

## SIMON BANKS FOR REGIONAL EXECUTIVE



After four years as Chair of Regional Development and on Regional Management Committee, helping local parties with development plans and organising training, I'm standing down, but believe I can contribute to Exec. I've been an activist in local parties since before the Liberal Democrats were formed – Leader of our Waltham Forest council group way back, Parliamentary candidate, Chair of my local party, campaign organiser, Membership Development Officer, Diversity Champion and big-time leaflet deliverer in Tendring!

In debate, I'm succinct and to the point: I can see the real issue in confused discussion. Region should be an action-generator and I believe our action should be strategic, systematic, and according to our constitution.

We've had magnificent victories, but there is a big danger right now that some struggling local parties, including some with successes, will go down. Many are experiencing no benefit from the general election and, with activists having helped in target seats, have gone backwards. Region must help them. New staff appointments will assist, but it needs determination at Exec as well.

Some serious issues for the Party require addressing at Region. We need to speak louder on climate change. We continue to underrepresent women, young people and minority ethnic groups at nearly all levels. We have a small and diminishing presence in urban low-income areas, making a gift of voters fed up with Labour to Reform. Too many of our members are given no reason for being a member other than "We need your money and there are leaflets to deliver". The Party should be a lively, thought-provoking, challenging, equal environment.

Agree?

**Peter Blackaller**

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I have been a supporter of the Liberal Democrats (and their predecessors) for most of my voting life. I joined the party in 2019 to help fight against Brexit and then with the general election. Even though in the short term that cause was lost I stayed a member to support Liberal values, a fairer society and a sustainable economy.

I am currently very involved with my local party: assisting with campaigning, communications, newsletter production, leaflet delivery, banging in stake boards and even with some physical work in the local office when needed.

I am now retired so have time on my hands which I want to put to good use. Volunteering, being able to give back is very important to me. I was part of the core team that set up the St Albans parkrun and I am still involved as a Run Director ten years later; this has given me insight into the importance of accessible sport for all, at all levels, and its impact on physical and mental health. As Race Volunteer Manager for St Albans Striders, for many years, I have experience in motivating and managing the teams of volunteers to ensure Striders put on a safe and enjoyable race. Other volunteering includes being a festival steward for Oxfam and as a local ranger for Sustrans.

I am keen to help the Liberal Democrats succeed and hence have decided to stand as a committee member, to contribute more widely to our growth and success.

I have a very keen interest in environmental issues and sustainability, seeking to promote practical solutions to reduce and mitigate damaging impacts. I am interested in party democracy ensuring we take all our membership with us in policy making and producing policies we can confidently defend on the doorstep to win elections.

I hope that members will vote for me so that I can broaden my contribution and build on some of the experience I have gained in St Albans and share ideas with other local parties. Co-operation in best practice will be key in our success.

Peter Chivall.

Candidate for Election to Regional Conference Committee.

The Watchword for this Election is, or should be, "Communicate". As a Party we believe in Communication – with the Electorate, with each other in our Local Parties, and with Headquarters (when we have to!).

Since 1972 I have been communicating, Delivering Focus leaflets to the residents of Breckfield Ward in the City of Liverpool. After 3 attempts with 5,000 doors , eventually 6,000 plus, I was elected City and County Councillor for the Breckfield and St. Domingo Ward of Liverpool and Merseyside County. Liberals won Liverpool in that year and retained control for several years after. I was fortunate enough to be Deputy Chair of Housing, and was able to save a large area of my Ward from unnecessary demolition and to promote a mix of municipal and owner occupation in a large area of previously cleared housing. A change of teaching career to Design and Technology took me away from Liverpool after 4 years but a further shift to Whittlesey in the 1980s gave me an opportunity to gain election to Fenland District Council. We held seven of the District Seats in Fenland, but again my teaching career took me away to Norfolk but we did hold the seat when fought by my successor.

Through both these periods 'on the Council' I needed to communicate, shoving Focuses through letterboxes, but listening also. In Liverpool we could not have saved the part of the Ward from demolition without listening to residents and summarising their responses in a proper social survey. The Party still listens to our electors as well as updating them on our progress in working on their suggestions and requirements. Hence 72 LibDem MPs of which 7 in our Region.

For me I was appointed to the Regional Executive as then Chair of Cambridgeshire County Coordinating Committee, and ended up as a member of its Conference Committee. Conference is where we Communicate, and this year was no exception, except that we had such a pressure on time with our new MPs who were all needing to communicate with us and the upcoming County elections as well, that there was no space motions to be debated. If I am elected again to Conference Committee I will make my business to see that Motions are moved and time for them are allocated, whether they cover issues of Health, Education, Agriculture, Housing or Infrastructure (Road, Rail and Energy).

