

Consistency	Party	Candidate	Will you support the arts in the UK?
Aberavon	Conservative	Caroline Jones	Thank you for your Email asking to support the arts in the UK. I originally trained as a PE/DRAMA teacher at Barry Teacher Training College. Also, I spent many years learning to sing receiving private tuition. Currently, my partner and myself attend many concerts hosted by our friend who is a Radio presenter in aid of several charities. At these concerts we see people enjoying by being in the audience and also those participating often for little or no money. Therefore, you have my support. Please keep up the good work
Aberavon	Liberal Democrat	Keith Davies	Thanks for your mail, in this part of Wales 1 job in 25 is involved in the arts
Ashford	Liberal Democrat	Chris Took	The arts have my full support. Ashford is in danger of becoming a commuter town as it grows and so it needs more arts and culture facilities and opportunities.
Banff and Buchan	Liberal Democrat	Galen Milne	Yes I do agree to help support the Arts if I am elected for Banff and Buchan which does have a very progressive local arts heritage.
Barnsley Central	Conservative	Piers Tempest	Hi - just pledging my support for the arts.
Boston and Skegness	Labour	Paul Kenny	Thank you very much for your email. I fully support the arts in the UK.
Bosworth	Liberal Democrat	Michael Mullaney	Thanks for your email I am happy to back your campaign and support the manifesto
Bournemouth East	Labour	David Stokes	I am pleased to pledge my support for the arts, the Arts Manifesto and for retaining current levels of funding for the sector.If you would like to find out more about what I stand for please visit me on facebook @ <a href="http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000803610948">http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000803610948</a> or on our website @ <a href="http://bournemouthlabour.org/default.aspx">http://bournemouthlabour.org/default.aspx</a> I do hope I can count on your support at the next General Election.
Bracknell	Green Party	David Young	Thank you for your e-mail. David Young (Green Party Parliamentary candidate for Bracknell) has asked me to reply to you on his behalf. David is an avid supporter of the arts - he works as a voluntary steward at South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell. He also supports your manifesto. Thank you very much for your time, Steven Gabb (on behalf of David Young)
Brighton Kemptown	Labour/Co-operative	Simon Burgess	I am very happy to pledge my support for the arts and to do what I can to protect funding for them
Bristol North West	Green Party	Alex Dunn	I pledge my support for the arts, the Arts Manifesto and for retaining current levels of funding for this sector. My father was involved in Bridgwater Arts Centre, the very first Arts Centre in the country. So I know from personal experience how important funding is to help people enrich all our lives. If we can bail out the bankers we can properly subsidise the Arts
Bristol West	Labour	Paul Smith	I support the arts campaign. I take a great amount of pleasure from the arts myself, and believe it is of great value to our country.
Bury St Edmunds	Labour	Kevin Hind	I will support the Arts manifesto. I believe that governments should provide high levels of support to the arts during the economic downturn. I do not think that arts are just another industry which should be left to 'sink or swim' in the free market: art and commercial values do not and should not sit together in my view.
Caerphilly	Conservative	Maria Caulfield	I am happy to lend my support to the campaign for arts as I recognise how important the arts are for our cultural heritage and play a huge role in our tourism industry.

Caerphilly	Liberal Democrat	Kay David	I certainly will support the arts campaign.I have been a member of an art society for 20 years and have seen the pleasure that those of all ages, take in all of the arts.
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	Labour	John MacKay	I can confirm I am a keen supporter of the arts and am happy to support your campaign.
North East Cambridgeshire	Liberal Democrat	Lorna Spenceley	While I've tried to respond to every email and letter I've received, in the last few days of a busy campaign I'm afraid there just isn't the time to download and read and respond in detail to manifestos and documents.I'm interested in and strongly supportive of the arts in principle and am happy to return to this after the election if you feel this would be useful.
Cannock Chase	Labour	Susan Woodward	I have a feeling I've replied to this before but, yes as an arts graduate and arts fan, I'm happy to continue my support.
Cardiff Central	Labour	Jenny Rathbone	Yes
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Plaid Cymru	John Dixon	I'm happy to support your manifesto in broad terms, but it seems to me that much of what you are supporting is actually a devolved matter, and not therefore one for Welsh MPs, since our colleagues in the Assembly deal with such matters.
