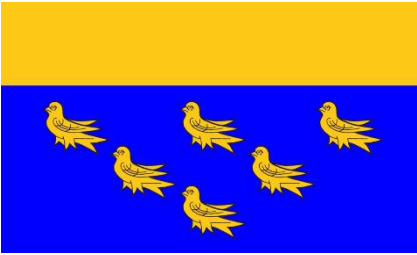


Arundel and South Downs Constituency with Courtwick



West Sussex is a beautiful place to live and work. It is our home. As Labour members we show respect for our family, friends, neighbours and communities by protecting and enriching our environment. The

breadth of knowledge, competence and experience our Labour candidates bring to this election demonstrates how Labour will improve our livelihoods, enrich our lives and prepare us for the future.



A vote for Labour is a vote for youth

The Representation of the People Bill introduced by Labour in February 2026 represents a landmark moment for our democracy in seeking to extend the



franchise to 16 and 17 year olds for UK general elections. Whilst this process is due to be completed by the time of the next general election it could potentially be as early as next year. A Labour vote for a Labour county councillor is a vote to prepare the way for young

people to take their rightful place both as voters and representatives.

Labour has already delivered for young people, from the publication of the first National Youth Strategy in 20 years to the establishment of a New Apprenticeship plan. These policies will mean real change for young people in West Sussex. We will cut through the social media noise and continue to be the party of youth empowerment.

Oliver Goldsmith

Investing in our future – why you should vote Labour in the West Sussex County Council Election

As a youth worker and teacher, I have seen first-hand the power of education to transform lives. Breaking down barriers to opportunity and severing the link between background and success are core to Labour's values. We need more Labour councillors in our county to ensure that every:

- child is given the best start in life through high-quality early education,
- family has access to childcare,
- child and young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) have tailored support built around their individual needs, available on their doorstep,
- young person can earn or learn through the Youth Guarantee,
- young person aged 18–21 years old who has been searching for work for 18 months or more is provided with six months of paid employment, and
- adult has an opportunity to develop the skills needed for work in a fast-changing economy.



Deborah See

A vote for Labour is a vote for a fair and tolerant society

I have been a Labour party member for most of my life. For more than thirty years I lived and worked in communities in the UK where the majority were not White British. As a Christian (and a church minister) I believe that every human being is of equal value, sadly today many do not accept that this is true. One of Labour's key values is to accept diversity and inclusion in a fair and tolerant society with equal opportunity for all. In the elections on May the 7th it is vital that we each use our vote to support candidates who believe in working to create a fairer and more tolerant society where everyone is treated equally.

Revd Dr David Wise

Labour respects all human beings as of equal worth, with equal rights, and having a unique contribution to make to the family of mankind.

Our economy and society depend on the contribution of immigrants – some sectors would collapse without them eg the caring professions (including key aspects of the NHS), and all hospitality services. As our population ages our reliance on immigrants to keep these services viable will increase.

Asylum seekers – who are trying to access their human rights under the law – mostly bring skills, knowledge and character that we in this country value highly. We celebrate their contribution and welcome the pride in community that so many embody.

Our immigration system must be properly managed but we reject division, fear and hatred and believe that those who try to stir these emotions up are distracting us from the many tough issues we need as a society to resolve together. We stand in solidarity with all who can make an honest contribution to this effort, regardless of sex, race or class. Vote Labour to support these principles in action.

Respect and support for Immigrants and Asylum Seekers – Vote Labour

The overwhelming majority of migrants – including asylum seekers – are law-abiding, are loyal to the UK and want to make their contribution to our society. Evidence shows that their net value to the country has for many years been positive.

All calculations now show that our country will not be able to keep its commitments to its people without a significant level of immigration in coming years – especially as the age profile of our population increases. The NHS, social care many other public services and the hospitality industry will collapse without their contribution.

This chimes with Labour's unshakeable commitment to social justice and human rights. Immigration is an issue that bad actors in politics use to try to divide us. They must be resisted.

