

# Julian Ellacott

## An effective voice for our Voluntary Party

Re-elected as Chairman of the National Convention



*Dear colleague,*

It is a privilege to have been nominated and elected unopposed for a third (and final) year as Chairman of the National Conservative Convention. Thank you to the more than 100 colleagues who nominated me to continue in this role, from every nation and region of the UK.

In under two years since being elected I have travelled thousands of miles, listening to your views, supporting your campaigning, 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 at first hand the dedication and resilience of our voluntary Party.

### I will focus in my final year on:

1. **Championing the voices of volunteers, activists and members** at the Party Board and at CCHQ, and continue bringing greater transparency about decisions being made at the top.
2. **Driving forward the selection of Parliamentary candidates**, now that we have strengthened the approval and selection process.
3. **Supporting Associations, Areas, Regions, and affiliate groups** through advice, training, on-the-ground campaigning, and giving them a greater voice in the way the Party is run.
4. **Strengthening the National Convention's identity and influence**, including extending the Convention Handbook, introducing new training and mentoring, and other opportunities for members to network and learn from each other.

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 also for the incredible amount that you do for our Party, across so many fronts - your collective effort is what motivates me every day in this role.

**You have my assurance that I will continue my relentless focus on the pursuit of a stronger and more confident voluntary Party and the election of the next Conservative Government.**

With my very best wishes,

*Julian*

PS. Visit [www.julianellacott.com](http://www.julianellacott.com) or send me a message on **07818 441236** to ask me about my priorities or to tell me yours.





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

*"Everything I have achieved so far has been as a result of working closely with other Convention Officers, building a unified team and operating on the principle of enabling others to succeed."*

- ✓ Dozens of visits to Associations, to support campaigning, fundraising and other events (averaging 300 miles per week)
- ✓ Strong championing at Board level for frontline campaign support, including for the CCA by-election fund and additional national literature and direct mail
- ✓ Candidate selection rules overhauled, based on input from Convention members, and including a thorough process for former MPs
- ✓ An experienced volunteer, Clare Hambro, appointed to chair the Candidates Committee, following an open application process
- ✓ Greater transparency, including notes from Board meetings being shared with the Convention
- ✓ Young Conservatives relaunched, with new national Chair and Deputy Chair
- ✓ Support and encouragement for Regional and Area Conferences – leading to a record number being held
- ✓ Member debates reintroduced at Conference
- ✓ Members consulted on potential changes to the Constitution
- ✓ Over 200 personal online surgeries held with senior volunteers
- ✓ New Convention Handbook created, published and enhanced
- ✓ Reintroduction of springtime in-person National Convention meetings



## 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)

## 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 an insurance company.

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

## 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**