Castle Point	Labour	Julian Ware-Lane	I pledge my support for retaining current levels of spending on the arts.
Castle Point	Liberal Democrat	Brendan D'Cruz	I have long been a supporter of the arts in all its forms, and think that we can do much more to enhance and promote the artistic and cultural heritage of the UK and make it more sustainable. In Don Foster the Lib Dems have an influential spokesman, and there are key parts in our manifesto that align well with your aims.
Charnwood	Labour	Eric Goodyer	yes you have my support. The arts are part of our heritage and culture, be it stage, film, book, craft, dance, ceramics, fine art or whatever - it is part of our culture that helps make us what we are. We also have a house filled with pots and pictures
Chichester	Labour	Simon Holland	I would like to sign your pledge, please add me to your list of supporters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any local events you would like me to get more actively involved in to highlight your campaign. Thanks
Chingford and Woodford Green	Liberal Democrat	Geoffrey Seeff	As a enthusiastic amateur musician and lover of the performing and visual arts, I am fully in support of your campaign. My election address, in which I respond to a question as to the areas of policy I am particularly interested in, carries the following statement " I take an interest in policy across the whole political spectrum. Apart from the economics of regeneration, my field of expertise, I have a special interest in the Arts (which often drives regeneration) and corporate social responsibility. Civilised society needs to encourage all forms of art, which requires public money and public patience, as artists need time to experiment with ideas.....". I trust that this illustrates my commitment to the development and promotion of the arts.
Chippenham	Labour	Greg Lovell	I strongly support your arts campaign. In fact, I made specific reference to this issue in my policy profile for <a href="http://www.theyworkforyou.com">www.theyworkforyou.com</a> . Best of luck with the campaign and kind regards

Chippenham	Conservative	Wilfred Emmanuel-Jones	Thank you for your email about the National Campaign for the Arts election campaign. As you will know my Party is a great supporter of the arts and will continue to be so in the next Parliament. We have recently published our own arts manifesto which you can read online here - <a href="http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf">http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf</a> . I was surprised to see in your manifesto that there was no mention at all of the National Lottery. Given that this Conservative-created institution has transformed the way the arts are funded by pumping billions of pounds into arts organisations it is strange that you neglected to do so. You will see that one our key pledges is to reform the National Lottery to ensure that a greater share of funding goes to the arts and heritage. On current figures this could result in an additional £40m per year for the arts. Given the perilous state of the public finances we have not promised to ring fence the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's budget. It is worth pointing out that no other political party has promised to protect arts funding either. Furthermore, I know that my colleague Jeremy Hunt, the Shado
Vale of Clwyd	Liberal Democrat	Paul Penlington	I'm an actor and Drama teacher myself and former chair of the local branch of Equity. As such I am of course dedicated to supporting arts funding. Personally I would like to see increases in arts funding particularly in community arts so all members of society can have opportunities to engage with the arts.
Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill	Conservative	Fiona Houston	Thank you for your email about the National Campaign for the Arts election campaign. As you will know my Party is a great supporter of the arts, both in the Scottish Parliament and at Westminster and will continue to be so. We have recently published our own arts manifesto which you can read online here - <a href="http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf">http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf</a> . I was surprised to see in your manifesto that there was no mention at all of the National Lottery. Given that this Conservative-created institution has transformed the way the arts are funded by pumping billions of pounds into arts organisations it is strange that you neglected to do so. You will see that one our key pledges is to reform the National Lottery to ensure that a greater share of funding goes to the arts and heritage. On current figures this could result in an additional ?40m per year for the arts. Given the perilous state of the public finances we have not promised to ring fence the Department for Culture, Media and Sport?s budget. It is worth pointing out that no other political party has promised to protect arts funding either. Furthermore, I know that my colleague Jeremy Hunt, the Shado
Darlington	Labour	Jenny Chapman	Thanks for the email, I am pleased to support the Arts Manifesto
Derby North	Labour	Christopher Williamson	The arts enrich our society and our country and I am proud to support them Derby has benefited greatly from The Quad art centre which was open last year. Please be assured that I am happy to support your campaign.
