



West Yorkshire  
Combined Authority

Don't miss your chance  
**Every vote counts**

West Yorkshire Mayoral Election

**2 May 2024**

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as the independent Combined Authority Returning Officer.

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# Overview and welcome

**On 2 May 2024, residents of West Yorkshire will be able to vote for the next Mayor of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.**

The Mayor will work alongside the five partner local authorities (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield) on matters that affect everyone in West Yorkshire including transport, housing, skills and the economy.

The Mayor is also responsible for the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire and is able to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

This booklet has been sent to every registered elector as required by law and contains details of the candidates you can vote for.

Alternative formats and additional information can be found on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority website [www.wyelects.co.uk](http://www.wyelects.co.uk) or telephone **0113 2517272** or email [mayoral.election@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:mayoral.election@westyorks-ca.gov.uk).

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Combined Authority Returning Officer

# The candidates

**There are six candidates standing for Mayor of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.**

All candidates you are able to vote for on 2 May 2024 are listed in alphabetical order by name. This is the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

An election address has been provided by each candidate for inclusion in this booklet. The views expressed are theirs alone.

Lots were drawn to decide the order in which the election addresses appear in this booklet.

**BRABIN, Tracy Lynn**  
Labour and Co-operative Party



**BUXTON, Bob**  
Yorkshire Party



**COOPER, Andrew Varah**  
Green Party



**CRAVEN, Arnold Eric**  
Conservative Party Candidate



**GOLTON, Stewart**  
Liberal Democrats



**TILT, Jonathan Richard**  
Independent

# How you can vote

## At your polling station

Before **2 May 2024** you should have received a poll card which includes the address of your polling station. You can only vote at the polling station stated on your poll card. You do not need to take the poll card with you to vote, but it may save time if you do.

**You need to take a valid form of photo ID with you to the polling station – you will not be able to vote without this.**

You can also find out where your polling station is located by visiting [www.wheredoivote.co.uk](http://www.wheredoivote.co.uk).

## Voting by post

If you have asked for a postal vote, your postal ballot pack will be sent to you around 19 April 2024. If you applied near to the postal vote application deadline, your pack will be sent to you around 24 April 2024.

**You must return your postal vote so that it reaches the Local Returning Officer by 10pm on Thursday 2 May 2024. To make sure your postal vote is counted it is recommended you post it in a Royal Mail post box no later than Tuesday 30 April 2024.**

New rules mean your postal vote will be rejected if it is not returned correctly.

If you miss the post, you can only hand-deliver your postal vote to the Local Returning Officer at the locations specified in the contact details at the back page of this booklet, or at a polling station within the relevant ward of the local authority before **10pm on Thursday 2 May 2024.**

Anyone hand-delivering postal votes will be required to complete a form. The staff in the polling station or Electoral Services Office will help with this. You may hand-deliver your own and no more than five other postal votes per election. If you are a campaigner, you can only hand in your own postal vote, and those of close relatives or people for whom you provide regular care.

## Apply to vote by post or proxy

Anyone who is registered to vote can apply to vote by post, or appoint someone they trust to vote on their behalf as a proxy. New applications for a postal vote must have been received by the Electoral Registration Officer for the local authority area in which you live by **5pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024**. If by the time you receive this booklet the postal vote deadline has passed, there is still time to appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf as a proxy. **The deadline to make an application for a proxy vote is 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024.**

In certain circumstances, emergency proxy voting may be available after the ordinary proxy deadline of Wednesday 24 April 2024. The deadline to make an emergency proxy application is 5pm on 2 May 2024.

You can find more information, request application forms, or download them at [www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election](http://www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election), or by using the Electoral Registration Officer contact details for your local authority at the end of this booklet. Application forms must be returned to your Electoral Registration Office in the local authority area in which you live.

## Remember your photo ID

### You will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations on 2 May 2024.

You will only need to show one form of ID. It must be the original version and not a photocopy. You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

#### Accepted forms of photo ID

- Passport issued by the UK, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country (including an Irish Passport Card)
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass funded by the UK Government
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass funded by the UK Government
- Oyster 60+ Card funded by the funded by the UK Government
- Freedom Pass
- Scottish National Entitlement Card issued for the purpose of concessionary travel (including a 60+, disabled or under 22s bus pass)
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

## Apply for a free photo ID

You can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate through the Government website: [www.gov.uk/voting-photo-id](https://www.gov.uk/voting-photo-id). The deadline to apply for free voter ID for the elections on Thursday 2 May is 5pm on Wednesday 24 April.

