



# Youth Parliament Candidate Manifesto: Freddie Minton

Hello, my name is Freddie, I am a hardworking and caring person, with great pride in the town we call home. If I am elected, I will be a strong and committed voice for Hartlepool, because I truly care about our town and want to change it for the better.

If successful, here is what I would like to do for Hartlepool:

## **Local Pride:**

Hartlepool is a town with a rich history and a proud community. Too often, our town is spoken about negatively despite the talent and spirit of the people who live here. I want to promote local pride and showcase what it truly means to be from Hartlepool.

By creating a campaign to showcase how amazing our town is, we can change perceptions and give Hartlepool the recognition it deserves.

## **Employment:**

Getting a first job these days can feel almost impossible. If elected, I want to create a programme that boosts employability skills and gives young people meaningful experience they can put on their CV, helping them stand out to employers. I would like to hopefully work in partnership with local businesses to demonstrate the value and potential of young people when they are given the right opportunities.

## **Transport:**

A town the size of Hartlepool should have reliable and accessible transport connections. Young people depend on public transport to get to school, work, and social activities, yet many areas of Hartlepool are poorly served by Stagecoach and Arriva's timetabled bus networks or do not have the right connections in place to get where they are going easily. I want to campaign for improvements to our local transport system, so the town is better connected which would give young people the freedom to travel around Hartlepool more easily and independently.

Seaton Carew railway station also lost its direct train service to the MetroCentre recently. If elected, I will campaign for this direct connection to be reintroduced.

## **Environment:**

Messy beaches and untidy streets give the wrong impression of Hartlepool. If I am elected as MYP, I will organize community efforts to improve the image of our town. This could include beach clean ups, making our coastline a place people can enjoy, not just the seagulls!