

HUNTINGDON CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY

NEW MEMBER PACK



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Dear Labour Member

I am Dr. Nik Johnson, the chair of Huntingdon Constituency Labour Party, and I would like to offer you a very warm welcome.

You join Labour in incredibly challenging times for our country and now, more than ever, we need honest, straight forward and principled democratic socialist politics, both locally and nationally, to win in the May 2021 mayoral and county council elections and in the next General Election.

We now have more than 600 members, in our CLP, who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and bring with them a great many skills. Many of them have been involved in our campaigns to elect councillors and parliamentary candidates, but also support and help our local communities and we are keen to encourage more of our members to get involved.

We have both County Council and the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Mayoral in May, for which I am the Labour Candidate, and we will need as many members as possible to take part in our campaign, which is likely to be via telephone, but we will require a vast range of skills. Please see the skills survey at the end of this pack. We have experienced campaigning members who will help you.

We would love to see you at our monthly CLP meetings, which are currently taking place via Zoom, but once it is safe to do so, we will all be able to meet in person again.

We hope to see you soon.

Dr Nik Johnson

The Labour Party History

The 1880's saw an upsurge in socialism, with both the Fabian Society (formed to establish a democratic socialist state in the UK, via means of evolutionary socialism, rather than revolution) and Social Democratic Federation being founded in 1884. In the same year, the Reform Act extended the franchise to more working-class men.

In 1893 (James) Keir Hardie helped found the Independent Labour Party. At the age of 10, he had worked in the Lanarkshire mines. He was a Scottish trade unionist. He served as the party's first parliamentary leader from 1906-1908, when Labour also had 26 MPs.

Hardie believed the working classes needed parliamentary representation, independent of the existing political parties.

The trade unions had been content to put up their own candidates within the Liberal Party. Increasing hostility towards the unions saw them more open to the idea of an alliance with the socialists.

The TUC voted to hold a special conference which in February 1900 established the Labour Representation Committee. After the 1906 General Election the LRC was formally renamed the Labour Party.

Labour was first elected to form a government in 1924 under the premiership of Ramsay MacDonald. In spite of having no majority, this government passed legislation to improve housing, education and social insurance. Nevertheless, this government only lasted a few months. The second Labour government was elected 5 years later following the economic crash and focused on tackling unemployment. In the 1931 election, only 52 MPs were elected.

Clement Attlee became Deputy Leader in 1931 and worked with Ernest Bevin and Hugh Dalton to prepare for the next Labour Government which was elected in the first post World War 2 election. Labour won with a landslide 393 seats. This government tackled key issues in a failing economy, introducing social security, nationalisation of key industries and a major

house building programme. Its greatest achievement was the founding of the NHS, spearheaded by Nye Bevan.

Labour lost the next election in 1951 and would not return to power until 1964, with Harold Wilson at the helm. Under his government (1964-70) and the James Callaghan led government (1974-79) Labour ended the death penalty, decriminalised homosexuality, legislated to outlaw racial discrimination and established the Open University.

The ground-breaking Equal Pay Act was introduced, by Secretary of State for Employment, Barbara Castle, following a strike by Women machinists at the Ford Factory in Dagenham.

Following defeat in 1979, the leadership passed to Michael Foot, followed by Neil Kinnock and then John Smith. All tried to reconstruct and modernise the party.

Tony Blair took over as leader in 1994 and became Prime Minister following the landslide election victory in 1997. Achievements in both the Blair and Brown governments included record investment in the NHS, education, and the police as well as the introduction of the National Minimum Wage and devolution for Scotland, Wales, and N. Ireland. The Good Friday Agreement brought peace to N. Ireland. Civil Partnerships and the Equality and Human Rights Acts were established and much of the world's poorest countries saw their debt cancelled.

Labour lost the 2000 General Election, to a backdrop of the world financial crisis. Ed Milliband became leader and campaigned to protect our public services and further democratise the party.

The defeat in the 2015 election saw him replaced, by Jeremy Corbyn. The party tripled in size and work was undertaken on a transformative new set of policies. In the 2017 election, Labour saw its biggest increase, in the share of the vote, since 1945, with 262 MPs, 45% of whom were women.

Following the 2019 election defeat, Keir Starmer was elected leader.

The Labour Party Structure

The PLP (Parliamentary Labour Party):

The term parliamentary Labour Party refers to the party in Parliament, whereas the term Labour Party refers to the entire Labour Party, the parliamentary element of which is the PLP.

