

Jason Sugarman local champion

“It’s time
for results”

Jason Sugarman: A real local campaigner

IN TOUCH caught up with JASON SUGARMAN, the Conservatives' Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for our area, to find out why he wants to become your local MP.

You grew up in Sussex?

Yes. I was born and raised in Sussex and my family live in Wivelsfield. I was also the district councillor for Wivelsfield for eight years.

So why do you want to be our MP?

It started when my father stood to be a councillor in Hove when I was young. I went campaigning with him and my interest in politics took root.

I believe in public service and that politicians can make a difference. When I was a district councillor I helped to stop a large development in Wivelsfield. I'm a fighter and I like to defend people's rights. It's why I became a criminal barrister.

What kind of results?

For a start defending our local hospitals which are under threat. I'm very keen to stop this and I'm pleased David Cameron has promised to stop these cuts. It is this kind of issue that matters and where politicians have a massive effect on people's lives.

Politicians need to offer solutions for the problems in this area from flooding to our roads. People are paying more taxes but are not getting the better public services they deserve. Why has Lib Dem Lewes District Council doubled our council tax since I was a councillor yet our recycling levels are among the worst in the whole of Sussex?

But people increasingly think politicians don't make a difference...

For every negative headline what you don't see are the human stories. The MP who helps a child get a place in a special needs school or the MP who gets a modern school for their constituents. Like with Wivelsfield's new school. I helped start the fight for that school as a councillor and I was very proud to see it open this year.

It's all about results. It's no good MPs trying to take the glory for other people's efforts. When I was a councillor the local hospice needed cash to improve their gardens. I got them a grant, I presented them with the cheque and Norman Baker took the credit. I work to get results and I'm not frightened of making waves to get them.



Top Jason joins a rally to protect the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath from Labour's NHS cuts
Bottom left Jason meets lifeguards in Seaford Bottom right Jason meeting David Cameron at the Conservative Party conference

You made waves when you spoke out against the Newhaven Incinerator after becoming your party's prospective parliamentary candidate...

I'm not prepared to be put in line by anybody whether they are in my party or not. I will listen to the facts, listen to both sides and come to my own view. I'm not about trying to exploit issues that affect people's lives to gain support.

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I voted against the incinerator as councillor, back when the Lib Dems were supporting it. Newhaven is the wrong place for the incinerator and the technology is also wrong - we should be recycling our waste. It's even going to be built on a floodplain!

Why did you become a Conservative?

The Conservative Party has in the last few hundred years improved our country massively. From freeing the slaves to creating the police to Churchill and the war years, when we secured victory in Europe, to Margaret Thatcher turning our economy around in the 1980s.

My party has always offered the solutions to the problems our country has faced - usually in its darkest hours. Take the 70s when the dead weren't being buried and our economy was a complete disaster. Thatcher turned that around - gave our country a future.

I believe people don't like being dictated too and prefer to be encouraged to run their own lives. Of course, there must be support when things go wrong. These are Conservative principles. In contrast Labour seems determined to hold people back as they've done with pensions.

You mean Gordon Brown's pensions tax?

We used to have one of the best pension systems in the world, but since 1997 Labour have taxed people's pensions by stealth. They've removed billions from our pensions and punished those who've saved for their future.

I regularly meet people who say they now can't afford to retire despite saving all their lives. Labour have taken the money from people's pensions which discourages saving because no-one knows what will be taxed next.

Has our current MP Norman Baker challenged Labour enough?

Norman Baker is only interested in Norman Baker I'm afraid. As far as I can see he is only interested in getting maximum publicity for himself. He has been successful in that but I don't know how that has helped our area.

He has failed to get our area the support it needs on several big issues. He has failed to bring investment into Newhaven, he has failed to get the A27 improved and he got it wrong on the Seagulls stadium wasting large amounts of taxpayers' money in the process.

He has backed Labour on tax rises. His support for Labour's position on Post Offices helped prevent many Post Offices from being saved. He helped to block Conservative efforts to give Post Offices the freedom they need to survive.

His party isn't about empowering people - they're about taking away choice. And we all know that on Europe the Lib Dems say yes to every transfer of power to Brussels going.

What do you make of the Lib Dems' house price tax plan, where people pay 1% of the value of their home each year?

Most people buy their homes expecting to live there a long time. But a lot of people may be unable to stay in their own homes if this tax went ahead. These are people's secure futures the Lib Dems want to threaten.

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You recently called for the creation of a Newhaven Development Corporation, what would this do?

Compare Newhaven to ports like Dover or Southampton. The boats are queuing up at these ports, but because Newhaven doesn't have a proper road or rail link, it's been neglected.

Newhaven should be booming. It's nearer to London than Dover or Portsmouth and should be a major gateway to the continent.