Derbyshire Dales	Liberal Democrat	Joe Naitta	I support the arts fully i am the current Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture at Derby City Council.
Mid Derbyshire	Labour	Hardyal Dhindsa	As a previous Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture for Derby I value the contribution of the Arts to Society. So I would do what ever I can to ensure Arts funding is maintained and protected.
Devizes	Labour	Junab Ali	I pledge my support for the arts, the Arts Manifesto and for retaining the current levels of funding for the sector
Devizes	Liberal Democrat	Fiona Hornby	Yes I support the retention of current levels of spending on the arts.
West Dorset	Liberal Democrat	Sue Farrant	As someone who has been very active in the arts at a community level, I am pleased oto offer my support.

Esher and Walton	Liberal Democrat	Lionel Blackman	I support the Arts manifesto
Gravesham	Labour	Anna Arrowsmith	As a Fine Art Graduate and a Philosophy MA graduate, you have my full support! I also agree that the Government needs to be more supportive of our world class arts industry which makes the UK a lot of money and keeps us - as a small country in terms of population- at the top of our game.
East Hampshire	Liberal Democrat	Adam Carew	I am writing on behalf of Adam Carew, the LiberalDemocrat candidate for East Hampshire.He agrees wholeheartedly with the points you make andI pledges his support to the Arts Manifesto
High Peak	Liberal Democrat	Alistair Stevens	Thank you for your email. I am happy to support the Vote Arts 2010 campaign.
Hyndburn	Liberal Democrat	Andrew Rankine	I would like to confirm that I do support to the Arts Manifesto
Lanark and Hamilton East	Conservative	Colin McGavigan	Thank you for your email about the National Campaign for the Arts election campaign. As you will know my Party is a great supporter of the arts, both in the Scottish Parliament and at Westminster and will continue to be so. We have recently published our own arts manifesto which you can read online here - <a href="http://www.shadowcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf">http://www.shadowcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf</a> . I was surprised to see in your manifesto that there was no mention at all of the National Lottery. Given that this Conservative-created institution has transformed the way the arts are funded by pumping billions of pounds into arts organisations it is strange that you neglected to do so. You will see that one our key pledges is to reform the National Lottery to ensure that a greater share of funding goes to the arts and heritage. On current figures this could result in an additional £40m per year for the arts. Given the perilous state of the public finances we have not promised to ring fence the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's budget. It is worth pointing out that no other political party has promised to protect arts funding either. Furthermore, I know that my colleague Jeremy Hunt, the Shado
Lancaster and Fleetwood	Green Party	Gina Dowding	I am very happy to commit to support the arts, the Arts Manifesto and to retaining current levels of spending after the general election if elected to represent Lancaster and Fleetwood in parliament. As a local Green Councillor, together with the Green group on Lancaster City Council I have supported funding for the arts on every occasion possible - most recently in the eventually successful campaign against cuts to the Dukes Theatre: assisting and lobbying on behalf of the development of the Storey Gallery when other parties were ready to pull funding and at every budget meeting in speaking up for arts provision in the district. The Green Party recognises the inherent value of the arts to our quality of life - not just for the purposes of economic regeneration, and is committed to ensuring that the arts in all their forms are valued as a a public service to all. I wish you all the best in your campaign work

Leeds East	Conservative	Barry Anderson	<p>Thank you for your email about the National Campaign for the Arts election campaign. As you will know my Party is a great supporter of the arts and will continue to be so in the next Parliament. We have recently published our own arts manifesto which you can read online here - <a href="http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf">http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf</a>. I was surprised to see in your manifesto that there was no mention at all of the National Lottery. Given that this Conservative-created institution has transformed the way the arts are funded by pumping billions of pounds into arts organisations it is strange that you neglected to do so. You will see that one our key pledges is to reform the National Lottery to ensure that a greater share of funding goes to the arts and heritage. On current figures this could result in an additional £40m per year for the arts. Given the perilous state of the public finances we have not promised to ring fence the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's budget. It is worth pointing out that no other political party has promised to protect arts funding either. Furthermore, I know that my colleague Jeremy Hunt, the Shado</p> <p>□</p>
