

# East Devon Conservative Association



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**Sunday 1st September: West Hill Branch Luncheon** at the Deer Park Country House Hotel, Weston, Honiton – 12.15pm for 1.00pm. . Bring your family and friends to this enjoyable occasion. Tickets: £23.00. Contact Pamela Marks Tel: 01404 813575

**Friday 13th September: East Devon Conservative Association Charity Dinner & Auction** with Rt Hon Hugo Swire MP at Sandypark, Exeter. This is a joint fundraising event with The Exeter Foundation. 3 Course Dinner and Auction. Tickets £40.00.  
Contact: Lucille Baker 01395 233503. Email: [agent@tivotonhonitonconservatives.org.uk](mailto:agent@tivotonhonitonconservatives.org.uk)

**Saturday 12th October: West Hill Branch Harvest Supper** at West Hill Village Hall – 7.00pm.  
Contact Pamela Marks 01404 813575

**Sunday 13th October: Four day tour to Bruges on Eurostar only** £319 per person. Tel: Lucille Baker 01395 233503.

**Wednesday 16th October: Campaign 2015 Question & Answer Meeting** with EDDC Councillors and Officers at The Knowle, Sidmouth. 7:00p.m–9:00p.m. All members welcome.  
Contact: Cllr Jill Elson. Tel:01395 264731 or Email: [jill@jillelson.co.uk](mailto:jill@jillelson.co.uk)

**Saturday 7th December West Hill Branch Holly Ball** – 7.00pm – 11.45pm. Contact Pamela Marks. Tel: 01404 813575.

Forthcoming events - awaiting further information

**Budleigh Salterton Branch Quiz Night** at Venture Hall, Budleigh Salterton  
**Budleigh Salterton and Sidmouth Branch Christmas Lunch** at the Westcliff Hotel, Sidmouth

Please contact the office for more information.  
Events will also be circulated by email once they are confirmed.



**SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN:**  
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### SOUTH WEST MEP CANDIDATE RESULTS

Over the last month, Conservative members have been balloted to choose the candidates and their position on the ballot paper for next year's European Elections.

Conservatives are the only party to have backed the campaign to 'Let Britain Decide' in a referendum on the EU, following a renegotiation, by the end of 2017. Conservative MEPs have joined David Cameron in standing up for Britain in Europe, something Labour failed to do in over a decade in office.

Grant Shapps, Conservative Party Chairman, said; "For 13 years Labour handed power to Brussels. Conservatives are now delivering a better deal for Britain in Europe, protecting the interests of hardworking people and helping the UK compete in the global race.

"Conservatives are the only party to have back a referendum in Parliament to give the British people a say on our EU membership. Our candidates for the European Election show we've got the people, policies and leadership to deliver a reformed EU. All Labour offers Britain is more spending, more borrowing and more debt."

The MEP Candidates for the South West are as follows:

1. Ashley Fox
2. Julie Girling
3. James Cracknell
4. Georgina Butler
5. Sophie Swire
6. Melissa Maynard

### THE CASE FOR A REFERENDUM

It has been nearly 40 years since the British people last had their say on Europe. In that time, so much has changed - the countries involved, the powers devolved, the benefits and costs of membership. People feel that the EU is heading in a direction they never signed up for. It is right to negotiate a fresh settlement in the EU that is better for Britain - and then put the result to the British people in an in-out referendum by the end of 2017. This isn't just a Conservative campaign - it's for everyone who believes that we need a different relationship with the EU and that the British people deserve a say.



Conservative Councillors at East Devon District Council are led by Cllr Paul Diviani and have started the process of setting up a **CAMPAIGN TO WIN in 2015.**



Members of east Devon District Council are inviting members to a Question and Answer session at the Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth on **WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER from 7:00p.m—9:00p.m** and would very much like you to come along to meet your elected members, have your say and help to shape our future in East Devon.  
**RSVP: Jill Elson email: [jill@jillelson.co.uk](mailto:jill@jillelson.co.uk), Telephone 01395 264731**

## The Digital Road to 2015.



Technology is changing the face of modern campaigning. In the digital age people are finding new ways to communicate—and we must be part of that conversation.

