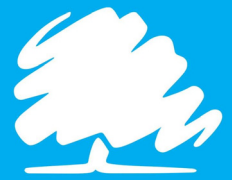


WEST LEIGH CONSERVATIVES



Representing West Leigh with pride and honour!

In Touch Summer 2021

JOHN LAMB RETURNS TO SECURE WEST LEIGH AS CONSERVATIVES REMAIN IN OPPOSITION

IN MAY, JOHN LAMB WAS RETURNED AS A WEST LEIGH COUNCILLOR FOLLOWING ANOTHER EXCITING ELECTION CAMPAIGN TO SECURE ANOTHER TERM IN SOUTHEND BOROUGH COUNCIL.

John had recently spent the last two years as Mayor of Southend and was delighted to be re-elected once more to serve the residents of West Leigh. He is thankful for all of the support given to him throughout the campaign and to those who voted for him on Election Day.

John received 1,572 votes which was up from the 1,219 votes achieved in 2016 and the 1,307 votes achieved in 2012. A massive thank you to all who voted for John. It is really appreciated by him and us all at West Leigh Conservatives.

On 20th May, Southend Conservatives were confirmed to spend a third year in opposition despite having 23 seats with the Labour-led coalition involving the Liberal Democrats and Independents having voted to keep Cllr Ian Gilbert as leader of the council.

However all wasn't lost on the night as John and Pat bid adieu to their roles as Mayor and Mayoress of Southend with Cllr Margaret Borton inducted as the 100th Mayor of Southend.

John Lamb said:

"What a period we have had, with such a dramatic change brought about by the Coronavirus back in 2020, which caused me to remain as Southend's 99th Mayor for a second year; what an honour this has been for both me and my wife.

In the first year my chosen charity, being a sailor and a lover of the sea, was Southend Lifeboat Station, one of the busiest stations in the Country.

The Covid-19 pandemic unfortunately impacted on all social, work and charity events but we still achieved a total of £21,000, for which I thank all those who supported the charity events.

In my second year, I decided to support and change to a new Southend charity called Prost8 where they help men with prostate cancer to be identified sooner, and receive less intrusive treatment much earlier hopefully leading to full recovery.

So far we have raised over £3,000 and fundraising continues and hopefully we can increase that amount to at least £7-10,000; all contributions are gratefully received.

During my Mayoralty I have carried out 376 official engagements which included 278 events in support of charities, Veteran Organisations, and Faith Groups.



My wife and I feel very proud to have represented our town and we have tried to ensure that we set an example to all our citizens of all cultures and backgrounds and have been respectful of their beliefs and religions. We wish the new Mayor every success during her Mayoralty."

John now reverts back to ward duties in West Leigh following his and Pat's fantastic two years as Mayor and Mayoress

Picture: Jack Warren, John Lamb, David Garston, James Courtenay, Helen Boyd & Sir David Amess on Election Night.

YOUTH IS THE WORD AS YOUNG CONSERVATIVES DRIVE INTO 2021 WITH AIM OF SUCCESS

IN APRIL 2021, ANDY WILKINS WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHEND WEST YOUNG CONSERVATIVES WITH THEO PAPHIS ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMAN.

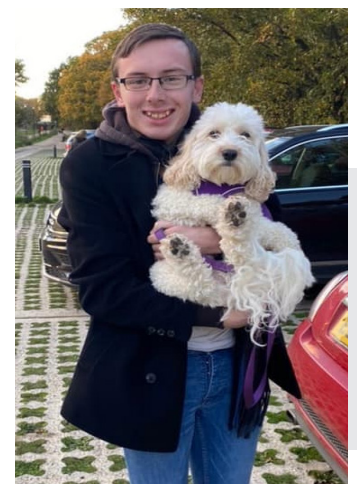
Andy, 21, has spent the last three years studying Media & Communications at the University of East London having previously attended West Leigh Schools, Belfairs Academy (both of which reside in West Leigh Ward) alongside Seevic College in neighbouring Benfleet.

