

Sir Edward Leigh was born in 1950, the youngest son of Sir Neville Leigh KCVO, the Clerk to the Privy Council. He was educated at St Philip's School, the French Lycée, the Oratory School in Berkshire, and Durham University where he read History.

He was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1977 and worked as Mrs Thatcher's Principal Correspondence Secretary before qualifying. He served on the Greater London Council and Richmond Borough Council before being elected in 1983 as MP for Gainsborough, which he has represented ever since, with a majority of over 15,000 at the last general election.

For eight years he was Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and is now Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission and a member of the Speaker's Panel of Chairs.

He was the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of State at the Home Office 1989-90 and was Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade & Industry 1990-93. Last year he was elected to serve on the new International Trade Select Committee and the Procedure Committee. Previously he has served on the Defence, Agricultural and Social Security Select Committees. His barristers' chambers are at Goldsmith Buildings. He serves as a Non-Executive Director on the board of a commercial bank. He is a member of the Parliamentary Pro-Life Group.

Sir Edward is married to Mary and they have six children. He lives with his wife and family in the constituency at weekends and during the parliamentary recesses. During the week they live ten minutes' walk from the Commons.

He was knighted by the Queen in 2013 and awarded the Legion d'honneur by the French Republic in 2014.

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This leaflet is being sent to every elector in the constituency, please take the time to read it and when you have please send it to be recycled.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VOTE FOR SIR EDWARD LEIGH

- 1 Campaigns strongly on local issues** and fights for our part of Lincolnshire at Westminster without fear or favour
- 2 Lives in the constituency** with his wife and has raised their six, now grown-up, children locally
- 3 An experienced voice for local people** being one of the most active Members of Parliament, always working hard for the Gainsborough constituency, its residents and communities

GAINSBOROUGH CONSTITUENCY

Sir Edward LEIGH

“I have served as your Member of Parliament for thirty-four years and have done my best to help all my constituents. I hope you will enable me to continue to serve you all.”



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Dear constituent

This is my personal address to the electors of the Gainsborough Constituency.

ECONOMY & JOBS

A strong, competitive economy is the only way to build a secure and better future for everyone. The personal allowance on income tax has been raised and fuel duty frozen, more private sector jobs created, and benefits capped. We have cut income tax for over 26 million people, saving the typical taxpayer £825 a year from April 2015. That means people keep more of the money they earn and are better able to provide for their families. The fuel duty freeze saves you around £10 every time you fill up your car. We have reduced and will continue to reduce the deficit. Our national debt remains far too large. A Labour government would only borrow more, destroying our slow and steady recovery. I will support the Prime Minister, Theresa May, and her Conservative Government to make sure we continue to enjoy the benefits of a strong and stable economy.

OUR N.H.S.

I use the NHS exclusively for myself and my family. I am totally committed to preserving its principle as a well-funded service free at the point of delivery. We need to free health professionals from endless bureaucratic interference and allow resources to travel straight to the front line. I want to make sure that our NHS is properly resourced, staffed and on a sound, sustainable footing for generations to come.

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BREXIT

I campaigned and voted for leave as did 60% of our constituency. I will support a Conservative Government to negotiate a deep and special partnership between a strong and successful European Union and a United Kingdom that is free to chart its own way in the world. A country that has regained control of our own money, our own laws, and our own borders — and we will be free to strike trade deals with old friends and new partners all around the world. The result will be a more secure future for our country and a better deal for you. I will work to make sure farmers are supported through the Brexit process. Only a Conservative victory in this election will secure the strong and stable leadership we need to make a real and lasting success of our exit from the EU.

CRIME

Evidence shows crime is falling, but Lincolnshire should be better resourced to meet that challenges our police face. We must ensure our towns, villages, and homes are kept safe and secure. I will work with Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones to fight for a sustainable and fairer funding settlement for rural parts of the country, like Lincolnshire.

SCHOOLS & SKILLS FOR THE YOUNG

The liberation of so many schools from central controls in recent years has put parents and teachers in the driving seat, where they rightly belong. Head teachers need to run their schools as their professional conscience dictates. I fully support retention of and expansion of existing grammar schools with proper funding. Since 2010, Conservatives in government have created 2.2 million new apprenticeships; enabling more young people to learn a trade and kick-start their careers.

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PENSIONERS

I will continue to ensure that our elderly population is able to live their lives with respect and dignity. I will support a Conservative Government to ensure that pensions keep their real value.

WIND FARMS

With local residents I have successfully opposed the giant wind farms proposed for north of Lincoln. I am opposed to subsidies for on shore wind farms.

THE COUNTRYSIDE

Gainsborough is one of England's biggest and most rural constituencies. We need a voice in government for our struggling village shops, post offices and amenities. We need to value the immense contribution made by volunteers and farmers to the countryside. I have relentlessly campaigned for better broadband for our villages.

I would be honoured to continue my service for all the people of the Gainsborough Constituency.

*Yours sincerely
Edward Leigh*

POLLING STATIONS ARE OPEN:

7:00am — 10:00pm Thursday, 8th June