## At the polling stations

### On Thursday 2 May 2024, polling stations will be open between 7am and 10pm for you to cast your vote.

When you arrive at the polling station you will be asked for your name and address, as well as a valid form of photo ID. Staff will check you are on the electoral register and give you the ballot papers for the elections taking place in your area at which you are entitled to vote.

## The voting system

### You can only vote for one candidate.

The candidate with most votes will win. This is called the 'first past the post' voting system. The result of the election will be declared on Saturday 4 May 2024.

You will be able to find out the result at [www.wyelects.co.uk](https://www.wyelects.co.uk).

## The role of the Mayor

**The Mayor represents 2.4 million residents across the region and works with council leaders, business representatives and partners and is the directly elected Chair of the existing West Yorkshire Combined Authority.**

The Mayor provides a single voice for West Yorkshire, and has powers and responsibilities in relation to transport, economic development, provision of skills training and housing.

The Mayor's remit also includes the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the ability to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. This includes listening to the needs of communities, setting the objectives for the police force, and holding the Chief Constable to account.

The creation of the Mayor was made possible through a devolution deal, which was agreed by West Yorkshire's five council leaders and the Government in March 2020 and became law in January 2021. Further devolution arrangements were announced in the Spring 2024 budget.

The next mayoral term runs from 2024 until 2028.

## The role of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority

**The West Yorkshire Combined Authority brings together the five district council areas of Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds, and Wakefield to work together on areas that affect everyone in West Yorkshire including transport, housing, skills and the economy.**

The elected Mayor is a member of the Combined Authority and chairs its meetings. The other members will continue to be:

- Five councillors – one from each of the five district councils across the region
- One member from the City of York Council as a non-constituent council
- Three additional, elected representatives from opposition groups jointly appointed by the five district councils across the region
- One member nominated by the West Yorkshire Business Board and appointed by the Combined Authority

**Additional information about the Combined Authority and the role of the Mayor is available on [www.wyelects.co.uk](http://www.wyelects.co.uk).**



# FIGHTING FOR A FAIR DEAL FOR WEST YORKSHIRE

## STEWART GOLTON

Liberal Democrat Candidate for  
Mayor of West Yorkshire

Dear neighbour,

We need change! We need more police on our streets, buses you can rely on, and economic growth that's not at the cost of communities and our countryside.

We already know how great our region is to live and work in - we also know it could be even better!

I have **25 years' experience** standing up for residents in the Council chamber. With your vote, **together, we have the know-how to get the change that we need!**

- Growing our community policing teams
- Holding bus operators to account to get the services we deserve for our money
- Making sure economic investment works in the interest of communities and our countryside
- A fair deal for disabled residents including access to pavements, green spaces, housing, employment and public transport

With best wishes,

Stewart Golton

Your Liberal Democrat Candidate for  
Mayor of West Yorkshire

Liberal  
Democrats



# STEWART GOLTON

Liberal  
Democrats

## Stewart's Priorities as Mayor of West Yorkshire:

- ✓ **Safer communities.** Getting back to proper community policing.
- ✓ **Connected communities.** Making our bus service work for you.
- ✓ **Communities with opportunities.** Ensuring no one is left behind

**FOR A MAYOR WHO WILL LISTEN, WORK HARD AND GET THINGS DONE**

# GOLTON, Stewart

Liberal  
Democrats



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# MORE FOR W YORKSHIRE



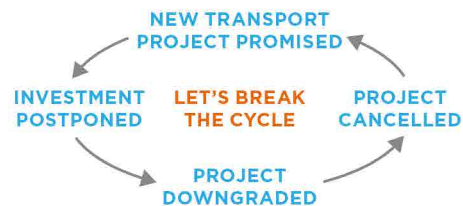
I support and will campaign for stronger local powers, for fairer funding and to reverse the cuts and cancellations from Westminster. I will deliver a more prosperous, connected and greener West Yorkshire.

## A NEW TRANSPORT DEAL FOR W YORKSHIRE

### THE SAME OLD STORY

Every time a project is cancelled, a new promise is made - which is soon broken too.

