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### MEME OF THE MONTH



# Eastern Region News



Hi everyone,

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### Eastern Region Overview

As ever, events in the Eastern Region have been dominated by the campaign for the Mid-Bedfordshire by-election.

Thank you to everyone who has campaigned with us from all across the country, from Huddersfield to Portsmouth, from Birmingham to Devon, from across the South and from London. Your help has been tremendous and is much appreciated.

We have less than three weeks to go and if you can help in any way big or small, please do come along to The Cross Keys Pulloxhill MK45 5HB we are there every day from 10 – 4. (Except 7th October when we will be at our National Conference in London) Thank you.

Across the Region the news is good, with more members joining every week.

More Constituency seats have been allocated, 2 in Hertfordshire, 1 in Essex and 1 in Suffolk. This means that in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire every seat is

allocated so everyone in those two Counties will have the option of Reform UK to vote for. Essex isn't far behind and we hope to see the same result there soon and with only 1 seat vacant in Suffolk, we have 45/61 seats filled across the Region.

If you would like to join them to represent a local Constituency in the next General Election, please follow the link to apply:

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

In Cambridge and Suffolk, I am looking for new County Organisers. If these roles interest you, please contact me for a chat. You will find more details on the respective County pages.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss regarding Reform UK in the Eastern Region, please contact me, although please bear with me if I take a little longer to respond than usual, I will answer you all.

Applications are also open for the London Assembly Elections 2024.

You can apply using this link: [https://www.reformparty.uk/2024\\_1](https://www.reformparty.uk/2024_1)

If you have question about what the Party is doing in the Eastern Region, please email or call me.

I am always happy to speak with you and answer your questions.

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 Eastern Region Manager

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## Bedfordshire County Overview

Forgive me for focussing on the Mid Bedfordshire by-election this month, but it has been Groundhog Day here for 16 weeks now & I am struggling to think about anything else!

Last year we delivered 65,000 leaflets into Mid Beds. So far this campaign we have knocked on almost 30,000 doors, so just 20,000 to go!

We've also pushed over 1.1 million messages into Mid Bedfordshire via social media so far, with the aim of delivering 1.5 million by polling day.

We are getting a great response door knocking & are confident that we will significantly boost the parties profile ahead of next years general election which will help every one of our candidates.

However we do need your help with those 20,000 doors still to be knocked.

I need 100 people to volunteer to come to Mid Beds, knock 100 doors in the morning, have a bite to eat & knock another 100 doors in the afternoon.

If you can come and do that for us then we will achieve our primary goal & will have the best chance of a good result.

If you can help us with a day or half a day then please call our campaign hotline number and let us know when you can come along.

Please follow my Facebook page and stay connected for event details:  
<https://www.facebook.com/reformukmidbedfor>

Every day that we campaign, every door that we knock, every leaflet that we deliver increases our exposure and builds our support.

If you would rather donate to our Mid Beds by-election campaign it would be very much appreciated. You will be helping to fund our campaign and maximise our result:  
<https://gofund.me/8b0abb01>

Please email [midbedfordshire@reformuk.com](mailto:midbedfordshire@reformuk.com) if you are able to volunteer or call our campaign hotline: 07873 468880.

Thank you for your support

Dave Holland  
Mid Bedfordshire By-Election Candidate  
&  
Bedfordshire County Organiser



Reform Boards 2 Doors Down from Lib Dum HQ

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## Cambridgeshire County Overview

We are working hard to fill the remaining constituency vacancies in Cambridgeshire.

We currently have the following constituency vacancies:

Cambridge

North West Cambridgeshire

Ely & East Cambridgeshire

If you are interested in making a difference in your community and offering the people of Cambridgeshire a genuine opportunity for change then please apply to be the spokesperson for one of these available constituencies.

Please follow the link to apply:  
<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

The forthcoming general election in 2024 is approaching quickly & we are keen to get all our constituencies filled with enthusiastic, self motivated spokespeople who want to make a real difference.

We provide training and support to help you to get your campaign going and to reach as many people in your constituency as possible.

We will be standing 630 candidates in the 2024 general election and you can be one of them.

If you live in or near any of those areas and would like to apply, please use the link to the Application Form.

