













Conservatives

The conservatives is one of the main political parties and their policies usually promote conservation and British Unionism. It is currently the largest party in the House of Commons with 318 out of 650 seats. In the last election they failed to get 326 seats to win the majority so they joined up with the Irish Unionist party to get the extra seats they needed. They also have 245 out of 724 members of the party in the House of Lords and 20 out of 73 in European parliament. Their current leader is Theresa May and our local representatives are James Gray (North Wiltshire) and Michelle Donelan (Chippenham). The party was founded in 1834 by Robert Peel who was part of the old Tory Party founded in 1678.

Former Conservative Prime Ministers (from 1922)

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|  | Andrew Bonar Law(1922–1923) |  | Stanley Baldwin (1923–1924, 1924) |
|  | Neville Chamberlain(1937–1940) |  | Winston Churchill (1940–1945, 1951–1955) |
|  | Anthony Eden (1955–1957) |  | Harold Macmillan (1957–1963) |
|  | Alec Douglas-Home(1963–1965) |  | Edward Heath (1970–1974) |
|  | Margaret Thatcher(1979–1990) |  | John Major (1990–1997) |
|  | David Cameron (2010–2016) |  | Theresa May (2016 – Now) |