Originally, the Leader of the Labour Party was elected by the PLP. Now, however, the party operates on a one member, one vote system, where all members are awarded a single vote, as well as affiliated organisations (trade unions and socialist societies) and temporary registered supporters.

Regional Structures

Scotland and Wales have their own Executives. England is divided into Regional Boards. All have a role in policy development and organise local conferences. Huntingdon CLP's Regional Organisation is Eastern Region. You may receive communications from them from time to time.

CLP (Constituency Labour Party)

CLPs are based on the electoral district for the MP. CLPs can choose members to represent them at National Conference and can vote on their candidate for MP. CLPs organise local council and electoral campaigns, as well as key campaigns to publicise and raise awareness of national and local issues.

CLPs elect officers and establish an Executive Committee to oversee the day to day running of the CLP. CLPs also organise hustings for parliamentary candidates in the lead up to General Elections.

Huntingdon CLP operates under an All-Member structure. This means that all members are invited to attend CLP monthly meetings and to vote on any motions tabled. Delegate structures are in place at some CLPS, whereby

delegates are chosen from each branch to represent and vote on behalf of their branches.

BLP (Branch Labour Party)

Huntingdon CLP has 3 branches:

- Huntingdon & Godmanchester
- St Neots
- St Ives.

The branches organise campaign activity for their own branch, raise awareness, among the local community, of local issues, via websites and social media. They organise local meetings, which will be communicated, via the branch Secretary, on social media and local websites.

The structures within the Labour Party are determined by the party rule book.

[Labour Party Rule Book](#)

The Huntingdon CLP Executive Group

Chair: Councillor Dr. Nik Johnson



I have been a children's doctor, currently at Hinchingsbrooke hospital, for 30 years. I first became more involved in politics in 2010 when I recognised that there would be a huge change in the way public services, including the NHS, would be run under the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition Government.

I am a District Councillor for St. Neots East and have twice stood as the Huntingdon constituency's Labour candidate in the 2015 and 2017 General Elections and have been selected as Labour's candidate as Mayor for the combined authority of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. In both roles, I want to bring closer collaboration among local stakeholders to improve life outcomes, particularly for those living in highly deprived areas.

Secretary: Councillor Samuel Sweek



I am delighted to have been elected as Secretary of the Huntingdon Labour Party for the upcoming year and look forward to campaigning for a fairer society, equality, and social justice for all across our towns, villages, as well as for the Labour Government our country so desperately needs. I am a proud socialist and trade unionist, and in 2018 was elected as the youngest ever

councillor in Huntingdon Town Council, representing Huntingdon North, where I grew up. I was also honoured to be Labour's Parliamentary Candidate, for the Huntingdon constituency at the 2019 General Election.

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Treasurer: Bob Jewell



After 52 years as a Labour Party member, my desire to see a fairer, more equitable and peaceful society is not diminished. Privilege and bigotry must not be allowed to prevail. I believe that by campaigning locally we can demonstrate that these are the values of the Labour Party.

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Vice Chair: Ewan Goodjohn



As a 16-year-old with high-functioning autism and dyspraxia, I am incredibly proud to be Vice-Chair of this CLP. I joined the Labour Party in April 2018 and learnt from the 2018 Local Election campaign which elected 4 fantastic Labour councillors to the District Council. In 2019 I was elected Political Education Officer of the CLP. I was then trusted to coordinate the 2019 General Election campaign for St Neots Branch. I will never forget the experience that the 2019 General Election gave me. I am an active member of Amnesty International, Labour Campaign for Electoral Campaign, Humanists

UK and Unite the Union. I am also training to be an accountant. In my spare time I also campaign for a proportional voting system, rant about politics, code, build websites and practice graphics design.

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Vice Chair Membership: Sue Foster



I joined the Labour Party in 2015 and wanted to play a part in trying to increase the influence the Labour Party had in our constituency across council and hopefully, one day, at national level.

When I attended my first CLP meeting, I was unaware of how I could contribute and how the local party worked. As VC Membership, I would like to make our CLP inclusive and welcoming so that more members want to share their skills and knowledge and help build a diverse and thriving CLP membership to help our local communities, have more councillors elected and ultimately, a Labour MP who will be part of a much-needed Labour Government.