I would like to see a Newhaven Development Corporation set up to make sure Newhaven gets the support and infrastructure it needs. Newhaven needs millions ploughed into it to improve the roads, the housing stock and to help people set up their own businesses.



Left Jason helps clean up the Lewes Youth Centre in Landport Top right Jason meets local residents during a campaign day in Polegate Bottom right Jason meets Seagulls fans at a massive protest in support of the Falmer stadium



“ The Lewes constituency will have a priority no other constituency will have

Norman Baker doesn't know how to get support for big infrastructure projects - that's why this area hasn't had one.

Baker has spent too much time on Parliamentary intrigue and the dubious conspiracy theories he perpetuates about Robin Cook being murdered. How does that help Newhaven, Seaford, Lewes or Polegate? How does that improve our roads and our schools? How does it improve our quality of life?

So it's election day, you've been elected - what's the first thing you do?

I can tell you exactly what I'll do. I'll bang on the door of every minister. I will make myself an absolute nuisance because I think government ministers are there to be spoken to and I want to know what they're going to do for our area.

The Lewes constituency will have a priority that no other constituency will have because our area hasn't been looked after for the past 10 years. I want to make up for the failures of the past decade.

We need the A27 improved urgently. It's an absolute disgrace after the floods people in Lewes suffered we still lack defences. I want our local hospitals kept open.

I also want better recycling in the Lewes district. It's been a great myth that Norman Baker is an environmental fighter - Lib Dem Lewes District

Council has failed miserably to get recycling up to the levels we see in Wealden and elsewhere.

I'm also very concerned by the plans to build 7,000 homes in Berwick - it will ruin beautiful Sussex countryside that we can never, ever replace. I stopped the Lib Dems overdeveloping Wivelsfield, I want the same for Berwick.

Ultimately I want real results for our area. When it comes to results Norman Baker hasn't produced the goods. It's time our area got the improvements it deserves. It's time for results.

Jason's results

Jason Sugarman might not be your MP yet but he is already getting results to improve our area. Here are just a few of his successes:

- » Helped get Lewes Youth Centre reopened
- » Saved Wivelsfield from overdevelopment
- » Raised thousands for the St Peter & St James Hospice
- » Stopped Labour's police mergers which would have damaged local policing
- » Helped secure a brand new primary school for Wivelsfield

Jason Sugarman's number one priority as your MP would be to get real results for our area. After more than 10 years of Norman Baker's old politics we need an MP who can get results. Don't let Baker let us down again

From Norman Baker's old politics

From letting our Post Offices shut down...

Baker helped Labour stop Conservative efforts in Parliament to give Post Offices the freedom they need to survive

From extra death taxes...

Baker wants inheritance tax rules changed so gifts given to children by their parents before death are taxed

From tax raids on our pensions...

Baker wants increases in pension taxes despite the damage caused by Labour's £5 billion-a-year pension tax raids

From undermining local nurseries...

Baker opposed Conservative efforts in Parliament to make government childcare funding fairer

From clinging to the failed Human Rights Act...

Baker continues to reject the need to change or replace the Human Rights Act despite it undermining our justice system

From surrendering on illegal immigration...

Baker wants to give illegal immigrants in the UK the right to stay forever, which would only encourage more illegal immigration

From taxing aspiration...

The Lib Dems want to tax families even more than Labour and support a house price tax that will force people out of their homes

From caving in to Brussels...

Baker wants more and more decisions taken in Brussels. His party opposes giving the British people a say on the EU constitution

From books on conspiracy theories...

Baker votes in Parliament less than the average MP but still found time to write a conspiracy theory book about Dr David Kelly

To Jason Sugarman's new politics

...to giving Post Offices a future

Jason wants more freedom for Post Offices so they can be more profitable and stay open

...to taking families out of the inheritance tax trap

A Conservative government will raise the inheritance tax threshold to £1m, so nine million families will no longer face this tax

...to protecting our pensions

Jason opposes Labour's £5 billion-a-year tax raids on pensions and wants action taken to rebuild the UK's pension system

...to fairer government funding for childcare

Jason wants Labour's unfair childcare funding rules changed so our local nurseries are not pushed into bankruptcy

...to an effective British Bill of Rights

Jason wants a British Bill of Rights to replace the discredited Human Rights Act

...to tough and effective border controls

Jason wants more effective border controls so asylum seekers are processed quickly and illegal immigrants are sent home

...to taxing pollution

Jason wants lower and fairer taxes. A Conservative government will abolish stamp duty for nine out of 10 first time buyers.

...to a referendum on the EU constitution

Jason wants the people of the UK to be able to vote on whether to accept the EU constitution, which will give more power to Brussels

...to getting on with the job of representing you

Jason believes in public service and getting results for the people he represents

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