And We Will Communicate!

# Rory Clark

## A fresh but experienced voice



1) Experienced ground campaigner in Cambridgeshire

2) Delivered social media strategy for numerous local elections in Cambridge

3) Experienced working most aspects of campaigning in urban and rural seats.

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Since joining the Liberal Democrats in 2019 I have been a core campaigner in the Cambridge area and in surrounding Parliamentary target seats. I have led canvassing sessions, wholesaled deliveries, led polling day ground teams, recruited new members, done office work, directed social media campaigns, been in the top canvassers lists multiple times, stood for election, supported other candidates for election, and delivered leaflets until my hands are raw. As well as the on the ground experience, I have helped craft policy, messaging, media responses, and leaflets and street letters. I believe that my breadth of experience makes me the right person to help chart the course of the East of England Liberal Democrats over the coming years.



# Sarah Cloke



I'm excited to put myself forward for the East of England Regional Executive as an Ordinary Member. As a committed Liberal Democrat campaigner and Brentwood Borough Councillor I hope you will consider all that I can offer to the role and vote for me.

I joined the Lib Dems, like many, after Brexit and soon became an active campaigner. My first canvass was during the Richmond Park by election in 2016 and being part of a winning campaign showed me how impactful our work can be. Since then I've held various roles in our local exec including Data Officer and, for the last two years, Elections Officer and Campaign Manager. Although the Lib Dems have always had strong connections across Essex I have spent more time building that network lately and was delighted to support the campaign to elect Marie Goldman as Chelmsford's MP. Here in Brentwood we also fought our own major campaign this year with "all up" elections due to boundary changes and were grateful for generous support from surrounding local parties during that time. Building on this I was recently elected as Vice Chair of EC3 (Essex County Coordinating Committee) and our current focus is the upcoming Essex County Council elections. As a member of the Regional Executive I would like to continue to expand and support broader Lib Dems networks to the benefit of us all.

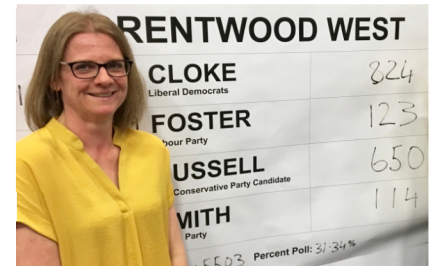
Since 2019 I have been a Councillor on Brentwood Borough Council, initially whilst the Lib Dems were in opposition and more recently as part of a Joint Administration with Labour. I am currently a member of the Joint Administration's Senior Leadership Team as Vice Chair of the Assets, Projects & Strategy Committee. I love my role as a Borough Councillor, especially meeting and helping local residents with their issues.

Outside of the Lib Dems I work as a scientist and leader in the pharmaceutical industry in the field of drug safety. I have 4 children and have recently taken up weight lifting, which is a mixed blessing!

## *Sarah Cloke*

"Sarah is an experienced campaigner and councillor. She has played a key role in the Brentwood Local Party recent successes and the region would benefit greatly from her input."

**Stephen Robinson** - Leader, Chelmsford City Council





**JULIA EWART** Here's a positive hello to you all from Suffolk, especially Lib Dem friends I haven't made yet!

**I'm Cllr Julia Ewart, and today I'm asking for your first preference vote to represent you, our regional members, on the Regional Executive Committee.**

I've been passionate about politics since a young age, and in 2017, I took the step of joining the party. That same year, I founded the Suffolk EU Alliance, a project close to my heart, which aimed to strengthen the region's voice in the European debate. Since then, I've had the privilege of standing for the party in several elections. In the 2019

European Parliament elections, I was thrilled to see the excitement of the campaign, and in the General Election that year, I was proud to help nearly double the Lib Dem vote in Suffolk Coastal.

Between the 2 general elections, I replaced a Conservative when elected to represent the Lib Dems on East Suffolk District Council, where I'm busy on our joint administration as VC Planning, and an active member of our crucial NSIP discussing Sizewell C/Renewables etc. Being a 'Green LibDem' is helpful. (Have you joined yet?).

Yes, it's important for Suffolk that we have a voice at regional level, but we also need to play a stronger in the Easter Region. Otherwise, we will miss out on so much.

By giving me **YOUR VOTE**, you'll help ensure that Suffolk gains that stronger voice, enabling us to make a real difference together.