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Political Education Officer: Patrick Kadewere



I have been a Labour Town Councillor, for Huntingdon North since 2010 and a District Councillor since 2012. I established the Huntingdon Community Group, with my wife Marion (TULO Officer), to tackle community issues in Huntingdon. I have served on Economic and Community Scrutiny Panels as well as the Corporate Governance Committee.

During the pandemic, I have worked with local businesses and Community Groups to ensure that we help those most in need.

Women's Officer: Amy Duckworth



I decided to join the Labour Party in summer 2020, as I was becoming increasingly disheartened with the current government and the situation we are in as a country.

For me, the Labour Party represents a vehicle for change, and a voice for those who want to see a fairer society.

As Women's Officer I would like to empower women to speak out and engage on issues that matter to them. It is saddening that politics remains dominated by male voices - this needs to change. Politics impacts every aspect of our lives, so diversity and representation are essential at every level.

Women's Forum

The Women's Forum is a network of women across Huntingdon CLP, led by the Women's Officer. If you are a woman and a member of the Labour Party, you are automatically a member of Huntingdon CLP Women's Forum.

The Women's Forum is here to:

- Facilitate a range of meetings and social events for members.
- Ensure that women's voices are heard in the Party and represent women's interests and concerns on the Executive Committee.
- Provide an empowering platform for women to achieve their political aims and aspirations.
- Encourage women to join the Party and support women's involvement in the local party.
- Engage with women's campaigns within and outside of the Party.

The Women's Officer welcomes your comments, thoughts, and ideas. Contact Amy Duckworth at amy.l.duckworth@gmail.com

To find out more about the Huntingdon Labour Party Women's Forum, please visit our Instagram site:

<https://instagram.com/huntingdonlabourwomensforum>

Campaign Co-ordinator & Policy Officer:

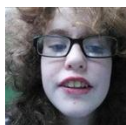
Nigel Pauly



I am looking forward to building on the success already enjoyed locally by the party in the months and years ahead and seeing more councillors and activists with Labour values helping make a better and fairer society for the many.

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Youth Officer: Ruberta Bisson



The Labour Party to me means a society where things work for everyone, regardless of circumstances, and a passionate group of people committed to working towards that society and blocking attempts to make life difficult. The Labour Party care about people and I want to be part of that.

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BAME Officer: Rashid Mahmood



I joined the party 5 years ago. I was a great supporter of Labour Party for more than 10 years; I have been working as a union rep more than 8 years with Unite. I am proud of the Labour Party which represents diversity, democracy, and equality. I feel very proud working as a Town Councillor with Godmanchester Town Council and with my colleagues there. I am ready to work with others as a BAME officer. I would like to contribute to our communities as BAME officer. I believe in liberty, equality, the rule of law and justice. I feel there is a lack of tolerance and harmony in the society. We need to work together to build a tolerant and peaceful society. I have been serving the community as a councillor. Now I would like to empower different communities as a goal for future. Nowadays, nationalism, fanaticism, and racism are emerging. We have to fight against them to build a global tolerant society. I ask you to help me and join me to fight against these negative values. We should work together for a better and prosperous future for every one of us.

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LGBTQ+ Officer: Graham Wrycroft



I joined the Labour Party /Huntingdon CLP over 30 years ago. I moved back to the Huntingdon constituency 3 years ago after living in Cambridge for many years. As LBGT&Q officer I will want to ensure our CLP is inclusive and welcoming and that the members are made aware of issues internationally, nationally, and locally that effect LBGT&Q individuals and campaign accordingly. For me supporting the Labour Party is the only way will achieve a better and fairer life for all.

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Disability Officer: Celia Emery



I am a Labour girl through and through - from my very first time in a Polling Station aged 18 in beautiful, leafy Egham; Surrey (whilst at the University of London studying for a degree in French and German.)

All my life I have stood up for injustice: of colour, Race, ability or disability, age, Religion, sexuality or gender. As a disability mum and Grandma, I now plan to fight even harder for a fairer LABOUR Government for ALL.

Trade Union Liaison Officer: Marion Kadewere

Vacant roles:

IT Officer

NHS Officer

Social Media Officer

Huntingdon District Councillors

Huntingdonshire District Council has 52 councillors, also known as members, who represent 29 wards across the district.

The council has decided that, from 3 May 2018, district council elections will be held every four years. Councillors currently are elected by thirds, which means there is a district council election in three out of four years

What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected by local people to plan, run, monitor, and develop council business. They work to improve the quality of life of people within the district and make decisions about local issues.

