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Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Dear Member

Welcome to my first newsletter as Chairman of the Association. I hope you find the information below informative and I would encourage you all to support as many Association events across our large constituency as possible.

Forthcoming Events: You will find enclosed with this mailing a list of our forthcoming events. Please remember that any member attending an event is most welcome to bring along a guest/guests and hopefully if they enjoy the event, they may be encouraged to become involved with the Party.

Office Team: The office team of Gilly and Melanie work tirelessly to keep the day to day challenges of the Association running smoothly and my personal thanks go to both of them.

Association Officers: I am grateful to the Officer team, comprising of Cty Cllr Keane Duncan (Deputy Chairman Political), Nicho Mortimer (Deputy Chairman Membership/Fundraising) and Rob Hall (Treasurer) who also work hard on a daily basis to support myself and T&M Association.

Kevin Hollinrake MP: As I am sure you all know, following the Cabinet re-shuffle in the summer, Kevin was appointed as PPS to Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and despite his busy schedule in Westminster at the moment, he continues to work hard across our constituency. Earlier this year he was re-selected by the Executive Committee to be our candidate at the next General Election (whenever that may be!). Members were able to catch up with Kevin recently at Conference when he kindly hosted drinks for T&M members and he and his wife Nikky will be attending several of our events over the next months. Talking of Conference, I was delighted to meet up with many T&M members as well as members from across the North of England and we were all in agreement that the mood was definitely optimistic and the support for the PM, Boris Johnson was evident for us all to see.

Local Elections: Our District elections took place in May of this year and fortunately we retained Conservative control of Hambleton but lost overall control of Ryedale. We no longer have any councillor representation on Scarborough Borough Council after losing our seats. I would like to thank all the candidates who stood in what were tricky political times nationally and my thanks also go to all those members who helped in the campaign. We are always grateful to our activists and volunteers but are always needing more help - whether it be stuffing envelopes, knocking on doors or putting up a poster in your garden – if you would like to help, please get in touch.

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In readiness for the 2021 NYCC elections we have started the selection process to allow the successful candidates time to canvass and put the Conservative message out there... If any member is interested in becoming a councillor please don't hesitate to contact Mel or Gilly in the office to have a chat.

Branches: The constituency is divided in to 8 large branches now and upon joining the Association, every member is allocated a branch according to where they live. Each branch holds an AGM in February/March time but some branches still do not have committees as such and we would still like members to come forward to formally run the branches in Pickering & Thornton Dale, Helmsley & Kirkbymoorside, Hovingham & Sheriff Hutton. I was concerned that members in those areas above were not having their views aired, so therefore the Officers and Executive Committee have co-opted Claire Docwra (Hovingham and Sheriff Hutton), Joanne Welford (Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside), and Paul Littlewood (Pickering and Thornton Dale) onto the Exec to represent those areas. The new Filey and Hunmanby branch is up and running and will hold its first event – a coffee morning - on 23rd November. I hope that local members will support by attending.

Membership: In these interesting and politically challenging times I am pleased to say that the support in membership remains strong in T&M, currently standing at 740 members, but we do not take anything for granted, so are continuously aiming to build on our existing membership.

E-mail Addresses: If you have an email address and we haven't got it or have changed your email will you please contact the office to allow us to contact you and keep our running costs down.

I hope moving forward that I and my fellow officers can rely on your support in the future. If you need to get in touch with any of us, please do so via the office.

Yours sincerely

Linda Folwell
Chairman