

About this booklet

This booklet must be sent to you by law. That means everyone who is registered to vote will receive a copy individually.

It includes:

- Information about the election
- Voting information including postal and proxy votes, how to fill in your ballot paper
- Key dates up to and including the election
- How the Mayoral election result is calculated
- An election address (i.e. a statement) from each of the Mayoral candidates who wish to be included
- Frequently asked questions

On Thursday May 4 2017 electors in Doncaster will vote for a Mayor who will have a four year term of office until 2021.

On the same day you will also vote for local ward councillors for Doncaster Council in separate local elections. This is not connected to the Mayoral election and the ballot paper for this election is separate and a different colour (yellow). The ballot paper for the Mayoral election is white.

The Mayoral voting system

The voting system in a Mayoral election is different to others. It uses the supplementary voting system which means you can choose your first and second preference candidate. More information on the voting system is on page 4 of this booklet.

The Mayoral candidates

There are six candidates standing for Mayor of Doncaster. Election addresses from all of them appear in this booklet.

All candidates are listed in alphabetical order and with any political party they are standing for or as an independent candidate. This is the order they will appear on the ballot paper.

Candidate	Description
George Jabbour	The Conservative Party Candidate
Ros Jones	Labour Party
Eddie Todd	
Brian Alfred Whitmore	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Chris Whitwood	The Yorkshire Party
Steve Williams	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition

The order in which the candidates' addresses appear in this booklet has been determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer. The draw can be viewed on our website (www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections). Each candidate is responsible for the content of their election address. The views expressed in these addresses are theirs alone and cannot be attributed to the Returning Officer or Doncaster Council.

Johanna Miller
Returning Officer
Civic Office
Waterdale
Doncaster
DN1 3BU

Voting information, postal votes and key dates

Every registered elector will receive an official poll card which will include your name, address and number on the electoral register. It will explain when and where to vote. Visit www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections for details of your assigned polling station or call 0800 180 4604.

If you have applied for a postal vote, you will receive it around April 21. As the Mayoral election is combined with Council local ward elections, you will receive your Mayoral ballot paper in a combined postal pack. You should send your completed postal voting statement and marked ballot papers to the Returning Officer in the envelope provided straight away. You cannot vote at a polling station. You can drop off your completed postal pack at your local polling station or the Civic Office up to 10pm on May 4 if you do not post it in time.

If you lose or spoil your postal ballot papers you can apply for a replacement by contacting the Election Office by 5pm on Thursday May 4. If you want to vote by proxy – that is someone who can vote for you at your polling station if you cannot go yourself – you must apply by completing a form by 5pm on April 25.

April 21

Postal vote packs delivered

If you opted to vote by post you will receive it around April 21. If you do not receive your postal pack by April 27 please call our helpline: 0800 180 4604.

April 25

Last date for proxy vote request

If you are a registered voter and you wish to apply for a new application to vote by proxy (someone to vote on your behalf) you must do this before 5pm.

May 4

Polling Day

Polling stations are open from 7am until 10pm. You can return your postal vote to the Civic Office or your local polling station if you do not post it in time. To find your polling station, check your poll card or visit: apps.doncaster.gov.uk/FindMyPollingStation

May 4/5

The Count

Counting of the Mayoral election will take place on Thursday May 4. The elected Mayor will then take up office on Monday May 8. Local ward Councillor votes will be counted on Friday May 5.

Completing your ballot paper

The ballot paper is white and will list all the candidates standing. Next to the list of candidates will be two columns.

Election of Mayor

	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
Candidate		
Candidate	X	
Candidate		
Candidate		
Candidate		X
Candidate		
Candidate		
Candidate		

You put an X in the first column for your first choice and an X in the second column for your second choice, if you have one.

Do not mark more than one X in each column – your vote will not be counted if you do.

Making a second choice is not compulsory. If you only want to make a first choice make sure you place your X in the first column.

You cannot make a second choice only and leave the first column blank - your vote will not be counted if you do.