Councillors are the voice of their community and have the opportunity to make a significant difference to the lives of residents. They are involved in decision-making through Full Council meetings, regulatory committees, and panels and as members on partnership boards. They also influence and determine the development and review of policies and strategies and play a part in the **overview and scrutiny** function.

Councillors also act as community leaders and work in partnership with other organisations, including the voluntary and community sector, to improve services and quality of life for residents.

Labour District Councillors:

Patrick Kadewere	Huntingdon North
Anita Diaz	Huntingdon North
Sam Wakeford	Huntingdon North
Dr. Nik Johnson	St. Neots East

Total Labour District Councillors: 4

Total Conservative Councillors: 29

Total HDC Independent Group: 10

Total Liberal Democrats: 7

Total Independent: 1

Responsibilities

Bins & Waste:

- Rubbish
- Recycling
- Collections

Planning:

- Buildings
- Planning Applications
- Land charges

Council Tax:

- Payments and discounts
- Change of details
- Council Tax Support
- Housing Options
- Tenant & Landlord Advice

Elections:

- Register to vote
- How to vote
- Elections & results

Council & Democracy:

- Meetings
- Complaints
- Feedback

Housing:

- Housing Options
- Tenant & Landlord Advice
- Homelessness

Leisure:

- One Leisure
- Parks and Green Spaces
- Sport & Activities

Licensing

- Permits
- Registrations
- Public registers

Streets, Parking & Transport:

- Markets
- Car parks
- CCTV
- Cleaning
- Naming & Numbering

Benefits:

- Housing Benefit
- Local Housing Allowance
- Under-occupation

Environmental Issues:

- Pest control
- Food hygiene
- Noise & nuisance
- Greener living

Business:

- Business Rates
- Support and advice
- Health & Safety
- Funding

Jobs:

- Vacancies
- Volunteering

People & Communities:

- Safety
- Anti-social behaviour
- Emergencies

Town Councils

Councillors serve for a four-year term. All Councillors are voluntary and receive no payment whatsoever.

Town Councils maintains green spaces and play areas, as well as cemeteries and allotments.

Huntingdon Town Council

Labour

Ann Beevor

Anita Diaz

Patrick Kadewere

Samuel Sweek

St. Ives Town Council

We currently have no Labour Town Councillors in St. Ives.

St Neots Town Council

Labour: Christine Green

Godmanchester Town Council:

Labour: Rashid Mahmood

Cambridgeshire County Councillors:

Conservative:	36
Liberal Democratic:	15
Labour:	7 None from Huntingdon CLP
Independent:	1
St. Neots Independent Group:	2

Responsibilities:

- Education
- Highways – Roads and Traffic
- Libraries
- Social Services
- Trading Standards
- Waste Disposal
- Registration of births, marriages, and deaths

General Election Results

2010 General Election

	Party	Votes	% share	Swing
Jonathan Djanogly	Conservative	25,516	48.9	-1.9
Martin Land	Liberal Democrat	15,697	28.9	+2.3
Anthea Cox	Labour	5,982	11.0	-7.4
Ian Curtis	UKIP	3,258	6.0	+1.8
Jonathan Salt	Independent	1,432	2.6	+2.6
John Clare	Green	652	1.2	+1.2
Toby Jug	Monster Raving Loony Party	548	1.0	+1.0
Carrie Holliman	Animal Protection Party	181	0.3	+0.3

Majority: 10,819 Turnout: 64.9%

2015 General Election

	Party	Votes	% share	Swing
Jonathan Djanogly	Conservative	29,652	53.00	+4.2
Dr. Nik Johnson	Labour	10,249	18.3	+7.3
Paul Bullen	UKIP	9,473	16.9	+10.9
Rod Cantrill	Liberal Democrat	4,375	7.8	-21.1
Tom MacLennan	Green	2,178	3.9	+2.7

Majority: 19,404 Turnout: 67.9%

2017 General Election

	Party	Votes	% share	Swing
Jonathan Djanogly	Conservative	32,915	55.1	+2.1
Dr. Nik Johnson	Labour	18,440	30.9	+12.6
Rod Cantrill	Liberal Democrat	5,090	8.5	+0.7
Paul Bullen	UKIP	2,180	3.7	-13.3
Tom Maclennan	Green	1,095	1.8	-2.1

