

Candidates Standing for (Re)Election 2023



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JOHN HOWELL OBE MP (Re-election 4th Term)

John has been the Conservative Member of Parliament for Henley since the June 2008 by-election. He is a member of various All-Party Groups including Fusion Energy. John became an IPT Trustee in 2010, and has completed a fellowship exploring the justice system and the legal profession. In September 2020 John became the Chairman of the IPT's Board of Trustees. In January 2021, John has been appointed as leader of the UK Delegation to Council of Europe. The British delegation is a cross-party group of MPs, it consists of 18 MPs together with another 18 alternates.

PAULINE LATHAM OBE MP (Re-election 2nd Term)



Pauline Latham OBE MP has been Member of Parliament for Mid-Derbyshire since the formation of the constituency in 2010. She joined the IPT Trustee Board in February 2019. Pauline has lived in Derbyshire for almost fifty years and has been actively involved in the community for much of this time. Pauline was first elected as a Conservative Councillor on Derbyshire County Council in 1987 and was later a Derby City Council, where she held the position of Mayor of Derby in 2007/2008. Pauline was also a Governor at Ecclesbourne School. In Parliament, Pauline sits on the International Development Select Committee, and the Administration Committee. Pauline was previously a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Foreign Office to the Minister of State, Rt Hon Alan Duncan MP. She was also appointed the

Trade Envoy to Kenya in 2018, and the Parliamentary Ambassador for the Performing Arts. Pauline is currently working on a number of campaigns including: supporting her Constituent, Jacci Woodcock's 'Dying to Work' campaign to promote the rights of terminally ill workers; advocating a change in UK Law to see an increase in the marriage age from 16 to 18 and campaigning for the Ukrainian Holdomor (1932-33) to be recognised as a genocide.

JAMES ROWLANDS (Election 1st Term)



James is Senior Policy and Public Affairs Manager at Nationwide Building Society, where he leads on external engagement and campaigning on housing issues. Prior to joining Nationwide, he worked for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors supporting their policy development and external engagement in the UK, Hong Kong and India and as a researcher for the Crossbench group in the House of Lords. James is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) Public Affairs Group and ESG Expert Panel and Chair of the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Excellence (CaCHE) Knowledge Exchange Hub. He is also the Vice-Chair of the IPT's Executive Committee.

MARY ELIZABETH TWIST MP (Election 1st Term)



Liz was first elected as Member of Parliament for Blaydon Constituency in June 2017, having previously worked for the trade union UNISON and latterly as a cabinet member on Gateshead Council. She currently serves as a senior opposition whip and chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Suicide and Self-Harm prevention, Rare Diseases, Water, and Parks and Green Spaces. She is also involved with the Net Zero All Party Parliamentary Group, having previously served as one of its vice-chair from early 2020 until earlier this year. Liz is currently undertaking a Fellowship programme with the IPT with a focus on mental health in the workplace.

DANIEL ZEICHNER MP (Election 1st Term)



Daniel entered Parliament at the 2015 General Election, unseating Lib Dem Julian Huppert, was appointed Shadow Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries in 2020. He was Shadow Transport Minister from 2015 to 2017. The former Chair of Cambridge Labour Party, he was a councillor between 1995 and 2003, leading a small Labour Group in an area then dominated by Liberal Democrats. He worked as a Parliamentary researcher (1992-97) and for a member of the European Parliament (1994-99). He has represented Cambridge on Labour's National Policy Forum since it was established by John Smith. He first came to Cambridge to read History at King's. He had a successful career in IT, in both public and private sectors, starting his working life at Shire Hall in the IT department, later employed at Philips on the old Simoco

site in East Chesterton and then at Perkins Engines in Peterborough, before moving to Norfolk working at Norwich Union. From 2002 to 2015 he worked as national political officer for the trade union UNISON, promoting the interests of low-paid women working in public services. He worked closely with Labour Ministers on changes to housing policy to secure more affordable homes. He has run an Anti-Apartheid group and chaired a school governing body for seven years. He was a trustee of Cambridge Crossroads for Carers for four years until the organisation merged with Cambridgeshire Crossroads. He is an active member of Labour's environmental group (SERA), on their National Executive, helping them work with trade unions, and making the case for a shift to a greener tax policy. Outside of politics he is a keen sportsman, he enjoys cycling and walking and was a promising middle-distance runner in his youth. He is a Crystal Palace supporter, although now watches the Cambridge United results equally closely!

DEREK THOMAS MP (Election 1st Term)



Derek is the Conservative Member of Parliament for West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (St Ives). Before his election in 2015 Derek ran a small building company and specialised in the restoration and renewal of traditional stone-built cottages. He has also worked in the voluntary sector supporting people with learning difficulties. He served on his local district council as chair of overview and scrutiny and enjoys a healthy working relationship with all tiers of local government in West Cornwall and on Scilly. He chairs the Rural Services All Party Parliamentary Group and prioritises his time working to increase skilled and well-paid jobs, and support businesses. Derek also focusses intently on all things housing to seek to ease many of the pressures in relation to health, costs of living and community cohesion. In Parliament, Derek

also chairs the Brain Tumour APPG and Diabetes APPG. He takes a keen interest in working to accelerate efforts to reduce harmful emissions and promote nature recovery, recognising that the opportunities to improve homes, increase careers opportunities and produce the best quality food make Cornwall and Scilly a healthier, more prosperous, and greener place to live. Derek grew up in the constituency and lives close to Penzance with his wife and their 3 children.