If you do not vote in column two, your first choice will still be counted. However, if you vote for the same candidate twice, your second choice vote will not be counted.

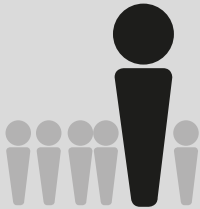
How the winner in the Mayoral election is chosen

Stage 1

Count all first preference votes. If one candidate achieves more than 50% of 1st choice votes

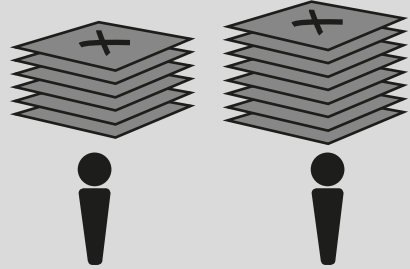


Mayor Elected

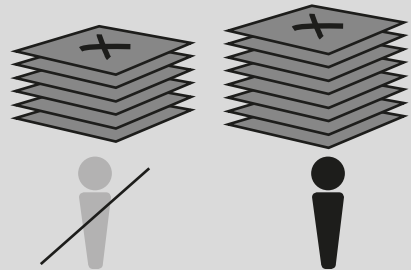


Stage 2

No-one gets more than 50% then 2nd choices counted



The two candidates with the highest number of votes stay in the contest. The rest are eliminated.



The 2nd choice votes on the ballot papers of the eliminated candidates are counted, any that have been cast for either of the two remaining candidates are added to their first preference total.

The person with the most votes in total is elected as Mayor.

Frequently asked questions

Why two votes for one Mayor?

The law says it must be done this way. It allows you to say who your second choice for Mayor would be if your first choice is not in the top two after the first round of counting and if there is not an outright winner at that stage.

How do I mark my vote?

In the usual way with a single X clearly in each of the columns indicated. You have two votes – one for your first choice and one for your second choice, if you wish to use it.

What happens if I don't make a second choice?

Your first choice will still be counted.

I really don't like any of the candidates. What happens if I only mark an X in the second choice column?

Your ballot paper will be rejected, which means it won't count, because you have not voted for a first preference.

What if I mark an X in the first choice column for more than one candidate?

Your ballot paper will be rejected. If you wish to vote for two candidates then you must mark an X in column 1 for your first choice candidate and an X in column 2 for your second choice candidate.

Why has every elector in the household been sent a booklet, wouldn't one do?

The law governing this election says everyone registered to vote must be sent their own copy so that they get a chance to see one - no matter how many electors are registered at that address.

Further information is available at www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections or if you have specific questions email: electoralservices@doncaster.gov.uk

Steve, a mental health nurse, was born and bred and still lives in Conisbrough.



“I’ve worked in the NHS for 27 years. I see first hand the devastating effects of the cuts on the most vulnerable in society.

30 years ago, I stood on miners’ picket lines fighting Thatcher’s attack on our communities. Now I am a Unison shop steward and recently marched with 250,000 others to Save Our NHS.

Although I support Jeremy Corbyn’s anti-austerity message, nothing has changed in Doncaster where the Labour mayor and council have carried out the Tory cuts of £109 million in the last three years closing libraries, residential homes, childrens centres and leisure facilities. Another £67 million cuts will follow by 2021. There’ll be nothing left!

If elected as mayor, I would stand up for local people and propose a budget based on the needs of Doncaster, not the demands of the Conservative government.

I would rally the townspeople against the Tories to fight for the funding we need to protect our jobs and services.”

