

Andrew's transparency pledge

Earlier in the campaign, Andrew published his 'transparency pledge' about Parliamentary expenses.

I, Andrew Griffiths, Conservative candidate for Burton & Uttoxeter, promise that if I am elected, I shall:

- Publish on my personal website details of all my personal expenses incurred as your Member of Parliament.
- Publish on my personal website details of all my office expenses incurred as your Member of Parliament.
- Publish all donations of more than £1,500 either to East Staffordshire Conservative Association or to me, in line with Electoral Commission rules.
- Appoint a local firm of auditors to approve my expenses accounts at the end of every financial year
- Open up my unedited expenses claims to local newspapers at the end of every financial year.
- Never claim for food.
- Never claim for furniture or household goods.
- Meet my own tax liabilities – such as stamp duty – without claiming them from the taxpayer.
- Never claim for First Class travel.
- Never employ any members of my family.

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A contract between Andrew Griffiths and the people of Burton & Uttoxeter



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Dear Resident,


Since I was selected by local people to be your Conservative candidate over three years ago, I've probably talked to thousands of local people as I've been out and about, campaigning and canvassing. Sadly, the one thing that really comes across is how little faith people have in politicians to tell the truth and actually deliver their promises.

I want to be different.

That's why, today, I'm publishing my contract with you, the people of Burton & Uttoxeter. I'd like you to read it, remember it, and – if I'm elected as your Member of Parliament – hold me to what I promise.

At the next General Election, if you think I've broken any one of these promises, you should vote me out.

That's the sort of MP I want to be – honest, straight-talking and different.

Signature: 

If you elect me as your Member of Parliament:

1. I will be honest with people about public spending, but I will stand up for the local community to protect important local services.

Politics shouldn't be about attacking people - it should be about making the positive case for our policies. That's why I've opposed other candidates vigorously when I've disagreed with them - but I won't exaggerate or pretend there are big differences where there aren't any.

2. I will hold regular surgeries in a variety of locations across the constituency, so I can hear from you and help with your problems.
3. I will organise a forum for local businesses, employers, colleges, unions and others to discuss how we can work together to help the local community through the recession.
4. I will hold regular meetings with local police officers so I can raise any concerns you have and press the police to

act upon them.

5. I will organise a meeting twice a year for representatives of local residents' associations, leaseholders' groups, housing associations, our local councils and other connected groups to discuss local housing problems and see how we can work together to address them.
6. I will campaign to bring new jobs to Burton & Uttoxeter, and fight to keep existing jobs in the constituency.
7. I will launch a consultation on speed limits across the whole constituency, work with local communities and councils to campaign for change where necessary.

I want to be totally straight with you - so I'm not going to promise that we'll get everything we want. But I'll do everything I can to win these campaigns.

8. I will organise an annual survey of local people on the performance of our local councils to hold them to account on the services they provide, such as recycling, bus services, road maintenance and housing.