



Youth Representative 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!



Youth Representative Candidate Manifesto: Libby Swinbourne

Hi, I'm Libby Swinbourne and I'm running to be your Member of Youth Parliament. I'm a young person from Hartlepool who wants to see the voices of young people heard in order to make our town a place we can be proud to call home.

Youth Clubs:

Hartlepool is infamous for having an extraordinary lack of places for young people to entertain themselves. There are few places to hang out with friends, especially when the weather isn't great (so most of the time). The young people of Hartlepool deserve better than that. Youth clubs are safe spaces dedicated to young people, where they can relax and socialise. It's my goal to create more places like this, with the input of the young people that they are for.

Our Community:

I believe that we should be proud to live in Hartlepool, which means we need to take care of it. I believe that it's our responsibility to ensure that our town is held to a good standard, especially if it also helps us to care for the natural environment too. My aim is to organise litter picking community clean ups to help our community come together and make Hartlepool a nicer place to live.

Awareness:

To truly be a community, it is vital that we understand and respect each other. Our town holds a variety of different and wonderful kinds of people. Unfortunately, the effort is not made to educate young people on lifestyles and cultures different to their own, which leads to divisions within our community. As your Member of Youth Parliament, I will advocate for the improvement of education in this area to ensure that Hartlepool is place everyone feels proud to call their home.



Youth Representative Candidate Manifesto: Oliver Dixon: “Sport for All. Better Buses. Fair Pay”

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Hello, I'm Oliver and I'm standing to be your Member of Youth Parliament.

Outside of school, I volunteer and play rugby at my local club, helping younger players to get started. I know how important sport and opportunities are for young people, and I want to make sure young people in Hartlepool get the chance to get involved.

Sport for everyone

Sport shouldn't be something that you have to give up because of money or the lack of local facilities. I'll fight to protect school and community clubs, improve access to pitches and make it easier to get to games and training. Every young person in Hartlepool should have the chance to play, compete and stick with it if they want to.

Getting Around

Buses should get you where you need to go, on time, for a fair price and when you need them. I know how late buses or expensive fares can affect school/college, work, sport and seeing your friends. I will speak up so that transport works for us.

Fair pay & rights at work

Young people deserve fair pay and respect at work. I'll make sure that employed young people know their rights and know where to turn if something goes wrong.



Youth Representative Candidate Manifesto: Mayowa Carew

Hello :) My name is Mayowa Carew, and I want to help make Hartlepool a place where we can enjoy our youth.

Hartlepool has huge potential—great nature, sports, and community—but we can do even more. I want to bring fun events, workshops, and projects that improve our town and let your voice be heard.

Why trust me? I've spent two years in Youth Voice and taken part in litter picks and local events, including the Rossmere Youth Centre opening—driven by real commitment to our town.

Time wasted is gone forever. You're only 13, 16, or 18 once—make it count. Are you living, or just existing? That's where I come in—I want to turn ideas into action:

- **Fun events and activities:** disco and karaoke nights, town sports day, painting picnic
- **Inclusivity and diversity:** celebrating cultures
- **Improving town appearance:** community projects
- **Life skills:** workshops & volunteering
- **Charity work:** soup kitchens & community support

You'll help decide what events, activities, and improvements happen in our town - you'll always know what's happening. This is a collective effort - we can't do it alone. Together, we can make Hartlepool a town we're proud of.

Your vote can make real change happen, and I'd be grateful for your support.

Thank you so much for your time :)