Candidate	1st preference	2nd preference
STEVE WILLIAMS Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition		
		

Vote for Steve first preference.
You also have a second preference vote in this election

PRE-ELECTION RALLY: TUESDAY 2 MAY, 7PM
at Danum Hotel, High St, Doncaster DN1 1DN

Speakers include:


- Steve Williams
- Dave Nellist, former workers’ MP on a worker’s wage



SUPPORT STEVE

 Doncaster TUSC -
Vote against Cuts and Privatisation

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 TUSC: www.tusc.org.uk

 Socialist Party:
socialistparty.org.uk

TRADE UNIONIST AND SOCIALIST COALITION

Ordinary people need an alternative to the austerity agenda of the political establishment and to the racist far-right who try to scapegoat immigrants rather than the greedy capitalists and bankers who caused the economic crisis. That’s why I’m a member of the Socialist Party and I’m standing

for mayor on behalf of the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC).

TUSC stands up for the millions NOT the millionaires. TUSC is backed by the RMT transport union and other trade unionists, community campaigners and socialists.

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VOTE AGAINST CUTS SAVE OUR NHS



ELECT
SOCIALIST
STEVE
ON A WORKER'S
WAGE

MY POLICIES IF ELECTED:

- **STOP THE COUNCIL CUTS**
use reserves and borrowing powers
- **DEFEND OUR NHS**
oppose STP cuts and privatisation
- **INTRODUCE £10/HOUR MINIMUM WAGE** scrap zero-hour contracts
- **KEEP GUARDS ON TRAINS**
Put safety before profit
- **BUILD COUNCIL HOUSES**
to end the housing crisis and homelessness
- **RE-ROUTE HS2 and STOP FRACKING** invest in public transport & green energy
- **WOMEN'S LIVES MATTER**
restore/sustain funding for Women's Aid

**TUSC
AGAINST
CUTS**

VOTE
SOCIALIST
VOTE STEVE
FOR MAYOR
Trade Unionist and
Socialist Coalition

MAKE DONCASTER a £10 an hour TOWN

Average wages actually fell in Doncaster between 2011 and 2015! That's why I would introduce a £10 an hour minimum wage for all council and contracted staff and encourage workers in the private sector to join a trade union and fight for £10/hour as well. Let's make Doncaster a £10 an hour town.





Re-elect **Mayor Ros Jones** Putting Doncaster People **First**

When Ros Jones became Mayor of Doncaster in 2013 she inherited a failing Council.

It was so dysfunctional the government had placed it in special measures.

But Mayor Ros Jones has turned things around through strong leadership, hard work and

high ambitions for the whole of our borough.

And since becoming Mayor, **Ros Jones has only taken half of the Mayor's salary** and she doesn't claim expenses.

Her achievements were recognised at the highest level this year when **she was awarded a CBE by the Queen.**

Ros Jones' record:

- ✔ Doncaster Council out of special measures ahead of schedule.
- ✔ Employment across the borough at an 11-year high, including over 1,100 new apprenticeships.
- ✔ Investment in infrastructure such as the Great Yorkshire Way creating thousands of jobs.
- ✔ Housebuilding at a 15 year high, with new council houses, bungalows and Extra Care apartments for older people.
- ✔ GCSE and A Level results up and more schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding'.
- ✔ Delivering the National College for High Speed Rail for Doncaster, on budget and ahead of schedule.
- ✔ Coming down hard on littering, dog fouling, fly-tipping and other anti-social behaviour with more than 7,000 fines in the last year alone.
- ✔ New 7-day grass cutting and street cleaning services.
- ✔ Won Ministry of Defence award for support to veterans.

Ros Jones and your Labour team have a plan which puts Doncaster people first:

- ✓ More high-skilled, high-paid jobs, improving schools and making Doncaster a university borough
- ✓ £2 in every £3 spent by the Council to go to Doncaster companies
- ✓ Regeneration programmes for towns across the borough
- ✓ More council houses and affordable private housing for Doncaster people, including new Extra Care apartments and bungalows for older people
- ✓ Clamp down on anti-social behaviour
- ✓ Back our veterans with jobs, housing and guaranteed school places

Hero Ben is backing Mayor Ros Jones

“Ros Jones has delivered on her pledges. I’m voting for Ros because she has done a great job for Doncaster and a great job for local veterans.”