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

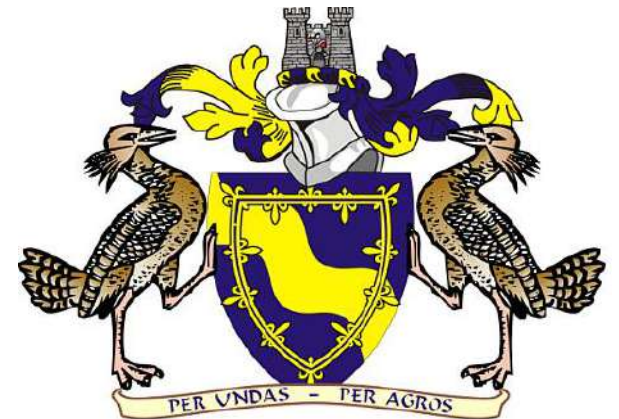
Chris has very recently become the spokesperson for North East Cambridgeshire.

### Local Elections 2024

It's never too early to apply to stand as a councillor in Cambridgeshire in the spring of 2024.

Please get in touch if you wish to stand.

We are growing quickly but we need your help to grow faster, to stand more candidates and to change British politics for good.



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## Essex County Overview



Essex has seen some positive developments as we near the Party Conference in October.

Terry Longstaff is our new constituency spokesperson for Maldon, right in the heart of the county, and this should be a really promising area for us.

Sophie Preston-Hall has started brilliantly in Colchester, completing 3 email blasts and also hosting her first meeting, resulting in 3 people vowing to stand in local elections and 4 new members!

Grant Randall took up a case involving a child who was struggling to find a local SEN school place, and his intervention helped that family secure a local school place, avoiding all the stress of travelling further afield to meet their needs.

Castle Point has seen hundreds of leaflets circulated, with a strong emphasis on Canvey. Keiron has held initial meetings with the Friends of Canvey Lake, and has viewed to support events to dredge and restore the lake, which has fallen into a sad state of disrepair, killing wildlife. More updates to follow soon.

And finally, the event to host Ben Habib in Southend has sold out in the first 3 days!

That event is on Friday 24th November @ Trinity FC and will be a wonderful evening!

### Parliamentary News:

Here in Essex, we now have Spokesmen and women in 13 of the 18 Parliamentary Constituencies.

### Those still vacant are:

Southend East & Rochford  
Southend Central and Leigh  
South Basildon and East Clacton  
Chelmsford

If you live in or near any of those areas and would like to apply, please use the link to the Application Form.

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

### We have the following people already allocated Parliamentary seats.

**Ashley** in Witham  
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**Keiron** in Castlepoint  
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**Grant** in Rayleigh and Wickford  
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**Peter** in Epping Forest  
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**Sophie** in Colchester  
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**Tim** in Braintree  
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**Sue** in Thurrock  
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**Terry** in Maldon  
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**Grant** in North East Essex  
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If you have any questions, please ask  
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## Hertfordshire County Overview

We've got great news in Hertfordshire - all 12 seats are filled! With Will Walker and Jack Aaron becoming spokesmen for Broxbourne and Welwyn Hatfield respectively, we've now got a full team in Hertfordshire and we're beyond thankful for Norma Saggars and all her hard work making this happen.

The next steps for Hertfordshire will be to get a website online, covering the whole county with subdomains for each constituency spokesperson.

This will act as a landing pad for any prospective Reformer, with info of each candidate and updates on local news and campaigning activity, we also hope it will help raise a bob or two!

For now, all attention is focused on helping Dave Holland win in Mid Bedfordshire at the by-election on the 19th October. Many of us have been out with Dave's team, knocking on doors and getting the message out there.

We know that every vote we get in Mid Bedfordshire counts for double, it's the best chance we've had yet to showcase the real appetite for Reform UK and we're not letting it go to waste! From the doors I've knocked on, it's clear people have lost all faith with the main political parties, and why wouldn't they!

After the betrayal of Brexit, standards falling across the board, rampant immigration, escalating prices and the complicity of everyone in parliament in lowering living standards of Britons, people are exasperated!

I've had people run out of the kitchen to shake my hand, I've seen people close to tears, and there are many out there almost emotional with relief to see that we are doing something to take this country back and deliver it to the people.

We need so many more people to help out though. We currently have a core of volunteers, diligently canvassing, but we need those in the wider party to come out and help. Even an hour of your time can yield 5-10 new Reform voters, and like I said, each vote counts double here!