This cycle of failure has to end. West Yorkshire needs new leadership to deliver ambitious transport projects.



### A NEW TRANSPORT DEAL FOR W YORKSHIRE

#### W YORKSHIRE TRAVEL PASS

- I will engage leaders throughout Yorkshire to expand the scheme and end cross-border penalties
- Used across all forms of public transport
- Best deals automatically given, no need for advanced booking
- No peak-time penalties

#### WEST YORKSHIRE METRO

- Quicker than trams and buses
- Elevated/underground sections, avoiding congestion
- Reducing traffic and air pollution
- Growing the economy
- Connecting all of West Yorkshire



# BOB BUXTON

### EDUCATION BUILDS OUR FUTURE

We need specialist colleges to fill skills gaps in:

- Green technology
- Health and social care
- Digital industries

If we lead the green industrial revolution, our economy will prosper.

### A BETTER SOCIETY, LOWER CRIME

I'll prioritise crime prevention and detection, and build public trust by:

- Having **zero tolerance** of crime
- Fighting for fairer funding of more frontline police
- Building community relations, with more youth centres and inter-community events
- Making our roads safer
- Leading an open, accountable, responsive police service

### MORE HOMES, LOWER RENTS

I'll regenerate derelict sites with new housing. More homes, means lower rents and prices. We also need:

- New infrastructure: GPs, dentists, schools, transport
- Solar panels and insulation for new homes, green subsidies for existing homes
- A Rent guarantor scheme, to help people find homes

### EVERY VOTE MATTERS

Elect me, and I will use my professional experience to get more for West Yorkshire - better transport, education, green technology, housing, and policing.

I finished third in last Mayoral election and won nearly 60,000 votes. If you're tired of the same old politics, **vote for an Engineer to get things done.**



### Vote for an Engineer. Get Things Done.

I've lived in West Yorkshire for 27 years and worked in Leeds, Wakefield and Shipley. Currently, I teach engineering apprentices in Bradford and live in Rawdon.

I will use my skills in engineering and traffic-flow modelling to deliver a worldclass **West Yorkshire Metro system**, and my knowledge in renewables to help our region **lead in Green Technology.**

- Dr. Bob Buxton



Bob Buxton

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# Arnold Craven

a businessman who gets things done

I am not a politician. I have never been an MP or a Councillor. Instead, after growing up on a tough council estate in Wakefield, I built a successful career in property and infrastructure. I am now a senior manager at a multi billion pound energy infrastructure company.

I'm not standing to be your Mayor for political ambitions. I am standing because I have lived in West Yorkshire all my life and I believe my business experience means I can deliver for you.



**CAREER HIGHLIGHT**  
Already delivered over £300 million private investment in West Yorkshire



## Arnold's Plan for West Yorkshire

### 1 Transport

A bus network that works today, and construction quickly underway on a new tram system

### 2 Policing

West Yorkshire Police investigating every serious burglary and violent crime

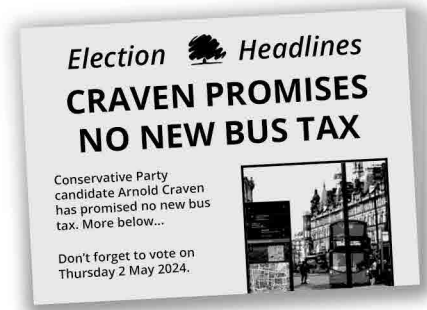
### 3 Education

A Mayor's Bursary which funds courses for working age people

### 4 Housing

New, high quality housing on brownfield sites

## Can you afford to pay a Mayor's Bus Tax?



West Yorkshire's bus network has been letting passengers down for years. But the new franchised system that has been agreed by West Yorkshire Combined Authority will cost hundreds of millions of pounds to set up, and even more every year to run.

It is not clear where some of that money will come from - it could be a new tax on your Council Tax bills.



"As Mayor of West Yorkshire, I will not put a penny on your Council Tax bills to pay for this new bus franchising system. The last thing people need is to be hit with a Mayor's Bus Tax."

- Arnold Craven, Conservative Candidate

**Contact Arnold**

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**CRAVEN, Arnold Conservative**

Election Communication





# ANDREW COOPER

THE **GREEN PARTY** CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF WEST YORKSHIRE

## REPRESENTING ALL OUR COMMUNITIES

**I will do things differently.** I believe voters deserve to know who will take on the important role of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime *before* election day.

