

# Activist

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## West Lancashire Conservative Association Members Newsletter

### 2015 ELECTIONS

Labour has taken control of West Lancashire Borough Council for the first time since 2002 following the local elections. There were 18 council seats up for grabs in 2015. Labour took 11 seats, while the Conservatives took seven, giving Labour 30 seats and the Conservatives 23 seats overall and 1 Independent.

This year turnout was 69.18% compared to a turnout of 65.87% in 2010, the last time that local elections coincided with the General Election. Last year the turnout for the local election was 35.97%.

In relation to the General Election, Rosie Cooper was declared MP for West Lancashire after doubling her majority.

The final results were Labour: 24,474, Conservative: 16,114, Liberal Democrat: 1,298, UKIP: 6,058, Green, 1582, War Veterans Pro-traditional Family Party: 150.

**If you are interested in being a candidate for the 2016 Borough Council Elections please contact Paul or Bill, visit**

<http://www.westlancsconservatives.com/become-councillor>

Full results-[www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/may-2015-elections.aspx](http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/may-2015-elections.aspx)

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### Community Group/ Charity/Funding

For information on Local Member Grants awarded by Lancashire County Council councillors for West Lancashire visit-

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/grants-and-funding/voluntary,-community-and-faith-sectors-grants-and-funding/local-member-grants.aspx>

Grants for Community Groups also are available from West Lancs Borough Council-

<http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/your-community/grants-to-voluntary-groups.aspx>

### Raffle

Summer raffle tickets will be sent out shortly.

### 200 Club

There are numbers available in the Club 200 Club, please contact the office for details.

### Chairman's Column By Bill Weingart

Dear Colleague

Our exhilaration at achieving an overall majority in the next Parliament must be tempered by our losses at the Council elections and our dismay at Paul Greenall's loss in his bid to become our MP. We are going to try and do better next time, and to this end have enacted some changes in our candidate selection procedure, which were passed at the Executive Council meeting on 28th May. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer, looking forward to even better and bolder policies at the national level, as we are no longer encumbered by our former 'partners' in the coalition.

Best wishes,  
Bill Weingart.



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# Recent News Stories

- ◆ Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring events and to everyone who helped in the recent elections.
- ◆ Saturday, 28 March, 2015-A number of West Lancs Conservative members, councillors and activists went to hear David Cameron and others at the Spring Forum event held in Manchester.  
The event took place at 3sixtymedia Studios in Manchester. Key speeches were by Grant Shapps, George Osborne and David Cameron.  
Prime Minister David Cameron spoke to the Conservative spring forum this morning to say this election was a simple choice between Labour and Conservatives.
- ◆ Children and staff at Giggles Day Nursery are settling into their new surroundings in Inskip, Skelmersdale, after contacting West Lancashire Borough Council for help to find a new base. The nursery had been based in Westgate since 2009, but the owners were keen to look for somewhere new for the provision to enable them to increase their capacity and provide excellent facilities indoors as well as outdoors.
- ◆ Ormskirk- Car Parks. The improvements were carried out at the following car parks:Hants Lane,The Stiles, Derby Street West, Hutton Way, off Park Road Market Way, off Moorgate and Park Road (to the rear of Tesco) The improvements saw the car parks re-surfaced, with new lining for spaces put down.
- ◆ Moor Street Scheme-The scheme will see the pedestrianised section of Moor Street, from Moorgate to the Clock Tower, resurfaced with new paving to complement that used on Aughton Street and Church Street. There will also be new seating and tree planting, and a revised layout to better present the market stalls. This project is being delivered in partnership between Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council and aims to make the area even more appealing for businesses, shoppers and visitors. Work is well under way and should be finished by September.



For more information about our activities, or if you would like to help contact us-



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# Events

- **West Lancs Conservatives Summer Meal.** 7pm for 730pm Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June At Infusions, 4 Orrell Lane, Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancashire L40 0SQ Cash Bar/ Raffle. Ticket price £15. For tickets email the office [office@westlancsconservatives.com](mailto:office@westlancsconservatives.com) or call Edward 07971 299606 or George 01695 572306.
- **Summer Lunch** at the home of Mr & Mrs Stephen Pilkington. Quarry Drive is off Moss Delph Lane Aughton and parking is limited .Address-The Quarries Quarry Drive, Aughton, Ormskirk, L39 5BG. Cash Bar/ Raffle. Ticket price £20. 1230pm for 1pm start Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Tickets are limited contact Cllr David O'Toole or Edward McCarthy for a ticket.
- **Patrons Outing for the Ladies to the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show** on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Champagne, Tea and Floral Demonstration by TV Florist Carl Wilde. Entry ticket to the Main Show included. Non Patrons may come the cost is £35. Contact Jenni Mayer.
- **Disraeli Night-** Discussion night with a meal £10. First one will be 17<sup>th</sup> September. More details on the next Newsletter. These will be each month between September-March.
- **Party Conference** 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Contact office for information. <https://conservativepartyconference.com/index>
- **Cheese and Wine Night.** The Aughton Institute. Bold Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 6SG. Cash Bar/ Raffle. Ticket price £20. 23<sup>rd</sup> October.730pm.

If you have any future events to advertise please get in touch with Edward.

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