The hard work Dave Holland has done promoting Reform UK online, via social media and through leafleting has yielded great results. Because of what Dave's done, the people of Mid Bedfordshire know who Reform UK are, the job is now for all of us to prove to them that we're serious!

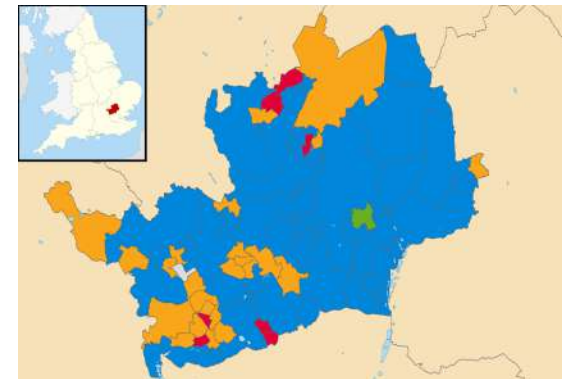
In other news, we've been getting very innovative with social media. After Noel Willcox's (Hemel Hempstead) win against the unlawful ULEZ fines, we did a live Facebook stream, which got a very positive reception. It wasn't too hard either!

We got a room at the Red Lion pub in Nash Mills, put my phone on a tripod and we were away! We'll be doing another one at the end of October, and this time the land-lady has offered to advertise it to all the pub parishioners! It seems we've got a lot of friends out there we didn't know we had!

Our live stream next month will be about another huge undertaking Noel's been embarking on - holding the Child Maintenance Service to account over disgraceful over-charging, profiteering, creating false debts, punitive enforcement, fraud and, sadly, driving people to suicide. This is no joke. What Noel's been investing is probably one of the most cold-hearted and cruel scandals facing this country, and he did a great interview with John English's *\_Anything Goes\_* podcast on YouTube. It's hard to watch, but it's a must-watch.

**Hitchin** constituency is currently vacant, if you would like to apply, please do so here:

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>



These are the Constituency seats allocated so far:

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**Harpenden and Berkhamsted**

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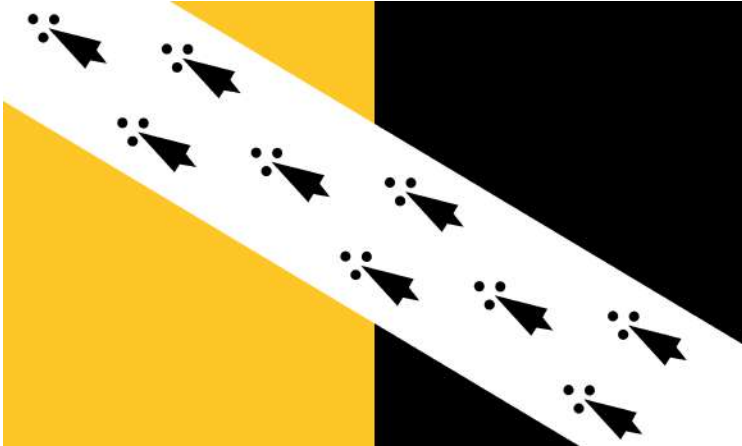
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## Norfolk County Overview



*Flag of Norfolk*



I will start with announcement of a new County Organiser. It has taken a while to find the right person for the role, I now believe that I have done that and that he is the person to take Norfolk forward.

As soon as he has done his initial training, he will be in touch with Norfolk members to introduce himself and arrange meetings.

On 30th October, I am coming to Norfolk for a week to arrange some events in Great Yarmouth, Norwich and Lowestoft, Suffolk. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

We only have 3 of the 8 Constituency seats allocated in Norfolk and will work hard to fill the rest.

If you would like to stand for us in the next General Election, please use this link to apply and someone from the Candidates team will contact you.

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

### **Constituency allocated seats so far are:**

Jason in North Norfolk

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Kabeer in Mid Norfolk

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Ross in South West Norfolk

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Angie, who has been approved but not yet allocated a seat.

There is still time to apply, if you would like to join them? Current vacant seats are:

Great Yarmouth

North Norfolk

Norwich South

Norwich North

South Norfolk

Broadland and Fakenham

If you would like to represent your Constituency in the next General Election there is still time to complete the application form and apply, using the following Link:

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

During the coming months we will be aiming to increase the profile of the Party in Norfolk. Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events & we will look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact the County Organiser, Stephen Bailey at [norfolk@reformuk.com](mailto:norfolk@reformuk.com)

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## Suffolk County Overview

### In Suffolk

We will be announcing the new appointee to the role of Suffolk County Organiser in the near future.