As a Party, we need to be ahead of the times. Just by getting online and up-to-date we are reaching a new generation of voters.

Going digital opens up an online world that can act as a campaign base, monitoring tool and ideas exchange. In short, it's changing everything about the way we operate.

*Grant Schapps*

Grant Schapps MP  
 Conservative Party Co-Chairman

We are working hard to increase the number of email addresses that we currently have on MERLIN to ensure we can communicate with you quickly, easily and cheaply.

The cost of postage makes it impossible to write to members as frequently as we would like to be able to keep you up to date with campaigns, events and news quicker.

Social Media is the one of the ways forward but in order to get the most from it we need more email addresses.

Our District Councillors are all attending a Social Media Seminar in September to update their Social Media Skills and our Agent has been on a course at CCHQ to learn how to set up websites for Councillors so that they can communicate to a wider audience and also the benefits of Facebook & Twitter.

Please email [office@eastdevonconservatives.org.uk](mailto:office@eastdevonconservatives.org.uk) to register your email address for future newsletters and updates.



## East Devon Conservatives & The Exeter Foundation Joint Charity Dinner & Auction

A black tie charity dinner & auction is being held on Friday 13th September at Sandypark, Exeter with Rt Hon Hugo Swire as Auctioneer. Proceeds from the night will be split 50—50 between The East Devon Conservative Association and The Exeter Foundation.

The main aim of the Exeter Foundation is to provide the City of Exeter and its surrounding areas with a 'Civic Trust' that will promote our community and pursue the vision of people who live and work there.

The Exeter Foundation was born out of the desire by Exeter Chiefs and a group of Exeter businessmen to create a focus for the future of the city and its surroundings, for the benefit of all citizens. Its aim is to create a sense of community to promote civic events, culture and heritage. Local money helping local people via various fundraising mediums.

Here are just some of the local charities that the Exeter Foundation are currently supporting and have supported in recent years: The Brandon Trust, Exeter Community Initiatives, Ellen Tinkham School, Age UK Exeter, Dream,-A-Way, Exeter Lions, Vranck House, the Motor Neuron Disease Association, Hospiscare, Exeter Foodbank, 6<sup>th</sup> Exeter Scouts, Children's Hospice South West and many, many more.

If you would like to buy a ticket or book a table of 10 for the dinner and or you would like to donate a lot for the auction please contact: Lucille Baker on 01395 233503 or Email: [agent@tiverthonhonitonconservatives.org.uk](mailto:agent@tiverthonhonitonconservatives.org.uk).



Councillor Tim Wood chairs the East Devon Conservative Policy Forum, which meets regularly to discuss and debate different policy topics as set out by Central Office. The results of these discussion are then fed back to CCHQ.

The forthcoming topics have been announced by CCHQ and are as follows:

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| September | Foreign Affairs               |
| October   | Housing & Planning            |
| November  | Personal Liberty              |
| January   | Local Government              |
| February  | Employment                    |
| March     | Policing                      |
| May       | Arts Culture & the Government |

If you are interested in attending any of these discussions or would be interested in setting up your own local Policy Forum please contact Cllr Tim Wood. Tel: 01395 XXXXXXX or Email: XXXXXXXXXX

PRESENTING  
 A NIGHT TO REMEMBER  
 IN SUPPORT OF  
 THE EXETER FOUNDATION  
 & EAST  
 DEVON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

CHARITY DINNER & AUCTION  
 FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER  
 SANDYPARK,  
 EXETER

AT 7:00PM  
 WITH  
 RT. HON HUGO SWIRE MP

TICKETS £40.00  
 PROCEEDS TO BE SHARED  
 50-50 BETWEEN

THE EXETER FOUNDATION &  
 EAST DEVON CONSERVATIVE  
 ASSOCIATION

FOR MORE DETAILS &  
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**SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING  
 COMMITTEE**

East Devon Conservatives  
 are forming a Fundraising  
 Committee.

If you would be interested  
 in joining please contact:  
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