

Julian Ellacott

An effective voice for our Voluntary Party

For Chairman of the National Convention



Dear colleague,

I am standing for re-election as Chairman of the National Convention, and I am asking for your support to continue in this role.

In the nine months since being elected I have travelled thousands of miles, listening to your views, sharing best practice, and representing your voice at the very top of the Party.

From small rural branches to our largest federations, I have seen first hand the dedication and resilience of our voluntary Party.

These have been my priorities over the past year, and if re-elected I will push on further with all of them:

1. **Champion the voices of volunteers, activists and members** at the Party Board and CCHQ, and bringing greater transparency about decisions being made at the top.
2. **Drive forward vital Party reforms**, including of candidate selection processes, and leading the review of the Constitution.
3. **Support Associations, Areas, Regions, and affiliate groups** through advice, training, on-the-ground campaigning, and attendance at events.
4. **Strengthen the National Convention's identity and influence**, including publishing our new Handbook, setting up new working groups and organising our successful in-person meeting in March.

Above all, I believe in operating as One Conservative Team – in a voluntary organisation the only way we can thrive is to use the talents and energies of as many colleagues as possible, encouraging diversity of approaches, being open to new ideas, learning from each other – and being united.

Thank you to the more than 100 colleagues who have written in to nominate me to continue in this role, from every nation and region of the UK, from local to national roles – who back my record and share my vision.

I hope to count on your support, to lead a united National Convention team and continue my relentless focus on the pursuit of a stronger and more confident voluntary Party.

With my very best wishes,

Julian

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to ask me about my priorities or to tell





Julian with the rest of the current National Convention Officer team, and supporting Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish Party Conferences during the past year

MY RECORD

Achieved in the past year:

- ✓ Convention members consulted on proposals for candidate selection
- ✓ An experienced volunteer appointed to chair the Candidates Committee
- ✓ New Convention Handbook created and published
- ✓ Successful in-person National Convention meeting organised in March
- ✓ Member debates re-introduced at Conference
- ✓ Notes from Board meetings now shared with the Convention
- ✓ New working groups on technology and campaigning set up
- ✓ Constitutional change started, involving all members
- ✓ Over 100 personal online surgeries held with senior volunteers
- ✓ Dozens of visits to support Associations up and down the country

If I am re-elected I will build on the all of the above, and more – see my website for more details.

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.



MY EXPERIENCE

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

IN OTHER PEOPLE'S WORDS

"I have had the privilege of working with Julian for the past few years. In that time, I have seen at first hand his commitment and dedication to the voluntary party. I can think of no one better to be Chairman as we continue to lay the foundations for the next election." *Michael Winstanley OBE, President of the National Convention*

"He is extremely collegiate in his approach and is willing to both listen to and present our views at the very top level." *Debbie Toon MBE, former Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee*

"Julian has done a fantastic job so far with his visibility across the country. He is engaging individuals from all parts of the Party and it is a privilege to nominate someone who thoroughly deserves it." *Charlie Chirico, Chairman, Melton & Syston Conservative Association*

"It's refreshing to see all the work you are doing and your open approach to the voluntary party. I am happy we are moving forward in the right direction under your leadership." *Sai Karthik Madabhushi, Area Officer, London North West*

"Julian has taken on the role of Chairman of the Convention at one of the most difficult times in our history. He has worked tirelessly to support us as volunteers and has led the Convention team superbly through the trials of the last year. No one has our backs as members of the Convention like Julian has." *Marjorie Baylis MBE, Chairman, South West Region*



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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**