North West Leicestershire	Labour	Ross Willmott	<p>I am happy to support your campaign. I was the originator of three major arts projects in Leicester, CURVE, Phoenix Square and our new contemporary art gallery.As leader of Leicester city council I have invested £75million in new arts facilities</p>
Lewes	Green Party	Susan Murray	<p>Thanks for your email. I couldn't agree more with the opening statement of your manifesto:- Our vision is of a United Kingdom where the lives of all citizens are enhanced by the experience of excellent cultural and artistic activities, where artistic endeavour and achievement are highly prized and where the creative potential of every man, woman and child is realised. I know that my life is immeasurably enriched by my enjoyment of the arts. At a recent election hustings a question which feature reference to a particular book led me to remark that if I had a personal motto it would be 'Always take a book with you wherever you go'. At a recent recording of a local version of desert island discs for election candidates I tried to choose as my luxury a bookcase full of great novels (sadly it wasn't allowed)!!! My daughter now works in the theatre and I like to think it has something to do with the fact that she was allowed to share my enthusiasm for theatre when just a little girl. In this house we regularly attend cinema, concerts, the theatre and exhibitions and I just can't imagine life without any of them. I may be a politician, but I care</p>
Lewisham Deptford	Green Party	Darren Johnson	<p>I pledge my support for the arts manifesto</p>
Lewisham West and Penge	Green Party	Romayne Phoenix	<p>Funding for the arts during these times of economic challenge will be under even greater threat with the governance of any of the three bigger parties. If elected as the Green Party MP for Lewisham West and Penge you would have my passion and support to fight for a new way to strengthen and support the arts in Britain.Any Green MP elected to the House of Commons will attract attention and this can and will be harnessed to widen the discussion on values and quality of life.Having organised and chaired fringe meetings at Green Party Conference to discuss 'Press and Broadcasting freedoms', one attended by comedian and writer Mark Steel, I have been keen to develop an informed interest in democracy and the media. That financial constraints will be used as an excuse to reduce the democratic function and benefit of local and regional news is unacceptable. The money is kept 'pyramid' style - and needs to be inverted. Greens always support decision making at the most local level that can be appropriate. This principle can and should be applied to the arts.As a political activist, artist and mother, with a Story Teller sister ( Equity</p>

Lincoln	Conservative	Karl McCartney	Conservatives value the positive role that the dance industry plays in Britain today at so many different levels. The growing number of participants in dance, from young children to the elderly and from amateurs to professionals, speaks volumes about dance's growing popularity. Dance has a key role in the health and well-being of many people, especially children, and the positive health benefits should not be over-looked. Sport is important both as an end in itself and a means to achieve a better society. Young people who play sport tend to be happier, healthier, more sociable and perform better. Dance is playing an increasing role in the lives of all ages, and we will work to encourage this wherever possible. To be able to fund more local arts projects, such as dance, we would reform the National Lottery making it independent of government once again and maximising funds for the original good causes of sport, the arts, heritage and the voluntary and community sectors (VCS). The arts, sport and heritage would get 20 per cent of all the money raised, with the rest going to VCS. An extra £186 million per year could be raised for the original go
Louth and Horncastle	Labour	Patrick Mountain	With you all the way
Louth and Horncastle	Liberal Democrat	Fiona Martin	I support your campaign
Luton South	Independent	Joe Hall	I agree wholeheartedly with protecting and championing the arts. Having worked for the Tate and having helped found Luton's film festival, I know from firsthand experience what a difference the arts make to our lives and what the arts could do to help transform Luton. You have my full support.