Parties which want to take away their human rights will also take away our rights. The rights of immigrants and asylum seekers are an essentially part of the glue of our United Kingdom.

Roger Pask

Valuing a diversity of beliefs

The Equalities Act brought into being by the Labour Party in 2010 and added to in 2015 contains legal protections against discrimination based on gender, sexuality, race, religion and disability.



Whilst the Labour Party has suggested there are always discussions to be had about the requirements of the Act the Conservatives want to change it and Reform abolish it. The one-time Conservative minister now reform spokesperson for Reform has said the country is ripped apart

by diversity, equality and inclusion

Labour totally rejects this view and affirms that the harmony and well-being of the local community and the nation is best served when every citizen, who has the right to be in this country, is given worth and value and the opportunity to thrive and to contribute what they can, irrespective of their culture and background.

The Equality Act and its objectives as with all laws passed cannot make all things right and make people tolerant and act with goodwill towards others but it can help to show what kind of country we wish to be and at the same time constrain those who wish to demean and devalue others.

David Coote

Employment and development

West Sussex is one of the relatively prosperous areas of the country. But it could be so much better.

We need an economy that works for all our people, not just for a few. A Labour county council – and in the future a Labour Mayor – would use all their powers to bring new, secure jobs, on good wages and conditions, to more of our residents.

And local government does have the powers and the responsibility: councils and the future Mayor have planning powers. They are major purchasers of goods and services. The County Council – and in the future the Mayor and the strategic authority – have major influence on public transport. Labour would upgrade our rural bus services, so that residents in isolated rural areas can travel to where there is work. An efficient, affordable transport network is crucial.



We have major manufacturing centres – notably Rolls Royce at Chichester, brought to Sussex by the regional development agency established by the last Labour Government.

The visitor economy is key to Sussex. We need better visitor accommodation – hotels, hostels and campsites – so that visitors, young and old, rich and poor, can enjoy our spectacular coast and downlands. Labour would sponsor a new partnership with the South Downs National Park, to create new, secure jobs in the visitor economy – and to train people for the skills required.

The Sussex wine industry has been a great success. A Labour council would work with the vineyards and parish, town and unitary councils to develop sustainable wine tourism and a Sussex wine trail.

Michael Ward

Access for all: Arts and Leisure in West Sussex

Labour's commitment to making arts and leisure accessible to all rather than a privileged few has shaped Britain's cultural and physical landscape. From the establishment of The Arts Council by Jennie Lee and the restoration of our canals and waterways under Barbara Castle through to the National Park and Countryside Act, successive Labour governments have focused on strengthening grassroot arts, leisure and creative industries.



This long tradition of supporting arts and leisure is evident all around us in West Sussex. We benefit from first-class theatres, concert halls, museums and art galleries. We are surrounded by wonderful

countryside and have a wide range of sporting activities in our towns and villages. These enrich our lives, support a thriving tourist industry and are a source of employment with our colleges providing training for young people in the arts, music and media,

We need strong Labour representation in the county council to secure the future of arts and leisure in West Sussex.

Will Ashton

Helping people with disabilities

Labour are committed to improving support to disabled people, transforming our social care system and improving the NHS. So far we have frozen prescription charges, achieved a considerable increase in NHS appointments both in hospital and GP care and recruited 2,000 more GPs (full-time equivalent). We are widening access to NHS dental treatment and recruiting more mental health nurses and doctors. But the most important development for disabled people is that we are tackling the enormous problem of reforming adult social care, whose problems underly so much of those of the rest of the health system. Baroness Louise Casey has been appointed to conduct a review of adult social care, due to report in 2028. In March 2026 she explained her view that there is currently a reliance on cobbled together underfunded services relying on low-paid care workers, a lack of ownership and accountability, and a deep divide between health and social care which leaves families to navigate alone.

Sarah Leigh