



Steve Bell

President Of The National Convention



How privileged am I, not only to become President of the Conservative National Convention, but also to be President when we have a Conservative Majority Government for the first time in 23 years. My thanks goes out to each and everyone one of our members for their tireless campaigning which has brought about this outstanding victory. Not only did we pound the streets but we also raised and spent circa £22 million pounds last year to secure the victory. This is no mean feat, this is not just loyalty, this is true determination, true belligerence and effort by you all to ensure that we saw our Leader David Cameron returned in his own right to be the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. This was achieved by so many different ways, by so many different people and I am proud in the way our membership contributed to the campaign. No role shall have precedence and all of us relied on the membership and supporters to all play their part and all must be included in this achievement.

As I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Conference in Manchester, I am reminded of the many different routes we will all be travelling to get to Manchester but also from many different walks of life and many different backgrounds; each one of us as we arrive will have one thing in common, we are all Conservatives. It is this which unites us, our common goal in life, our awareness of true values and wanting the best for everyone in the United Kingdom.

When I started out in the Party, I didn't think I would end up being Conference Chairman and President. The years have just rolled by and when I think back to those early days when I was a branch member, just doing my little bit at that time, if someone had told me, back then, that I would become President, not only would I have not believed them, but more than likely I would have had to ask President of what? We never know where our paths may lead us, but I have always been blessed by having long serving and experienced members guiding me during the years. Sadly, many are not around to see this day, but I intend to dedicate all my achievements to them.

I hope during this term to be able to visit as many Regions as possible and I am so looking forward to welcoming you to our Victory Conference in Manchester

Thank you for your continued support over all the years.

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