Macclesfield	Conservative	David Rutley	Thank you for your email about the National Campaign for the Arts election campaign. As you will know my Party is a great supporter of the arts and will continue to be so in the next Parliament. We have recently published our own arts manifesto which you can read online here - <a href="http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf">http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/pdf/The%20Future%20of%20the%20Arts.pdf</a> . I was surprised to see in your manifesto that there was no mention at all of the National Lottery. Given that this Conservative-created institution has transformed the way the arts are funded by pumping billions of pounds into arts organisations it is strange that you neglected to do so. You will see that one our key pledges is to reform the National Lottery to ensure that a greater share of funding goes to the arts and heritage. On current figures this could result in an additional £40m per year for the arts. Given the perilous state of the public finances we have not promised to ring fence the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's budget. It is worth pointing out that no other political party has promised to protect arts funding either. Furthermore, I know that my colleague Jeremy Hunt, the Shado
Macclesfield	Liberal Democrat	Roger Barlow	Please be assured of my appreciation of the importance of the arts, andof the need to preserve their funding even (especially?) in times like these.
Maldon	Labour	Swatantra Nandanwar	I think I may already have signed up to the Arts Manifesto which I fully support. I will do my best to to champion the Arts, despite the adverse economic conditions we will face in the next few years.

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Middlesbrough	Conservative	John Walsh	
Milton Keynes North	Green Party	Alan Francis	Thanks for your email. I will sign this pledge.
Mole Valley	Green Party	Rob Sedgwick	I pledge my support
			Thank you for your recent email, addressed to my Neath Port Talbot councillor address. I am with my party in the belief that arts are a central part of civic and community life. We would keep free entry to museums and galleries. The Liberal Democrats would open up the Government Art Collection for greater public use, and I would also like to see access to privately-owned works of art, supposedly open to the public as part of tax deals, made easier. Providing money for the arts is a perennial difficulty as your email makes clear. You will presumably welcome the LibDems' idea to set up a "Creative Enterprise Fund" offering training, mentoring and small grants or loans to help creative businesses get off the ground. Our reform of the National Lottery to extract more money for the arts should appeal, also. It is always difficult to justify directing taxpayers' money to arts projects. Any Arts Minister's taste is bound to upset a large section of the electorate. I have an opposite worry: about excessive bureaucratisation of an area of life which more than most others should be liberal (didn't George Orwell refer to the "Muses in striped trousers" in his days a
Neath	Liberal Democrat	Frank Little	
			Conservatives value the positive role that the arts play in Britain today at so many different levels. The growing number of participants in the arts, from young children to the elderly and from amateurs to professionals, speaks volumes about their social and economic importance. The arts play a key role in the health and well-being of many people, especially children, and the positive benefits should not be over-looked. Cultural activity is important both as an end in itself and a means to achieve a better society. To be able to fund more local arts projects, we would reform the National Lottery making it independent of government once again and maximising funds for the original good causes of sport, the arts, heritage and the voluntary and community sectors (VCS). The arts, sport and heritage would get 20 per cent of all the money raised, with the rest going to VCS. An extra £186 million per year could be raised for the original good causes. Conservatives have a range of other policies which will support arts, from our active promotion of the Big Society, which will put a real emphasis on local groups and organizati
South West Norfolk	Conservative	Elizabeth Truss	
South West Norfolk	Labour	Peter Smith	Of course I pledge, if elected, to support current levels of funding for the Arts. I teach Drama and write plays, so I am professionally committed as well.
South Northamptonshire	Labour	Matthew May	Fully support you.

Oldham West and Royton	Labour	Michael Meacher	I do support the aims of your Arts Manifesto and have been pleased to support the arts in general as I know the outstanding contribution the arts make to our quality of life, as well as being an important business and huge attraction for overseas visitors. If re-elected, I will continue to support your cause whenever I can. I can't pretend that it will be easy to achieve all the funding you would want given the budget deficit and the many other important demands, but I will do my best.
Oxford East	Liberal Democrat	Steve Goddard	I am happy to support your manifesto
Paisley and Renfrewshire North	SNP	Mags MacLaren	As you will be aware, arts and culture issues are mainly devolved to the Scottish Parliament and Government. As with all devolved matters, SNP MPs would only vote in Westminster if there was a potential impact in Scotland. However, I do accept the main points that you make.
Paisley and Renfrewshire North	Conservative	Alistair Campbell	I thank you for the representation you have made to me as a Candidate in the forthcoming British General Election. The views expressed and the information you have provided have been compiled into my Lobby Library which you can see indexed at <a href="http://www.alistair4uk.com">www.alistair4uk.com</a> . This will be very helpful to me in future, when faced with debates on the issue you have raised. May I say further that this issue is of particular interest to me.
