

Chris Kelly

Welcome to my annual report, which covers just a few of the areas I have been campaigning on for the past year on behalf of local residents here in Dudley South. I am incredibly proud to be Black Country born and bred and to have this opportunity to fight for our local community to help bring about the change that we so desperately need. It's clear that the longer Labour are in power, the worse the economic situation will become. They are part of the problem, not part of the solution. I hope you enjoy reading about what I've been up to. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or queries you may have.

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MAKE 2010 THE YEAR OF CHANGE

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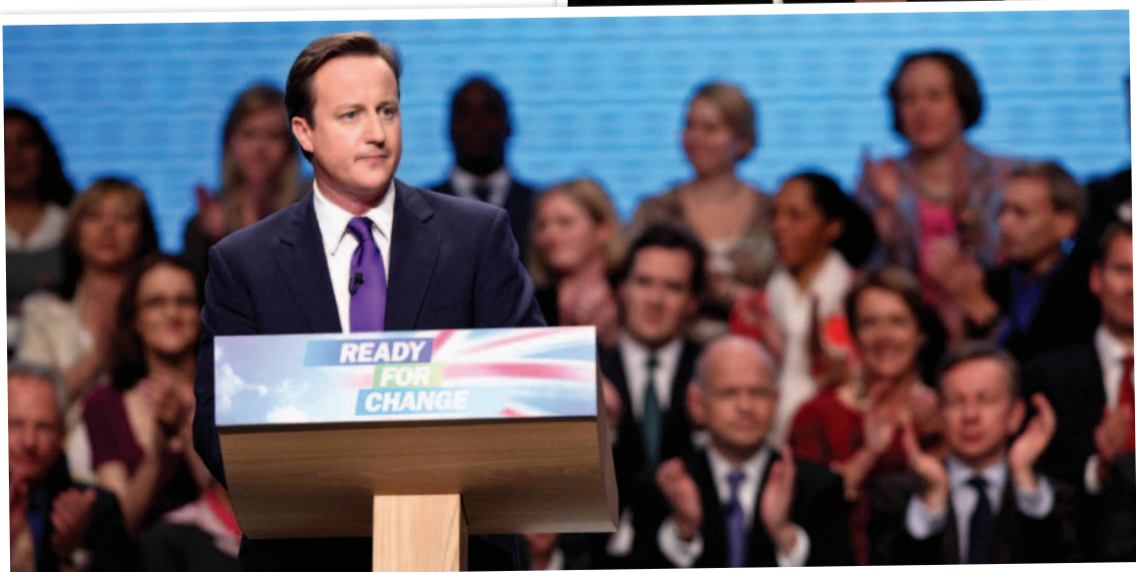
That election will be an opportunity to bring about the change our country needs.

But we won't get that change unless we vote for it.

To get a majority in Parliament and form a new Government, the Conservatives have to hold every seat they won in 2005 – plus an extra 117 seats. This would be the biggest number of Conservative gains at a general election since 1931.

That's why Conservatives up and down the country are working hard to earn your support.

In the 2010 general election, every vote will count.



DAVID CAMERON
Leader of the Conservative Party

The past year has been a difficult one – but the good news is that we don't have to wait much longer to change things.

There has to be a general election in the first half of 2010 – and the Conservative Party is ready to deliver the tough and radical change Britain needs to rebuild our broken economy, mend our broken society and fix our broken politics.

- To deal with Labour's Jobs Crisis, we have published our detailed plan to Get Britain Working. With one in five young people out of work, Labour are now the party of unemployment – we are the party of new jobs and new opportunities.
- To deal with Labour's Debt Crisis, we have been honest with the British people about the tough decisions we need to take. Unlike Gordon Brown, we won't duck them and treat the British people like fools.
- To deal with the political crisis engulfing our whole system after the MPs' expenses scandal, I took a firm line with my party: we apologised to the public, paid back the money that shouldn't have been claimed, and published all our expenses online to help stop this happening again.

To give people hope for the future, the country needs to change direction.

To get that change, we need a Conservative Government.

David Cameron

See inside to find out what Chris Kelly has been doing in Dudley South

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CHRIS: I WILL FIGHT FOR DUDLEY SOUTH



Chris is proud to be Black Country born and bred

Local people have always said Dudley South is a great place to live, being both in the Black Country and on the fringe of glorious countryside.

But our area is suffering from the impact of the worst recession since the 1930s. It has been made worse by the fact that our area is constantly neglected by Gordon Brown's Labour Government. Whether it has been the closure of Post Offices, the continuing closure of shops on the high streets, the threats to small businesses or the pressure on so many of our youngsters to look for jobs elsewhere – Dudley South knows what it is to feel forgotten by Gordon Brown.

This has got to change. We need a new Conservative Government committed to giving local people greater control over their lives. We need to stop the decline of our area.

For more go to www.dudleysouthconservatives.com

CRIME AND DISORDER

Chris Grayling MP, the Shadow Home Secretary, recently joined Chris Kelly in Dudley to spell out the Conservatives' no-nonsense approach to crime and disorder.

Labour's top-down approach to fighting crime has failed. They have ignored the professional judgment of police officers and denied them the freedom to do their jobs – violent crime has increased as officers are forced to spend more time on paperwork than on patrol. The bond between the police and the public must be rebuilt, and the first step will be cutting the paperwork which ties officers to their desks.



Shadow Home Secretary Chris Grayling MP Dudley Police Station



Chris at his local Fox & Grapes, Pensnett

SAVE THE GREAT BRITISH PUB

Dudley South is the worst affected constituency in the Midlands for pub closures. Chris has been calling on the Government to help save our pubs and safeguard jobs by:

- cutting taxes on lower-alcohol drinks such as beer and raising taxes on problem drinks like high-strength ciders and alcopops to target binge drinking whilst ensuring that responsible drinkers and the traditional British pub are not unfairly penalised;
- enforcing existing laws to deal firmly with irresponsible drinkers and premises;
- trusting adults to make informed choices, not punishing them for the actions of an irresponsible minority; and
- supporting the British pub as a vital part of local communities.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Each year Chris Kelly joins the Kingswinford Royal British Legion Club's Remembrance parade. People in Dudley South are extremely supportive of our troops and the difficult job they are doing around the world, including in Afghanistan. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our military servicemen and their families, past and present.



Local Councillors with Chris Kelly on Remembrance Sunday

CAMPAIGNING in our community

Get Dudley Working

Alarming new official figures have revealed that Dudley South is one of the country's unemployment 'black spots'. Labour is now the party of unemployment. The Conservatives have launched a free-to-search, free-to-post online tool updated daily – www.GetDudleyWorking.com – to help local people find employment opportunities. Internet access is available at Dudley Council libraries – log-on today.



Visiting local employer Dreadnought Tiles and Ketley Brick

Learning & Skills Council pulls funding

Chris Kelly has described as 'outrageous' the decision by the Learning & Skills Council (LSC) to reject the bid for capital funding for a campus in Brierley Hill by Stourbridge College, whilst approving the bid made by Sandwell College. This yet another example of Labour directing funding to neighbouring Sandwell at the expense of Dudley.



Stourbridge College planned to open new Brierley Hill campus



Chris Kelly and Ken Clarke on The Pensnett Estate

Supporting local businesses

Chris has been out visiting a number of local employers to discuss the issues that they are facing in this recession. Chris has been pleased to welcome a number of leading Conservative politicians to the area, including Shadow Business Secretary, Ken Clarke MP, who joined him on a tour of Minivator Limited on the Pensnett Estate to hear first hand views from the shop floor to the board room.



Chris Kelly & Shadow Home Secretary, Chris Grayling MP