Infrastructure projects blight our region, and currently, the stakeholders in the Sizewell nuclear project aren't being held properly to account. I see that as my main task, and one I relish. Beyond that, I am deeply involved in issues such as SEND education, social housing, and public transport, using my design background to guide planning decisions across our beautiful county. Our practical approach to politics is the best quality we have.

I am positive and proactive, with strong communication skills that allow me to engage effectively with people from all walks of life. I intend to bring these qualities to our regional committee.

**Cllr Julia Ewart** ([www.JuliaEwart.com](http://www.JuliaEwart.com))

**Thanks for your vote!**

## Why I'm running

Both the Regional Executive and English Council have very important roles in ensuring that we are ready for the next General Election, securing our recent gains and putting us on the path for new wins.

I want to help make sure that this preparation is effective, bringing in new fundraising streams, and pushing the whole region forward, whether it's getting our first councillor elected in an area or taking majority control of a council.

It's also hugely important that we do more support a diverse group of candidates who can effectively represent a broad range of society and build the broad voter coalition that we will need to make further gains.

As part of diversifying the party, we also need to bring members further into the heart of our decision-making and I believe that a reimagined Regional Conference is a significant step to keeping members informed and giving them the chance to get involved.

## Experience

**Regional Executive Member since 2021**  
**Chelmsford City Councillor**

**Stood as a candidate for Parliamentary and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner elections**

**Previously a member of English Council**

**Current Chair of the**  
**Essex County Co-ordinating Committee,**  
leading the County Council campaign for 2025



## Endorsements

“Kieron would make an excellent addition to the Conference Committee, adding experience and a fresh perspective to improve future regional conferences.”



**Callum Robertson**  
Federal Board Member



**Cllr Chris Davidson CBE**  
Cabinet Member for Finance,  
Chelmsford City Council  
Essex Campaigns Chair



**Tom Jordan**  
Regional Executive Member  
Campaigns Team Member in South  
Cambs for the 2024 General Election

# KIERON FRANKS



**Executive**



**Conference**



**English Council**

# Lloyd Harris

## For Development Committee & Exec

**We are better when we work together and don't limit ourselves to the lines on the maps that define our local party areas.** My dream is to develop local parties with admin and campaigning skills through a mix of local party officer support networks, skills sharing and training programs. There is also no reason why neighbouring local party officers and activists can't occasionally go down the pub sometimes and have a chat and share experiences.

I am a former regional officer having in the past served as both regional secretary and regional treasurer. I remember one person at HQ saying in the past that "Lloyd did the job properly" which I think was a complement.

In the GE my HQ job included providing election law support to non-target seats and I also help answer treasurer queries relating to financial compliance amongst other duties.

On my volunteer side I am a local agent and organiser, manage my local parties connect, website and been a returning officer for PPC and local government selections.

Support me for the Development Committee (and Exec) so I can champion supporting local party officers and activists.

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### Experienced

Former Regional Secretary and Regional Treasurer.

Organiser and election agent.

### Knowledgeable

Used my knowledge of local party organising, campaigning and election law to support new candidates & councillors.

### For the Future

I want to skill up local parties especially non-targets to become more efficient and therefore win more seats.

### The Executive and their Committees are hugely important.

They do a massive amount of the Region's work to transform our local parties into contenders at local and national elections.

**I want to work on and with these committees to effect real change for the Lib Dems in the East of England**

### It's not just the East of England that needs to work on development.

The English Party could be doing more to support promising Parliamentary Candidates who, with proper support, can help consolidate our local successes into national influence as MPs.

## Vote Jacqui for:

- ✓ **Vice-Chair**
- ✓ **Executive**
- ✓ **Candidates**
- ✓ **Conference**

# VOTE JACQUI MORLEY FOR VICE-CHAIR



## Expanding on our success across the Region

We've had some amazing success in the East of England, electing 7 MPs for the first time in our history. But we couldn't have done that without everyone pitching in and I think it's time we return the favour to help put the rest of the region on the path to winning.

### My Plan for Development

Lead on a region-wide development review to highlight our strengths and weaknesses and make a plan to develop our weaker local parties and help put them on a path to winning

Work with our strongest local parties to share best practice on how they've managed to achieve success and find ways of using it to expand on this success across the region

Create links across the wider party to help support a diverse group of members, activists and candidates in expanding our party and standing for election

### My Experience

- Former **Local Party Chair**
- Member of multiple regional committees, including **Chair of the LPCG Committee**
- **Essex Data and Development Officer**
- **Agent** for Local and General Elections

## MPs and key activists from across the East of England are supporting Jacqui

### From Hertfordshire



**Chris White OBE**

**Former Leader of St Albans City and District Council**

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Jacqui has a vision for developing local parties across the region and helping them to share in the success that they have contributed to.