Ben Parkinson MBE

Go to Ros4Doncaster.org.uk/plan for more details.

Vote  **Labour**

Putting Doncaster People **First**

Promoted by Paul Nicholson on behalf of Ros Jones, both at 51 Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3EY.

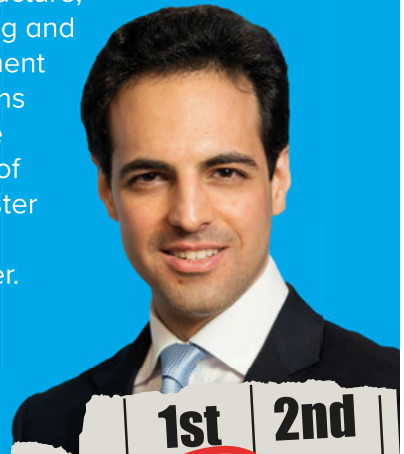
GEORGE JABBOUR

– A FRESH VOICE AND THE RIGHT MAYOR FOR DONCASTER

My name is George Jabbour; I am the Conservative candidate for Mayor of Doncaster in the election on 4th May 2017. I am writing to introduce myself and explain why I am standing in this election.

I would like to use my skills, background and experiences to serve the people of our town, create more jobs, increase investment in Doncaster, explore the opportunities that Brexit offers and champion your interest.

With my civil engineering and investment background, I am equipped with the skills and expertise needed to make the infrastructure, planning and investment decisions that the Mayor of Doncaster has to consider.



GEORGE JABBOUR
The Conservative Party Candidate



1st

2nd



I am passionate about science and innovation. I will rely on my experience in information technology and in school governance to drive an ambitious agenda and to inspire young people.

Having set up a successful small business, I understand what start-ups and companies require to thrive and grow. As I have worked with investors from all over the world for ten years, I know what it takes to be an effective ambassador for our businesses and enterprises.

Over the past seven years, the Conservative Party has



**VOTE CONSERVATIVE
ON 4TH MAY**



Contact George:

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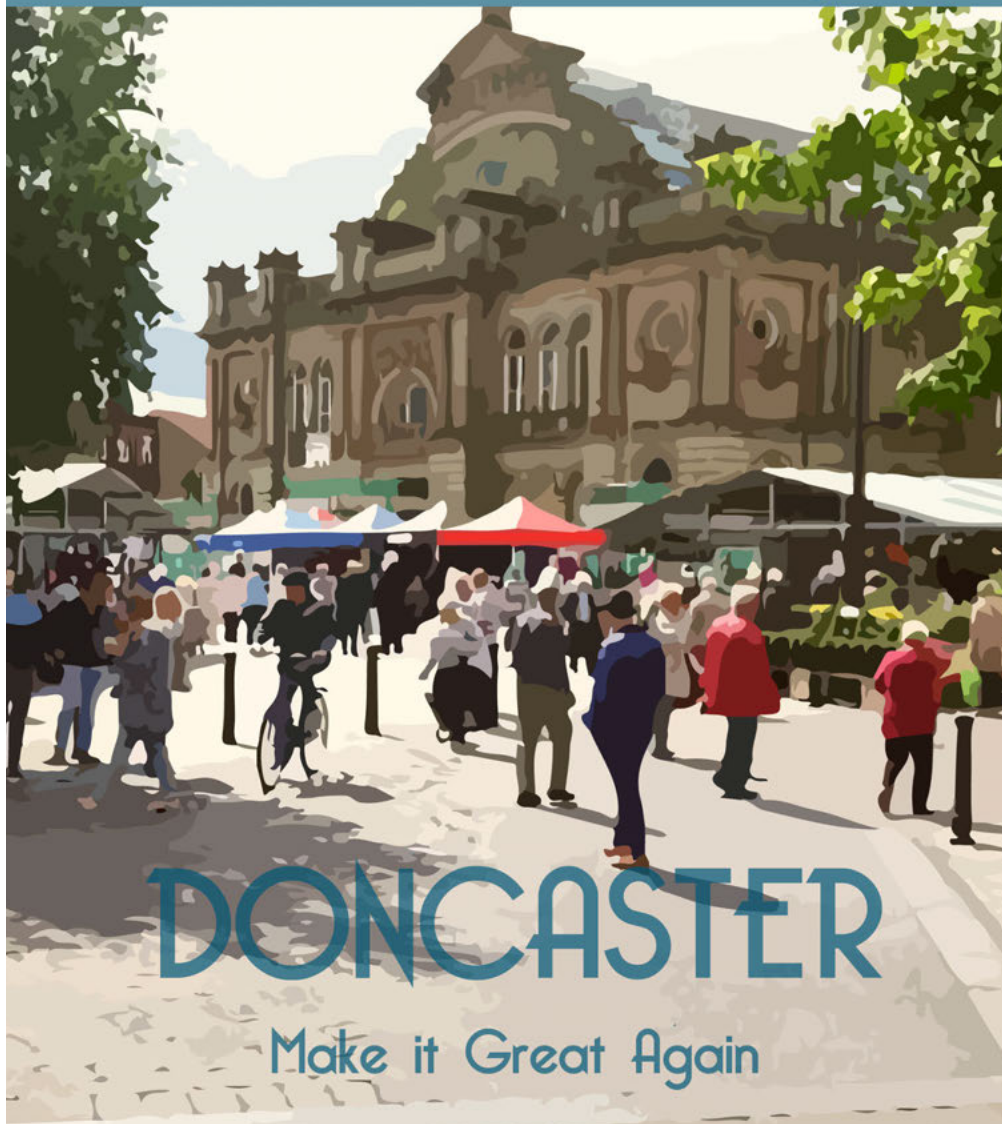
competently run the UK Government and public services, successfully created millions of jobs and introduced the national living wage.

