

The Organisation of the Conservative Party in Yorkshire

Here in Yorkshire there has been a dramatic development in the organisation of the Party. Under the supervision of the **Northern Board** of the Conservative Party, chaired by the **Rt Hon William Hague MP**, '**Campaign Yorkshire and the Humber**' has been launched. A new, modern and fully equipped Regional Office has been opened in Bradford staffed by senior Party employees including a Regional Director, a Campaign Director, a Media Officer and an Administration Officer. You can view the new facilities for yourself by logging on to www.yorkshireconservatives.org.uk.

In turn the Regional Office has opened **three local Campaign Headquarters** in Bradford, Brighouse and Leeds. A Field Campaign Officer has been seconded to each office and administrative and secretarial support employed by the West Yorkshire Area Committee. These offices offer administrative support to each Association as well as providing legal and campaigning advice and support across their respective areas.

The number of **professional staff** employed across Yorkshire has **doubled** during 2007 and the effects of this support are becoming abundantly clear in improved organisation and the implementation of **specific campaign plans for our Parliamentary Candidates**.

A number of very supportive donors were generous enough to ensure these projects were launched and each Association now benefits from office and campaigning support in return for a pro-rata contribution towards costs. In order to ensure that we are able to maintain this support for our Association, we rely on our existing loyal members and also encourage new members to join us and help our causes as little or as much as they can.

One of the major benefits of the introduction of the Northern Board and the new regional structure is that they ensure that every penny raised in Yorkshire remains in Yorkshire.

The recommended minimum membership subscription is **£25.00 per person** (£50 for Joint membership) and **£5 for Youth membership** (under the age of 23) but you can be as generous as you are able. However much you subscribe, your membership monies are spent as follows:

£5.00 – membership levy to CCHQ which goes directly to the Northern Board to contribute towards the costs of the regional structure and our professional staff.

£2.50 – membership levy to our local Campaign Headquarters to pay for the administration of our membership and the maintenance of our database.

£17.50 (minimum) – to our Association for campaigning and fundraising activities.