I have no doubt that Jacqui would make an excellent Vice-Chair and would work effectively with myself and other colleagues in the East of England to deliver more and achieve even better.

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Jacqui has already shown the value she can bring to us in North Norfolk, offering her professionalism and commitment to resolving some tricky issues.

She is capable and knowledgeable and I'm sure would bring a lot to the Vice-Chair role.

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**Steff Aquarone MP**  
**MP for North Norfolk**

### to Cambridgeshire



**Cllr Christian Hogg**  
**Group Leader**  
**Peterborough City Council**



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Working with Jacqui has been like a breath of fresh air. She is extremely able, committed and has a calm, no-nonsense approach which we need.

I am confident that as Vice-Chair, she will bring positive change to the Region through her dedication and skills

**Clare Delderfield**  
**Campaigns Manager for Ian Sollom MP**  
**(St Neots and Mid Cambs)**

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### to Norfolk





**Mary Regnier-Wilson** Cuts through c\*\*p

**Gets s\*\*t done**

**"I'm standing for Regional Executive and English Council and would love your support so I can help make both those groups more efficient. The next two years are a crucial chance to build success out across our region and party."**

**1**

## **Track record of building teams**

In both Cambridgeshire and Essex, Mary has been a key part of the teams that built the teams that won. That means ensuring every local party has the people, skills and tools to get more activists involved, and increase the diversity of those activists so the party can truly represent all parts of society.

**2**

## **Understands every level of the party**

Mary has been the nervous newbie (yes really), a local party officer, Fed Board member, and has spent the last year as a HQ staff member. That means she knows how the party works, and more importantly where it still needs fixing.

**3**

## **Effective campaigner**

Mary knows how to get stuff done. She got a members' code of conduct through conference, cleaned up membership data across the region and organised efficient GE campaigns at short notice (three times). She streamlines processes and effectively communicates to get people on board with the changes necessary to get results.

# **Mary Regnier-Wilson - 1**



# CALLUM ROBERTSON *for*

## EAST OF ENGLAND EXECUTIVE & ENGLISH COUNCIL

*I am running to be one of your representatives on the East of England Regional Executive and for a seat on English Council.*

*With our new Parliamentary Party and ambition to replace the Conservatives, I have the determination to drive our region forward to win seats off the Tories and Labour. I also want to professionalise our party, increasing our fundraising and professional staff.*

### EXPERIENCE IN THE PARTY

- Member of Federal Board.
- Former Campaigns and Press Officer for the Lib Dems.
- Trusted by party leadership to represent them on some of the toughest media circuits (including GB News).
- Former Parliamentary Candidate and an active campaigner across our region.

### AND BEYOND

- Teacher and senior leader, leading school improvement at post-16 level.
- Advises Munira Wilson and the Lib Dem Education team on policy.
- Former legal advisor at Coram Children's Legal Centre and HM Courts and Tribunals Service.

### People who know how to win are backing Callum:



***We are backing Callum Robertson for the East of England Executive because he has the drive and experience to help our party grow further.***



- ▶ Mayor Peter Taylor, Watford
  - ▶ Cllr Cheney Payne, Cambridge
- ▶ Cllr Martin Goss, Colchester
  - ▶ Cllr Ian Stotesbury, Watford
- ▶ Cllr Kieron Franks, Chelmsford

Stephen led his team on a manifesto of a greener and fairer Chelmsford and has turned that into action on the City Council - having planted over 70,000 trees and building social-rent homes.

### **He knows how to win and turn policy into action.**

Stephen has led on member recruitment and activist development in his local party, and was on the core team that elected an MP in 2024, with one of the largest swings from Conservative to Lib Dem.

### **He knows our party and can develop it for success.**

Contact Stephen if you want to discuss any of these issues

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## **Stephen is standing for election to:**

### **Campaigns Committee**

**1**

On the back of our best General Election, to spread best practice beyond the MP seats and complete plans he has already started to ensure we maximise seats gained in May 2025.

**2**

### **Regional Executive**

To provide leadership on strategic issues and use his experience of the region as a past Chair and Vice Chair to get things done.

**3**

### **English Council**

Lib Dems in England needs to give more power & resources to regions; waste less time on meetings (focusing more on what's needed to win elections) and be more transparent.