Unfortunately for us in Doncaster, we have been left behind as we have had years of unreliable and ineffective Labour Council. However, this election provides an opportunity to break away from the past. It is only by voting Conservative that you can make a difference.

George Jabbour

 **Conservatives**

4th May
Vote Yorkshire Party



DONCASTER

Make it Great Again

CHRIS WHITWOOD



Vote CHRIS WHITWOOD

I am standing for election because I believe Doncaster deserves better. We have huge potential but for too long have been failed by politicians. The Yorkshire Party believes in giving more decisions to local people. I share that vision and if elected will strive to give the people of Doncaster a greater voice. Together, we can build a fairer, stronger and more prosperous Yorkshire.

 Yorkshire Party



Make Doncaster a City



Despite a population of over 100 000 people (larger than Wakefield) and a proud identity, Doncaster is often overlooked in favour of Sheffield. Applying for city status will be an opportunity to celebrate Doncaster's successes and highlight our potential.

Protect Our Historic Buildings

I've spoken to hundreds of residents who feel Doncaster's historic buildings are being allowed to crumble. I will introduce new planning guidelines and a programme of Compulsory Purchase Orders to ensure developers and DMBC protect our heritage.



New High-Quality Jobs



Too many new jobs in Doncaster are low skilled and low paid. I will work to bring new high-quality jobs to Doncaster through measures such as targeted tax relief, offering support to local business and investment in world-class facilities.

Increase Access to Social Housing

Over the past 30 years, the number of social houses in Doncaster has been cut from 60 000 to 20 000. Increasing and improving access to social housing is central to the Yorkshire Party's serious commitment to tackling homelessness in Doncaster.



Give a Voice to Our Forgotten Towns



Our towns and villages have been neglected for too long. I will hold referendums to give residents the opportunity to establish town or parish councils, devolving real powers from Doncaster Council, and allow residents to take control of their own future.

Doncaster
Make it Great Again



Vote YORKSHIRE PARTY
on 4th May



For a **no nonsense** approach, put your cross by my name :

BRIAN WHITMORE.