Current Suffolk Spokespeople:

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**Tony** - Ipswich  
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**Scott** - Lowerstoft  
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**Evan** - Waveney Valley  
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**Current vacant constituencies are:**

Suffolk Coastal

### County Organiser Job Description

#### Person specification

#### Essential skills required

Good computer skills including Word, Excel and Powerpoint

Basic understanding of working using the internet

Competent with social media

The ability to communicate at all levels with supporters

An understanding of party politics



Have a full understanding of the party structure hierarchy and process for effective communication

#### Job Specification

To manage a county organisers email load and to ensure that communication with members is timely and effective. (Obviously sometimes members put an unreasonable expectation on COs and they should be aware of this possibility).

To communicate county wide with members and represent the support and help needed by candidates.

To encourage activists to operate in a suitable manner when representing the party.

To lead county meetings and to support other local events such as street stalls and canvassing of seats and wards for local and national candidates.

To assist and have a good knowledge of local election process and help candidates with the nominations.

To know where to seek guidance on election law, i.e. Liaise with Alex Wilson

To operate as a temporary local DNO at election time.

To train and assess local canvassing teams.

To maintain an awareness of local elections and by elections. The data for all this will be kept with the national Agent

To recruit candidates and ensure party process is followed in terms of vetting.

To understand the party structure and how to communicate within it

To manage Nationbuilder and maintain its use for communications with local activists and supporters. (This requires signing an NDA and being aware that a county organiser represents the party when communicating and remains personally liable for their comments. Hence the use of the database is for communicating party business to members and not commenting on policy or corporate/ individual behaviour.

Such other duties as may be delegated by the regional manager.

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## How You Can Help

### 1. Follow, Share & Like

The more people follow, share & like our social media content, the more people we will reach across the country.

We have social media accounts on all platforms from the Party Headquarters, our leaders; Richard Tice & David Bull, regional teams, county teams and constituency spokespeople.

Some accounts are not in place yet, but in the coming weeks we will have a full compliment of spokespeople with active social media.

Please watch our videos **in full**, then like share and comment on them. This will greatly help us reach more people.

Please follow the relevant Reform UK accounts for your region and share all the content that you can.

We have accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube & TikTok.

Supporting our social media content is a great way to support the Reform Party and is very easy to do.

Just set up accounts on all the social media platforms, find Reform UK accounts and follow them, follow all the National & local Reform Party pages & start watching, liking and sharing & commenting.

### 2. Volunteer To Help

We will soon have spokespeople appointed in 630 constituencies across the UK. We are not contesting Northern Ireland, but we will be standing in every other seat.

Each spokesperson is in the process of building a team of volunteers to help them to campaign across their constituency.

Your help and assistance is vital to their campaigns.

Your contribution however big or small will help them to achieve their goal of being able to represent you and the common sense policies that every Reform Party spokesperson stands for.

Our spokespeople will be delivering leaflets across their constituencies, running pop-up stalls on high streets, knocking on doors to talk with voters and running events in your area.

Many hands make light work and by volunteering you will be assisting your local spokesperson to reach more people and gain more votes.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact your county organiser in the first instance via email and they will put you in touch with your spokesperson.

### 3. Become a Member

Not a Reform UK member yet? It's never too late to join us so we can be the Party that you need us to be.

We are not building Reform UK for our benefit, we are building it for the country, for normal, hardworking people who have been increasingly marginalised.

Britain needs a voice; for fairness, for common sense, for the preservation of the 'old normal', for the restoration of our services and standard of living.

All this can be done, it will be done but, to achieve it, we all need to stand shoulder to shoulder.

**You can become a member here:**

[https://www.reformparty.uk/join\\_us](https://www.reformparty.uk/join_us)

## Why Should You Get Involved?

Personally, I got involved because I was fed up with feeling angry and anxious every time I watched the news. Since then I feel much more positive, that we can make a difference, that we can be the change that the country needs.

I say "don't get angry, get active". Get involved and become part of an exciting, fast growing, positive political party offering common sense solutions for the people of the UK.



## Contribute To The Eastern Region Reformer

### 1. Send us your content for consideration.

If you have local news, events, campaigns or activities in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk or Norfolk we'll consider them to include in the next issue. Just email your content and details to [getintouch@dave-holland.co.uk](mailto:getintouch@dave-holland.co.uk) before the 24th of the month. We can't guarantee inclusion but we'll do our best.

