

North Devon Conservatives

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SUCCESS OF CCF Event

ON Friday 15 May, a very successful evening event was hosted by Prospective Member of Parliament for the Conservatives in North Devon, Philip Milton, at Trimstone Manor Country House Hotel.

The reception was organised and sponsored by the Conservative Christian Fellowship (CCF) as one of its national roadshows and this was only the sixth so far. This event gave an opportunity to meet and discuss issues that affect communities here in North Devon. They were delighted that Mr Gary Streeter, MP for South West Devon, who attended Tiverton School and whose wife hails from Swimbridge, was able to join them and provide his own experiences of being a Christian in Parliament.

Ian Lucas, a representative from the Conservative Christian Fellowship from London spent time chatting to attendees about this excellent organisation in a 'question and answer' style session.

Philip said:

"CCF is a national organisation of which I am a member. This was not a party political event but my short presentation aimed to provide guests with an understanding as to why I became involved in politics and why I believe it is important for Christians to be connected to the civic life of the Nation at all levels, not least in all the main political parties. We were delighted with the turnout for the evening (over sixty people) and a good evening was had by all.

"I believe that the work of the Conservative Christian Fellowship creates a relational bridge between the Conservative Party and the Church and it provides encouragement and support to Christians seeking to serve in public office for mutual benefit; which is why I became a member!

"I attended Sunday School in Georgeham as a child but drifted away at 16. However, I was encouraged back and became a member of Croyde Baptist Church where I have remained since. During that time, I have been a Youth Club Leader for 11 years, Deacon, Church Treasurer and Secretary for 15 years and was part of the visionary

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leadership team which saw a transformation in the Church from a spare-time pastor to a part-time one, to the first full-time minister for many decades and then on to two pastors, though we are to revert to one again.”



Philip speaking to some of the guests



Gary Streeter MP and Philip