your vote will count.

But there is one individual we always encounter who says they have never voted. Persuading them can be hard but perhaps a postal vote will give them the incentive to put their cross!

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At the heart of the welfare system

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Iain Duncan Smith says "At the heart of our welfare reforms is a simple goal: to tackle the culture of welfare de-

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So we're creating a system that helps people stand on their own two feet - restoring the incentive to work and ensuring that work always pays.

Gone will be the days when it could make more sense to sit on benefits than enter work. Now, the right choice is also the logical one.

Our new Universal Credit is already transforming lives, freeing people from welfare dependency and helping them

provide for themselves and their families. Yet Labour refuse to back the scheme. Having opposed every one of our vital welfare

reforms, including the benefit cap, again they stand in the way of progress.

So I need your support. Add your name today to show you back the important changes we're making to the welfare system.

The difference between the Conservatives and Labour on welfare is one of values.

The Conservatives stand for giving people the security of a job and hope for a better future. We believe in rewarding the willingness to work and helping

people get on in life.

By contrast, the only thing you can honestly say that Labour stands for is more welfare dependency. They truly are the welfare party.

We can't let them wreck the progress we've made. Add your name today, and let's keep up the important work of turning Britain around".

Make sure you tell them this on the doorstep

Eds radio admission

Back in January, on the Andrew Marr show, Ed Miliband was asked whether his spending plans will mean he'll have to raise taxes on hardworking families.

His answer? **'Indeed, indeed.'**

He was confirming what everybody already knew: that Labour haven't changed, and that their plans for more spending and more borrowing will mean higher taxes for everyone.

While the Conservatives have cut income tax every year we've been in office, Ed Miliband actually doesn't believe in cutting tax.

In an article revealed over the weekend - written while he was part of the last Labour government - he actually rejected the idea of tax cuts as 'out of the mainstream' (Source: Telegraph.co.uk, 10th Jan 2015).

The choice at the next election couldn't be clearer.

The Conservatives, will take everyone who earns less than £12,500 out of income tax altogether - and raise the 40p tax threshold, so no-one earning less than £50,000 pays it.

30 million people will keep more of the money they earn.

Or a Labour leader who doesn't believe in tax cuts at all - and is already making plans to make families pay more.

Everyone needs to know this. Make sure you tell them

New role for MP

Member of Parliament for Newark, Robert Jenrick, has been appointed PPS to employment minister Esther McVey.

This is Mr Jenrick's first government appointment since his by-election victory and he will be working in the Department for Work and Pensions headed by Iain Duncan Smith.

All about backing business

There is a debate going on in British politics which I never thought I'd see, says David Cameron.



Because whatever else I disagreed with Tony Blair and Gordon Brown about, we always agreed that businesses are the backbone of Britain's economy, creating jobs and giving people the security of a pay packet.

But now Ed Miliband's Labour Party have decided that business is the enemy.

They want to hit Britain's businesses by raising their taxes and fixing prices. They've opposed our measures to cut red tape and help businesses grow and create more jobs.

Even worse, Ed Miliband's plans for more borrowing and more debt would lead to higher interest rates and instability for businesses.

Everyone who works in a business or runs a business has reason to fear a Labour Government.

We have to stop Labour getting into power and costing jobs. While Labour attack businesses, the Conservatives back them.

We've cut their taxes, cut red tape, and invested in the roads, rail and infrastructure they need.

More than that though, we've taken the difficult, long-term decisions necessary to give businesses stability and build an economy that is once again attracting investment from around the world.

Because it's no accident that last year Britain was the fastest growing of any major economy. It's no accident that there are more people in work than ever before in our country.

So we'll continue to back Britain's businesses and build a country full of opportunities for young people and security for families.

Donate and get your fridge magnet

Get your limited edition 'Labour break it, the Conservatives fix it' fridge magnet - contribute £10 or more to our campaign today.

It's always the same when it comes to the economy: Labour break it, Conservatives fix it.

In 2010, Labour left an economy that was on its knees. But we've halved the deficit as a share of national income, new businesses are opening, jobs

are being created, and wages are rising faster than prices.

Britain is going in the right direction again - and we can't let Ed Miliband and Labour put that at risk.

Reserve your fridge magnet today by donating £10 or more, and the money you give will help our campaign to win the next election and secure a better future for Britain. Go to Conservatives.com to donate.