### 2. Write to our Letters page

Get in touch, share your thoughts, send us your photos, comments & suggestions. Seen one of our spokespeople out and about? Send in your photos. Depending on what we receive we will include a letters page in future. Please email: [getintouch@dave-holland.co.uk](mailto:getintouch@dave-holland.co.uk) before the 24th of the month.

### 3. Offer Suggestions

We are always looking to improve what we do and how we do it. Any ideas and suggestions you have make the Eastern Region Reformer even better, please pass them on. Email your suggestions to: [getintouch@dave-holland.co.uk](mailto:getintouch@dave-holland.co.uk) before the 24th of the month.

## Howard Cox, founder of FairFuelUK and London mayoral candidate for Reform UK

This week's pronouncement by Rishi Sunak in moving the sales ban of new diesel and petrol cars from 2030 to 2035 is a welcome reprise from the years of relentless political pressure on the motorist.

It is a rare victory. For nearly 14 years I have campaigned successfully to prevent any increase in Fuel Duty. But whilst the government has kept this levy frozen since 2010, they have presided over a plethora of other punitive, anti-driver policies. Even on fuel duty, the UK still has one of the highest levies in Europe.

Today is World Car Free Day, when all around the world, towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic.

This initiative is driven by Living Streets, an organisation that receives the bulk of its funding from taxpayers through government contracts and grants. And they think big. "Who says we only get one day a year to imagine car-free streets", their website says.

They see it as a day to dream, but it's very much the opposite. A car-free world would be a nightmare.

The car has been the most liberating influence on our self-determination to freely travel anywhere in the last 100 years. Everyone has benefited from the motor vehicle.

Supermarket shelves would be empty without it, emergency care would be impossible and our ability to move around would be determined by the good fortune of accessible public transport options or otherwise our willingness to walk or cycle.

Yet in the last 30 years, unelected well-financed groups have deliberately set out to make motor vehicles the angels of darkness.

As a result, successive elected politicians have seemingly made it their mission to punish drivers. Motorists are now faced with congestion costs, low emission charges, road restrictions under the guise of low traffic zones, road delays due to vast cycle lanes eating into existing roads, pinch points, speed bumps, 20mph zones, potholes, targeted higher parking fees, a new road user hierarchy of blame in the Highway Code and so much more undemocratic unnecessary draconian punishments on a once previously pleasurable pastime.

Something really insidious is happening in our cities, that is restricting our freedom of mobility and choice of transport. And it's getting worse by the day. City administrations across the UK are now vigorously embracing the approach of seeing drivers as a revenue stream - an opportune, lucrative, and easy source of growing plunder to fill local authority coffers and sate their growing debts.

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan is surely the worst culprit in terms of treating motorists like cash cows. Since the end of August, every borough within the M25 is now an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) area; which means the owners of older diesel and petrol cars now pay £12.50 every time they enter the zone.

We already know that under the previous zone, ULEZ was bringing in almost £100 million to City Hall's coffers. That's right - it's a pure cash grab, nothing less, nothing more!

More often than not these schemes are brought in against the wishes of residents, motorists or not, who recognise the enormous value that motor vehicles add to their lives. In the case of ULEZ, Mayor Khan has been accused of manipulating the public consultation to suit his own agenda.

According to London Assembly's Conservative members, Mayor Khan excluded the views of 5,000 of my FairFuelUK campaign supporters who took part in his consultation about the ULEZ expansion. Their responses were deliberately ignored simply because they objected to his unproven expansion plans. Call that democracy? This is the contempt that drivers across the UK are up against.

After years of piecemeal initiatives and implementations seemingly designed to make the lives of drivers more difficult, it looks increasingly like the real aim is to ban cars entirely. With little if any consultation, a wave of national and local political schemes to make owning and using a car more expensive and complicated are coming thick and fast right across the UK. Canterbury and Oxford among others are now subject to a new set of anti-car restrictions - the 15-minute zone. Wales is bringing in a default 20mph speed limit.

This perennial demonisation and exploitation of drivers must be reversed. National and local political administrations should recognise that the motorist is the commercial and social heartbeat of any economy. Some may dream of car-free streets, but they should be reminded of the old adage - "be careful what you wish for."