Majority: 14,475 Turnout: 70.8%

2019 General Election

	Party	Votes	% share	Swing
Jonathan Djanogly	Conservative	32,386	54.8	-0.4
Samuel Sweek	Labour	13,003	22.0	-8.9
Mark Argent	Liberal Democrat	9,432	15.9	+7.4
Paul Bullen	Independent	1,789	3.0	+3.0
Daniel Laycock	Green	2,233	3.8	+1.9
Tom Varghese	Independent	304	0.5	+0.5

Majority: 19,383 Turnout: 69.9%

Web and Social Media Sites:

www.labour.org.uk/

www.labour.org.uk/manifesto

<https://twitter.com/UKLabour>

<https://www.facebook.com/labourparty><https://www.huntingdonlabourparty.org.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/HuntingdonLabourParty><https://www.facebook.com/StlvesLabour>

<https://www.facebook.com/StNeotsLabour>

www.easternlabour.org

younglabour.org.uk

www.huntspost.co.uk/

<https://campaigns.labour.org.uk>

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/

www.huntingdowntown.gov.uk/

<https://twitter.com/huntsdc>

Please visit the Huntingdon Labour Party website for details of our activities, news and information, including:

- Monthly Meetings, agendas and minutes
- Campaigns and activist news
- Fundraising Event

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGES  AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM.

Recommended websites and books

Please let us know of any interesting books or website relating to the following topics so that we can share with our members.

- [Women:](#)
- LGBTQ+
- BAME
- Youth
- Disability
- NHS
- Labour Party History

Fundraising

We organise several events, each year, to raise funds for our CLP. These funds contribute towards campaign materials such as posters, leaflets, postage, e-mails. The events have included the Godmanchester Gala, Huntingdon Riverside Gala.

Your Membership Dues: Most of the subscription money stays with central Labour and goes to support national campaigns or campaigns in marginal seats. Only a small amount comes to us here in the Huntingdon CLP for the support of our own campaigns. We value your volunteer time too. If you are able at some point and want to contribute to our campaigns, you can contribute directly to the Huntingdon Labour Party on internet at: <https://donate.labour.org.uk/huntingdon>. There, you can choose a one-off or monthly donation from £1 upwards. Every penny comes direct to us.

The 200 Club

We also run a '200 Club' which is one of our main sources of fundraising. We would welcome your participation to contribute to the local party and hopefully you might also win a cash prize!

Participants are allocated a number for each £1 invested. There is no limit to the numbers, and investment, you can have. Once you join, you will be notified of your numbers. We pay 50% (or just under) of the monthly takings in prizes. Prizes therefore increase as subscribers do!

Present prizes are: 1st: £27 2nd: £22 3rd: £17

Numbers are drawn at the monthly CLP meetings, with winners notified by email. You may then elect either to donate your winnings back to the CLP fundraising effort, or to receive the funds straight into your bank via a BACS payment.

How to join the CLP 200 Club: You can set up a standing order or a recurring payment online, through your online banking process. The amount you pay is up to you, based on £1 per month for each number you wish to purchase. You can pay monthly, quarterly or annually. Our banking details are:

Account name: Huntingdon CLP Supporters Fund

Bank: The Co-operative Bank

Sort Code: -8-90-28

Account number: 56101500

Please do send us an email to: hclp200club@gmail.com to confirm once you have set up the payment, so that we can allocate you your numbers and include them in the next monthly draw. You will need to confirm the amount you are paying, and the frequency, together with your banking information (account name, number and sort code), in order that we can set you up as a recipient should you win.

We will write back to you letting you know the numbers you have been allocated. Do also contact us at the above email address if you have any concerns or queries about joining.

Remember, every new member increases the winning pot!

Suzanne Inayat Khan (200 Club Promoter)

Bob Jewell (CLP Treasurer)

Skills Survey

The Labour Party is proud to have a wealth of talent amongst our members. If you are interested in helping us with any of the following, please tick the relevant boxes and return the form to Sue Foster:
sue.foster777@yahoo.co.uk

- Telephone canvassing
- Leafleting
- Door knocking
- IT
- Marketing
- Finance
- Legal
- Training
- Research
- Unions

The above list is just a sample of some of the talents and skills which we are valuable to us. Please list any other talents and skills you have below.

CLP MEETINGS

Take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, as follows:

19th January 16th February 16th March 20th April 18th May
15th June 20th July 17th August 21st September 19th October
16th November December TBD

Until we are physically able to meet, meetings will be conducted on Zoom. A link will be sent to you at least a week prior to the meeting. Meetings will start at 7.30 pm