

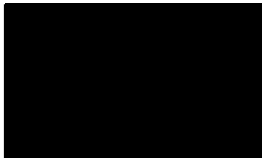
**The Tatton Accounting Unit**  
**Statement of Accounts**  
For the year ended 31 December 2015

## **THE TATTON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

#### **Introduction**

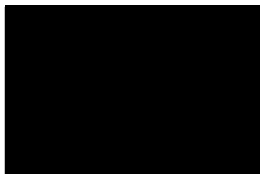
This Statement of Accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of the Tatton Conservative Association. The Association's registered address is (until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2015):



Website: [tattonconservatives.org.uk](http://tattonconservatives.org.uk)

Email: [office@tattonconservatives.org.uk](mailto:office@tattonconservatives.org.uk)

On 24<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Association moved premises, and the new registered address is:



The telephone number and email remain unchanged.

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000, Miss Patti Goddard (the Association Chairman), is the Registered Treasurer.

#### **Review of political activities**

##### *Overview*

2015 was an exceptionally busy year politically, with the general election and a full set of local government elections polling on the same day, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Due to changes in the cycle of elections, this will only occur every twenty years.

The first six months was spent campaigning to win seats in the elections – both within the Tatton constituency and across the North West target seats.

In the second half of the year, we concentrated on fundraising.

##### *Membership*

The number of nationally qualifying members had increased to 649 at 31 December 2015, compared with 626 at 31 December 2014. 84 new members were recruited during the year, to replace members who passed away, moved out of the area or declined to renew their subscription. The age profile of the membership continues to be reduced, with more members being actively involved in campaigning and fundraising activities.

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#### *Branches*

The Association has the following branches under its direct control and all income received and expenditure incurred by those branches has been included in the Association's accounts:

- Alderley Edge
- Dean Row
- Handforth
- High Legh & District
- Knutsford BON
- Knutsford Norbury Booths
- Mobberley
- Mobberley Women's Branch
- Tatton Women's Committee
- Tatton Women's Lunch Club
- Wilmslow East, Lacey Green & Styal
- Wilmslow West & Chorley

Throughout the year the branches raised funds for the Conservative Party and carried out campaign work in their geographical area. Alderley Edge branch and Wilmslow West & Chorley branch ran successful political discussion groups, considering a series of topics and putting forward members' ideas to the central Party.

The Association also runs a successful Patrons' Club and The Portcullis Club for members who wish to subscribe at a higher level. We ran a full programme of events for Team 1000 members, being political discussions.

#### *Committees*

The Association's Executive Council met three times during the year to discuss and approve the work of the Association.

The Management Committee met three times to discuss and agree the detail of the work.

Tatton Women's Committee continued to co-ordinate the activities of the Women's branches, organise the Lunch Club and run fundraising events throughout the year.

#### *Campaigning*

Our political activities focused on the general election and local government election campaigns. Leaflets and letters were delivered across the constituency as part of the election campaigns.

Rt Hon George Osborne MP was re-elected with an increased majority. In Cheshire West & Chester local authority area, 4 of our 6 candidates were elected. In Cheshire East, we were not successful in Handforth Ward, and we lost 2 seats – in Alderley Edge Ward and Wilmslow Dean Row Ward. All other Cheshire East candidates in Tatton were elected.

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12 out of 15 candidates who stood for Knutsford Town Council were elected. 14 out of 15 candidates for Wilmslow Town Council were elected. Unfortunately, all 9 candidates for Alderley Edge Parish Council were not successful.

We continued to support other North West constituencies with human and financial resources to bolster their campaign success.

#### *Staffing*

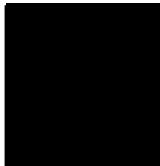
In 2015 there was a change to the staffing of the Accounting Unit. The part time Campaign Intern came to the end of their twelve month contract on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Wendy Hine, who works two days a week to assist with the administration, was formally employed by the accounting unit from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

We continue to benefit from the services of a full time, professional Conservative Party Agent (Hayley Wells-Bradshaw).

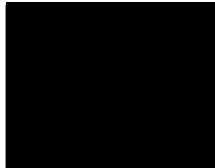
#### *Trustees*

The appointed Trustees of the Accounting Unit are:

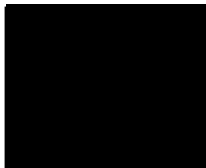
Mr M Roberts



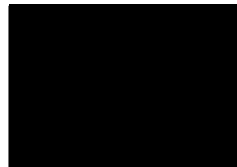
Mr A R Dobell



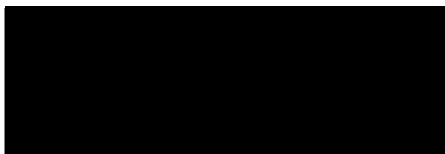
Mr J Jackson



Cllr M Stocks



Signed on behalf of the Tatton Conservative Association



Miss Patti Goddard  
Association Chairman & Registered Treasurer

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***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015***

### **Review of financial activities**

#### **Overview**

The Association is showing a surplus of £23,184. Tatton contributed £5,338 to Conservative Campaign HQ.

#### **Income and expenditure**

##### ***Income***

The Income for the year amounted to £190,464 compared with £224,300 for the previous year.

##### ***Expenditure***

Expenditure for the year amounted to £167,280 compared with £202,958 for the previous year.

##### ***Balance Sheet***

The Association has reserves of £107,899 as at 31 December 2015 compared to £84,715 at 31 December 2014.