UKIP Mayoral
Candidate 2017

Make me your first preference vote, but you could even make me a second preference too.

You the people of Doncaster need a change.
A Council that will listen to ***you!***

Over the last 5 years, Doncaster Council have spent £20 MILLION on outside consultancy fees.

In the last 4 years, Doncaster's Council Tax has risen by 10% – yet workers' wages have not.

Remove car parking charges at weekends to revitalise Doncaster Town Centre.

There needs to be a solution found for all of the homeless.

Care in the community should be for all, the elderly, disabled and sick, including children – THIS IS A MUST!

Vast amounts of money have been wasted over the years, and are still being wasted today. This must stop – ***NOW!***

We need to make Doncaster, its people and townships proud once again.

Remember, your vote is not just for yourselves – it is for the future of your children and grandchildren.

**YOUR PRIORITIES
YOUR POLICIES
YOUR PEOPLE
YOUR UKIP**

**Putting the Independent in the
UK Independence Party**



Mayor Peter Davies' priorities were supported in 2009 by UKIP.
**They would all be fully supported and implemented by
UKIP Mayoral Candidate Brian Whitmore in 2017.**

Continue zero-tolerance towards crime, anti-social behaviour, litter and spitting.

Keep the freeze on Council Tax .

Stamp out waste and bureaucracy in the council.

Attract more inward investment, creating REAL jobs, not non-jobs.

Reduce town centre car parking charges and help shoppers.

Doncaster jobs for Doncaster people.

Build more council houses and affordable homes.

Persist in protecting services for those GENUINELY in need.

Fight unwanted developments which impact harshly on the communities of
Doncaster.

Build further on the success of tourism.

Protect Doncaster's heritage from architectural vandalism.

Support the people of Mexborough, Denaby, Harlington and Barnborough in
their fight to stop HS2.

Bring in better waste controls, which will help to stop fly tipping.

Seek to reduce or remove bus fares for the over 55's.

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MAYOR EDDIE TODD

ff You, as a resident of Doncaster are my top priority. Regardless of what party you support, my job as Mayor is simple; it's to make your life better. I'll work with all people and parties to get Doncaster back on it's feet.

I'm not a puppet and won't be treated like one. After growing up on a council estate in Bentley and working hard to become a commercial pilot, businessman and developer, I know that putting in the hours is the only way to get things done.

If you want to see actual positive change in Doncaster by a man who lives and breathes for this place, make sure you vote for me on the 4th May. **ff**

**A PROFESSIONAL,
HONEST BUSINESSMAN**



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VOTE EDDIE TODD THE MAN, NOT THE PARTY
A MAYOR FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF DONCASTER

THE LOCAL LAD WHO'LL SORT OUT DONCASTER COUNCIL

- Start running DMBC as a profitable business that supports local companies.
- Stop giving lucrative contracts away to out of area companies.
- Reduce borrowing and wasting money.
- Get rid of council fees for village, small town pubs and clubs.
- Reduce Council Tax for market traders.

THE FAMILY MAN WHO'LL TACKLE DRUGS AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- Clamp down on heroin and legal highs by introducing detox centres.
- Establish first-line help and guidance for street kids.
- Utilise dis-used buildings to house homeless street people.

THE EX-MINER WHO'LL MAKE JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

- Create new jobs for local Doncaster people who want the opportunity to work.
- Encourage out of work people to start up businesses.

THE BUSINESSMAN WHO'LL INCREASE DEVELOPMENT IN DONCASTER

- Make use of the untapped development potential of Doncaster Airport.
- Show developers the rewards investment in Doncaster will bring.
Have a streamlined planning system to encourage property developers.
- Support Doncaster and develop Doncaster's rail network, not HS2.

THE STRAIGHT TALKER WHO'LL GET LOCAL BOBBIES BACK

- Cut down officer paperwork and bring back real community policing.
- Encourage local bobby integration with kids.
- Town centre policing done as overtime and paid for by the town.



Promoted by Melvyn Tomlinson
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