Penrith and The Border	Labour	Barbara Cannon	I just wish to confirm my support for the Arts and retaining current levels of funding for the sector.
Portsmouth South	Green Party	Tim Dawes	I pledge to support for the arts, the Arts Manifesto and for retaining current levels of funding for the sector. Indeed I would like to see Arts funding increase and support for the arts become a statutory duty on all local authorities in addition to national funding.
Richmond (Yorkshire)	Liberal Democrat	Lawrence Meredith	I confirm my support for your campaign.
Rugby	Labour	Andy King	The arts have my full support
Rugby	Liberal Democrat	Jerry Roodhouse	I fully support more to be done in supporting the arts in our community's
Saffron Walden	Liberal Democrat	Peter Wilcock	I am pleased to pledge my support for the arts, the Arts Manifesto and for retaining current levels of funding for the sector.
St Austell and Newquay	Mebyon Kernow (The Pa	Dick Cole	I support the NCA's campaign for proper resourcing for the creative industries / activities and pledge to support current levels of funding for the arts sector.
Sefton Central	Labour	Bill Esterson	It is not my practice to respond to national Surveys during the election period. please clarify if you are a voter here in Sefton Central ?
Sevenoaks	Liberal Democrat	Alan Bullion	I pledge my support for the Arts manifesto and retaining spending at current levels
Sleaford and North Hykeham	Labour	James Normington	I'm more than happy to endorse the NCA's manifesto. I am committed to the arts.
Southampton Test	Green Party	Chris Bluemel	As a music teacher I am very happy to support this campaign. I believe that public investment in the arts benefits everyone.
Stockton North	Labour	Alex Cunningham	I'm not signing pledges as such but as a former ACE NE Board and MLA Board member rest assured arts and culture are very much in my mind
Stratford-on-Avon	Liberal Democrat	Martin Turner	As a former Regional Arts Board worker, I strongly support the arts and will campaign for them. I will back maintenance of the arts budget if elected.
South West Surrey	Labour	Richard Mollet	Thank you for your email and I am more than happy to sign up to the National Campaign for the Arts' manifesto,
Tonbridge and Malling	Green Party	Steve Dawe	Happy to support Arts Manifesto
Torrige and West Devon	Green Party	Cathrine Simmons	I would support the Arts if elected. I believe they are an important part of our lives.
Tottenham	Independent	Neville Watson	I will actively support the arts and seek to find ways of increasing its funding.
Truro and Falmouth	Mebyon Kernow (The Pa	Loic Rich	I pledge support for the arts manifesto.

Wealden	Liberal Democrat	Chris Bowers	Sorry but this is far too late. It's nine days to the election! I am very supportive of the arts, but if you want me to sign up to a campaign or pledge, it must be before the election is called as there just isn't time after that.
Wells	Labour/Co-operative	Andy Merryfield	I am in total agreement with the fundamental need to continued assistance with Arts
Welwyn Hatfield	Green Party	Jill Weston	I pledge to support the Arts, the Arts Manifesto and to keep funding at current levels. My husband is an artist (musician).
Witham	Green Party	James Abbott	I am very happy to support the Arts Manifesto.
Wokingham	Green Party	Marjory Bisset	I pledge my support for the arts, the Arts Manifesto and for retaining current levels of funding for the sector. I am involved in the Arts myself as a member of a local choir and orchestra and a folk music group. the Arts are an essential part of my life, and of so many others'. They must be cherished and supported.
West Worcestershire	Green Party	Malcolm Victory	As an individual who enjoys the Arts in all forms I heartily support your aims in maintaining funding at the current level. If I had my way I would increase it! Also, too much funding is wasted in administration of the grant aid, which I have found to be proscriptive and wasteful of effort to the organisations applying.
Worthing West	Liberal Democrat	Hazel Thorpe	Thank you for writing to our candidate Hazel Thorpe. We support the Arts Manifesto and
York Central	Conservative	Susan Wade Weeks	YES DEFINITELY 100%. All my children work in the Arts and half my family. York is key. Shadow ministers havebeen up here visiting recently.