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

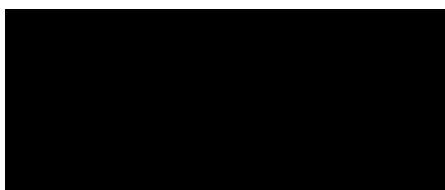
		2015 £	2014 £
<b>Income</b>			
Branch events		14,665	24,306
Women's branch events		7,034	7,185
Subscriptions		16,400	17,158
Patrons' Club		18,905	9,805
Portcullis Club		54,750	51,100
Fundraising events		1,068	90,232
Fighting fund surplus		50,435	1,170
Councillor contributions		6,556	8,204
Team 1000		7,740	6,954
Donations		8,561	2,642
Other donations non cash		3,340	4,523
Central Office Credits		741	820
Bank Interest		269	201
<b>Total income</b>		<b>190,464</b>	<b>224,300</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2015 £</b>	<b>2014 £</b>
Branch expenditure		3,721	6,125
Women's Branch expenditure		4,191	4,549
Patrons' Club expenditure		7,057	80
Patrons' Club expenditure (non cash)		-	2,000
Portcullis Club expenditure		2,255	1,687
Fundraising costs		204	1,075
Salaries, superannuation and NI	6	70,662	58,742
Office administration costs		-	12,075
Postage and petty cash		6,961	6,931
Printing and stationery		6,237	3,927
Events costs		-	25,203
Westminster printing and stationery		4,267	2,655
Services donations (non cash)		2,000	2,000
Office equipment		496	469
Electricity		1,905	787
Rent, rates and insurance		6,272	6,097
Rent, rates and insurance (non cash)		260	523
Telephone		1,670	1,606
Agent's expenses		1,611	1,420
Local Election expenses		26,407	35
Miscellaneous		2,460	1,261
Repairs and renewals		80	517
Central Office Membership Service Fee		2,146	1,571
Training expenses Merlin		-	835
NW Target seat donations		5,000	57,393
Conservative Headquarters Quota		5,338	2,795
NW Euro and PCC donations		5,000	600
NW Euro and PCC donations (non cash)		1,080	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>167,280</b>	<b>202,958</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>23,184</b>	<b>21,342</b>

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## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2015 £</b>	<b>2014 £</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors including prepayments	3	23,230	16,632
Cash at bank and in hand	4	84,850	68,083
		<b>108,080</b>	<b>84,715</b>
<b>Creditors falling due in less than one year</b>			
Creditors including accruals	5	(181)	-
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>107,899</b>	<b>84,715</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>			
Accumulated fund	7	107,899	84,715
Target seat reserve	7	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>107,899</b>	<b>84,715</b>

The accounts were approved by the Executive Council of the Association on 19 January 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



Miss Patti Goddard  
Association Chairman & Registered Treasurer

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### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

#### **1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and guidance issued by the Electoral Commission.

#### **2. Accounting Convention**

The financial statements are prepared on an historical cost basis.

<b>3. Debtors and prepayments</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan debtors	23,000	15,000
Prepayments	230	1,632
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,230</b>	<b>16,632</b>

Debtors include an amount of £5,000 (2014: £Nil) which is due after more than one year.

<b>4. Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash held centrally	83,041	66,645
Amounts at Branches	1,809	1,438
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,850</b>	<b>68,083</b>

<b>5. Creditors and accruals</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	181	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>-</b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

### 6. Salaries

The Association employed 1 full time and 1 part time member of staff for the year and until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 the Association also benefited from the employment of a part time campaign intern. The breakdown of salaries and pension contributions was:

	2015 £	2014 £
Salaries and NIC	61,585	50,204
Pension costs	9,077	8,538
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,662</b>	<b>58,742</b>

### 7. Funds

	Accumulated Fund £	Target Seat Reserve £
Balance brought forward 1 January 2015	84,715	-
Surplus for the year	23,184	-
Transfer	-	-
<b>Balance carried forward 31 December 2015</b>	<b>107,899</b>	<b>-</b>

### 8. Donations

During the year the unit had donations totalling £65,930 (2014 - £95,925) that were reportable to the Electoral Commission, i.e. over £1,500 from the same donor in the year.

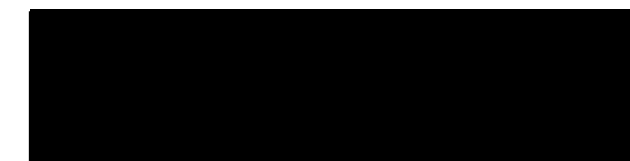
Within the Income and Expenditure Account the income relating to these donations is split between the Portcullis Club £50,250 (2014 - £40,625), Fundraising £Nil (2014 - £54,300), Team 1000 £4,000 (2014 - £1,000), Fighting Fund £10,600 (2014 - £Nil) and other donations (non cash) £1,080 (2014 - £Nil) captions, with only miscellaneous donations below the reporting threshold being recognized within the Donation and Other donations non-cash captions.

The total donation income included in the Income and Expenditure Account is greater than the figure reported to the Electoral Commission because of donations received below the PPERA reporting threshold.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
TATTON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**

As with many other similar associations it has not been possible to verify a substantial proportion of the income from individuals and branches.

Subject to the above, it is our opinion that the Association has maintained proper accounting records and that the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in accordance with those accounting records.



Jackson Stephen LLP  
Chartered Accountants



10 February 2016