

PEOPLE MAKE CLACTON

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INDEPENDENT · standing for Clacton-on-Sea



WHY I'M STANDING

I'm standing as an Independent because I answer to residents, not to a party. Every decision should begin with one question: is this right for Clacton?

I grew up in the care system, and I'll bring that experience with me. I'll listen first, work with anyone who'll help, and put this community first.

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MY FIVE PLEDGES

- ☒ **Put Clacton first**
- ☒ **Build a local-first economy**
- ☒ **Give young people a future**
- ☒ **Champion care-experienced people**
- ☒ **Restore pride in Clacton**



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PUT CLACTON FIRST

Every decision should begin with one question: is this right for Clacton?

- ☐ As an Independent, I answer to residents — not to a party.
- ☐ Listen first, work with anyone who'll help, and put our community first.

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BUILD A LOCAL-FIRST ECONOMY

Regeneration should benefit the people and businesses already here.

- ☐ Back independent businesses and the people starting them.
- ☐ Make sure local firms win work from regeneration schemes.
- ☐ Bring empty buildings back into use — with skilled jobs and apprenticeships alongside.

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GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A FUTURE

Growing up here shouldn't mean leaving here to get on.

- ☐ Youth centres and community spaces worth turning up to.
- ☐ Apprenticeships, skills training and mentoring.
- ☐ Real links between local employers, schools and colleges.

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CHAMPION CARE-EXPERIENCED PEOPLE

I grew up in the care system. I'll advocate for the people coming after me.

- ☐ Care experience recognised as a Protected Characteristic.
- ☐ Better support for care leavers, and more chances in education and work.
- ☐ Action to break the care-to-prison pipeline.

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RESTORE PRIDE IN CLACTON

A town worth showing off — and telling people about.

- ☐ **Get our potholes fixed** — roads and pavements repaired properly, not patched over and forgotten.
- ☐ Champion independent businesses, artists and makers.
- ☐ Artist-in-residence programmes and cultural events.
- ☐ Promote tourism, and the community organisations holding the town together.



Get in touch — I'd like to hear what matters to you.

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