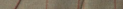
# **Stephen Robinson - 1**



# VICTOR SCRIVENS MANIFESTO



I believe that the regions are the backbone of the English Party. It is essential that we, here in the East of England, are well represented and our voices heard. I also believe that the English Council itself, whilst a strong point of focus, should be even stronger, putting forward the views and requirements of our members.

 We need to ensure that those who represent us on Federal and Executive bodies, are made more accountable to you the members. It is also clear that the governing body of the English Party needs to use the skills and sound judgement of those members possessing experience, integrity and sincerity. To make our party strong and desirable to the electorate, we need to demonstrate those qualities.

As the Chair of the East of England Conference Committee for the past six years, I have been able to take our conferences to many parts of the region and listen to the views of many members. This facility has enabled me to speak at the Regional Executive and the English Council, with a considerable level of knowledge and experience.

If elected, I will continue to provide that level of honesty, respect and forthrightness so crucial when working together as a team. I remain passionate about delivering the Liberal Democrat message and values. My enthusiasm for promoting these on your behalf is as strong as ever.

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Please make Victor Scrivens your number 1 preference



**Fiona Shreeve. Please vote for me for,**

- Regional Executive,
- Regional Conference Committee,
- English Council

I have been a member of the Liberal Democrats since 2016 and am a member of East Suffolk local party. I am currently on the Regional Conference Committee having just helped run our conference in St Albans. I am also a regional representative for the English Council. I wish to continue in these roles but also seek your support to become a member of the regional executive.

I want to:

- Increase membership and get members to be active in elections
- To provide hybrid social events encompassing party principles and aims between elections to keep members involved.
- Encourage participation in regional conference, training and development and National conference
- Encourage young liberals to continue the growth and longevity of the party.
- To rotate regional conference around different areas to give all members a chance to attend locally or with a reasonable travel distance
- To continue the good mixture at regional conference with good speakers in the main hall, fringe discussions, training, and stall holders to promote organisations within the lib Dems.
- To promote regional conference more so more members attend and get involved with local parties and nationally.
- To represent Eastern Regions views at English Council.

# VOTE WILL TENNISON

## For Regional Exec, Candidates Committee and English Council

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### MY EXPERIENCE:

2-terms Executive Member (East of England)  
2-terms Chair (East of England Young Liberals)  
2-terms Chair (Harlow Liberal Democrats)  
2-terms Membership Development Officer (Federal Young Liberals)  
County and District Council Candidate

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#### Improve The Diversity Of Members And Candidates Across The Region

Improve diversity across the region by increasing racial, cultural, age, and gender representation. Empowering members from underrepresented groups to engage actively with the Liberal Democrats and help cultivate a strong, diverse pool of future candidates.

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#### Get More Lib Dems Elected At Every Level

Building on our strong general election results, it's essential that we secure as many seats as possible at all levels. This will strengthen support for our current MPs and help establish new target seats for the next general election.

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3

#### Support Start Up & Development Seats

Support Start-Up and Development seats to ensure a strong Liberal Democrat presence across the region, laying the foundation for new Lib Dem strongholds.



# RAIN WELHAM-COBB

## VOTE 1<sup>st</sup> FOR REGIONAL EXECUTIVE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Based in Suffolk, Rain first joined the Lib Dems in 2010. Active in his local party, Rain serves as Campaigns Officer and Election Agent. Rain has been a local party Chair, and has served as an Election Agent and Campaign Manager across all levels of elections.

Rain has served a two year term on the East of England Regional

Executive, and has also served on the Regional Development Committee, Conference Committee, and a term on the English Council.

Outside of Politics, Rain has held senior roles in the NHS and the private health sector, and spent three years serving as a Police Officer in Suffolk. A keen animal lover, Rain serves as a Trustee of an Essex-based Cat charity.

### *Rain's priorities:*

1. Focus on winning
2. Grow our membership
3. Increase membership engagement



*"Rain was my general election Agent and Campaign Manager. He has contributed significantly to a growth in activity across our local party over the last 2 years. He is great on strategy. I am very pleased to endorse him for the Regional Executive,"*

**Tom Bartleet, 2024 Parliamentary Candidate for South Suffolk**



*"Rain has been working closely with me developing campaigns in Suffolk and understands what it takes to win elections".*

**John Shreeve, East of England Treasurer & Federal Policy Committee member**



*"Rain does what he says he'll do and doesn't over-commit. He will be a significant asset on the Regional Executive"*

**Lori Flawn, East of England Regional Candidates Chair**