

Julian Ellacott

An effective voice for our Voluntary Party

For Chairman of the National Convention



Dear colleague,

After 25 years of activity as a Party volunteer, leading at all levels - **Association, Area, Region and Board** - I am seeking your support to become Chairman of the National Convention, the body which represents hard working volunteers like you.

Over the past year as one of your Vice Presidents I have been active in every region. I have travelled over 16,000 miles and made over 130 stops - campaigning on the doorsteps, supporting fundraisers, charring meetings - and listening to colleagues like you so that I can continue to represent your views at the Board.

You can visit my website, **www.julianellacott.com**, to see the actions I will take if I am elected, which come directly from these conversations around the country.

There are three priorities for me:

- 1. Overhaul candidate selection.** I will ensure that this is led by a senior volunteer as Chairman of Candidates, accountable to you, the Convention. Candidates must prove their Conservative credentials and campaigning abilities, and members must be fully involved in selecting them, well in advance of the next General Election.
- 2. Live up to our values.** The Party needs to live up to the values we espouse externally - such as democracy, respect and integrity - and we must enforce high standards.
- 3. Your voices must be promoted and listened to.** The National Convention represents all of us, and we must strengthen our collective voice at the centre of the Party.

As I have proven in my past roles, **I am dedicated to our voluntary party** and will work all hours and travel all over the country **to support you**. I have never wanted to be a Parliamentary Candidate - I am just passionate about building up our Party so that we can achieve our shared goal to **get Conservatives elected at all levels** and defeat our opponents.

If you support my aims and have confidence in me to deliver them, please vote for me and give me a strong mandate for the changes we need.

Yours,

Julian



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MAKING THE CONVENTION AND VOLUNTARY PARTY STRONGER

1

Publish a Convention Strategy Plan

2

Hold more in person Convention meetings

3

Establish Regional and subject-related sub-groups of the Convention

4

Set up regular Zoom surgeries for any Convention member to speak to Board members

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Create a Handbook, containing useful information for Convention members

PS. Visit **www.julianellacott.com** or send me a message on **07818 441236** to ask me about my priorities or to tell me yours.

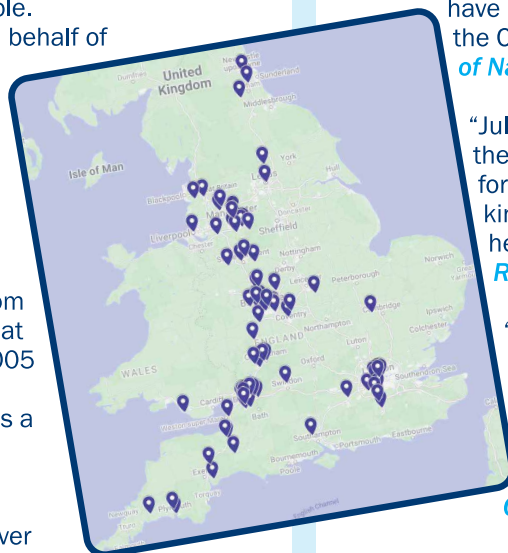




Some of the 250 attendees at last year's South West Regional Conference, organised by myself and my Regional Team

MY RECORD

- Over the past year, made over 130 visits across the country, campaigning, fundraising and speaking/listening to as many local activists as possible.
- Spoke up at the Board regularly on behalf of members, for example to ensure as much say in the leadership election as possible.
- Led a General Election Fighting Fund which not only covered our own campaign costs, but raised a further £30,000, donated to 12 target seats.
- Co-ordinated campaign support from a safe seat to nearby target seats, at every General Election between 2005 and 2017.
- Ran region wide training courses as a Regional Training Co-ordinator.
- Continued and expanded the successful South West Regional Conferences, regularly attracting over 250 people and raising over £10,000 each time for target seats



IN OTHER PEOPLE'S WORDS

"Julian has led from the front in all the roles he has had and his main focus and priority is the voluntary party and its members. I have no hesitation in backing Julian as Chairman of the Convention." **Michael Winstanley, Vice President of National Conservative Convention**

"Julian is a team builder and campaigner, with both the professional staff and the Voluntary Party. His formidable intellect, grasp of detail and personal kindness to all have ensured buy in from all those he works with." **Marjorie Baylis MBE, South West Region Chairman**

"Julian is a born leader with a unique ability to see all perspectives and unite people to find a solution everyone can support. His nationwide campaigning has given him unparalleled insight into the issues affecting each region." **Arun Photay, West Midlands Regional Chairman**

"He is extremely collegiate in his approach and is willing to both listen to and present our views at the very top level. Julian always leads from the front and knows how to bring people together, a quality that is very much needed if we are to move forward." **Debbie Toon MBE, Former President, of the National Convention**

"Julian leads from the front. Indeed he led the campaign support to Sutton & Cheam from neighbouring Reigate, in the run up to my first election victory in 2015. He is an energetic campaigner and dedicated to the Voluntary Party." **Paul Scully, Former MP for Sutton & Cheam**

"Julian has been an instrumental part in enabling me to organise Young Conservative events, and in turn reach and empower other YCs. I would highly recommend Julian for the position of Chairman of the National Convention and would consider the Party very fortunate to have him in this role." **Helena Penfold, South West Region CWO Deputy Chairman, and former South West YC Co-ordinator**

"He is steeped in the voluntary party, understands the members' needs and already represents them effectively at the Party Board – we will all benefit from his pragmatic leadership." **Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner**

"Julian always leads from the front and does what he expects others to do too. He is very approachable and always does his best to help with advice and guidance to the grassroots." **Cllr Afzal Akram, Area Chairman Hertfordshire and Chairman of Conservative Friends of Small Business**

Visit julianellacott.com to see more endorsements.

MY EXPERIENCE

- Vice President and member of the Board (2023-)
- Regional Chairman, South West (2020-2023)
- Parliamentary Candidate Assessor (2023)
- Area Chairman/Deputy Chairman, Surrey (2014-2019)
- Association Chairman/Deputy Chairman, Reigate & Banstead (2012-2019)
- Borough Councillor, Reigate & Banstead (2000-2019)

ABOUT ME

I grew up on a farm in Cornwall, before studying at Oxford and then working in Surrey, where I qualified as an actuary.

I now live in Bristol with my two Boston terriers, Gwen and Rufus, where I am a director of a small insurance company.

In any spare time beyond politics I enjoy reading, running for charity, watching sport and savouring a decent pint.



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"There is no limit to what a man can do, or where he can go, if he doesn't mind who gets the credit." **Ronald Reagan**