Andy has been a resident in West Leigh Ward for over 20 years alongside his family and spoke about his proudness to be made chairman of our youth wing:

"It's an honour to become chairman of such a group where I'm set to drive forward new ideas and initiatives that will benefit the people of West Leigh and Southend West overall with great stature whilst incorporating the young people of our borough into the heart of the plans we have."

"Our biggest aim is to provide the main Conservative Party in Southend with more fresh candidates who will hopefully be able to stand for us in the coming months and years."

If interested in joining and are aged Under 26, please email andywilkins99@gmail.com for more.



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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

"WE GO AGAIN" IS OFTEN THE TERM USED IN SPORT AND IT SEEMS MOST FITTING HERE IN THIS INTOUCH.

As the new editor of In-Touch, it is disappointing that Southend Conservatives weren't able to take control of Southend Borough Council on 20th May however it's not the be all and end all.

We had a very successful campaign despite all the odds and restrictions that we had to work with, of which we can only be pleased about.

As restrictions end, we will be out and about more often. If you see us in an activity, please don't hesitate to say hello and have a chat with us. It's always lovely to chat for a few minutes and discuss anything.

We are looking for new members to join us and our committee as we look to the future in the coming months and years.

If you are passionate about West Leigh Ward, you'll be welcomed with open arms into our supportive family.

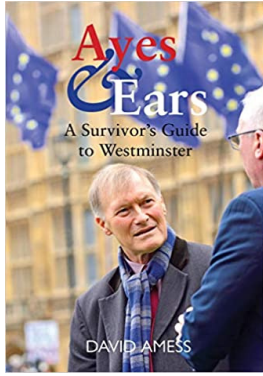
See below for more information on how to join us. Andy Wilkins

Word From Westminster

THE LATEST FROM SIR DAVID AMESS MP MP FOR SOUTHEND WEST

I am delighted that the former Mayor of Southend, Cllr John Lamb, was re-elected as a councillor for West Leigh in the recent elections.

John and Pat had a challenging two years, representing the town throughout the coronavirus pandemic, but they certainly did not let us down. Well done and thanks to both of them.



Sir David's book Ayes & Ears: A Survivor's Guide to Westminster is still available to purchase. Please contact Sir David to find out how to purchase a copy.

As we move towards the relaxation of restrictions on all our lives, I would like to thank, in particular, everyone who has been involved in the highly successful vaccination programme. As this virus mutates, scientists stand ready to combat it.

The government intends now to deliver on the Queen's Speech and to rebuild our economy whilst taking full advantage of the benefits of us leaving the European Union.'

You can follow Sir David on Twitter at https://twitter.com/amesd_southend

Picture: Sir David pictured with Cllr John Lamb and Pat Lamb to lay a wreath at St Clements Church to mark the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion on 15th May 2021.



Sir David's Surgeries

Providing that all the steps are met for our roadmap out of lockdown, my face-to-face constituency surgeries will return from Friday 2nd July.

Until then, my surgeries will be held virtually. To book an appointment call 020 7219 3452 or email amesd@parliament.uk

Litter Picks

As the weather gets better and restrictions start to ease, we will be out more regularly as a group doing litter picks at sites like the Marine Estate cliffs, Highlands and Sutherland Boulevard and Two Tree Island.

If interested in joining us for a session, please get in touch and we can inform you of the next meeting.

Election Night Success

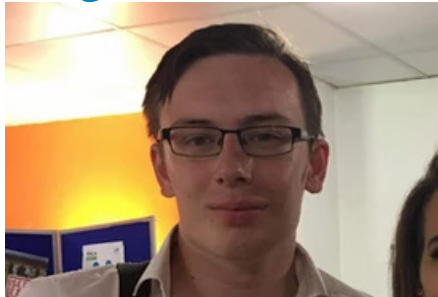
Election results in Southend on 6th May swung in favour of the Conservatives with 3 gains and strong performances from their candidates across the Town.

A third of the Council's seats were up for re-election and following the results the Conservative's position as the largest party was further strengthened.

If you would like to help West Leigh Conservatives, please contact one of the team.

We need help with running ward events, delivering leaflets, elections and our litter picks. We also welcome new ideas and suggestions.

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