My nomination for this position is **Mothin Ali** from Leeds.

He liaises regularly with his local police over crime in his community and I am pleased he is my running mate.



Andrew Cooper with Mothin Ali, his nominee for Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

## GET IN TOUCH



[greenparty.org.uk](https://greenparty.org.uk)



[facebook.com/YHGreens](https://facebook.com/YHGreens)

## DECENT HOMES FOR EVERYONE

There are homes across West Yorkshire standing empty when they could be warm, green places to live. Refurbishing old homes and creating new homes - in the right place - would provide quality jobs for a **#GreenFuture**.

## SAFER STREETS

West Yorkshire is one of the most congested parts of the country. I will invest in reliable, accessible and affordable public transport. And I will ensure new infrastructure for safe walking and cycling is provided.

## COMMUNITY-LED POLICING

People across West Yorkshire must have more say in local policing priorities. I will give our police the resources to tackle speeding and dangerous driving and I will make sure our police better represent all our communities.

## OUR ENVIRONMENT FIRST

I can be counted on to put our environment first. I will protect our precious green spaces by pushing for the redevelopment of brownfield sites first. Our environment will be at the heart of every decision made in our region.

## 1000S OF GREEN JOBS

Green jobs will be vital for our region in the future. Investment in green transport and housing will provide a massive increase in job opportunities. I will provide new apprenticeships to develop training and skills.

## STANDING UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

I will make clear my support for an immediate bilateral ceasefire in Gaza and an end to violence across Israel and Palestine. I will speak up on behalf of people across West Yorkshire at the national and international level.



**Green Party**



# VOTE JONATHAN TILT

YOUR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

As West Yorkshire Mayor I will:

- Take 50% of the salary of £106,000 pa and donate the rest to local community sports clubs. Politicians are overpaid;
- Not implement any net zero based measures;
- Focus funding on the skills we need in West Yorkshire ending the need to plug shortages through immigration;
- Ensure policing is focused on preventing and detecting crime and not on political agendas;
- Oppose any future lockdowns;
- Protect our vital rural economy against attempts to reduce food production;

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## VOTE JONATHAN TILT

Do you want to see:

- Personal carbon allowances restricting your travel?
- Programmable digital currency. The government controls your money?
- The end of cash?
- More lockdowns closing small businesses?
- Higher taxes and inflation due to politicians' wars?

If you support the above please don't vote for me. As mayor I will actively oppose them all.

I do not believe there is a "climate emergency". Temperatures were higher for most of the last 10,000 years. Carbon Dioxide is essential for plant life and food production. Net Zero transfers wealth from us to the billionaires who will continue to fly in their private jets.

I'm Independent and accountable only to you. The legacy political parties are funded by corporations. They serve their interests not yours.

Suzanne Harbourne will be my nominee for the role Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. Suzanne has lived in Leeds for 20 years and coordinates the UK Citizen campaign group.

I was born in Dewsbury, went to school in Wakefield and live in Kirklees.

More information at [www.jonathan-tilt.co.uk](http://www.jonathan-tilt.co.uk).

## NOT 4 SALE



# Tracy Brabin FOR MAYOR

Being your Mayor has been the greatest privilege of my life, and I am proud of my record. In just three years I have:

- ✔ Secured 1,000 new green jobs for young people
- ✔ Capped bus fares at £2
- ✔ Recruited over 890 new police officers and staff
- ✔ Supported the building of thousands of new affordable homes

But I am only just getting started. Just imagine what we can achieve with another four years.

## Bringing Buses back into Local Control

As a bus user myself, I know they're just not good enough. Communities have been let down by unreliable services or routes cut altogether.

That's why as your Mayor, I took the decision to bring West Yorkshire's buses back into local control. Run for people not for profit, where cash that went to shareholders is reinvested into the network, better stations, and shelters.



 Labour

**2 May**

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## My promise to West Yorkshire:

- 5,000 affordable new homes by 2028
- Local control of all buses & spades in the ground on a tram network by 2028
- A "region of learning" with a new skills and training system
- A strategy to reduce serious violence on our streets
- Increase access to culture and sports for all children
- A programme to retrofit all social homes by 2038

  
**Tracy Brabin**







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