About the Scottish Conservative Party

We are the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, we are led by Ruth Davidson and you can vote for us in the General Election in June. This is our manifesto.

We have written down all the issues we think are important and would like to tell you about – this is known as a manifesto.

A General Election is when you can vote for who you want to become your Member of Parliament (MP). MPs work in parliament and make decisions that can affect the whole country.

The Scottish Conservatives are part of the Conservative Party and we deal with the issues that matter in Scotland.

The leader of the Conservative Party is Theresa May, she is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
We believe it is important to have good leadership and for our government to work towards making Britain a strong and united nation which means a better future for everyone.

This manifesto will tell you:
What we believe in.
What we will do if we win the General Election.

The government is the name for the group of people who are elected to help run the country.

We believe there are 5 big challenges we will work on to make Britain a good place for everyone to live. These challenges are:

**A Strong Economy That Works For Everyone**

The economy is how a country makes and spends its money.
The Conservatives have already worked hard to make Britain’s economy better. We will continue to build a strong economy so that our country will be a wealthier place for everyone.

We will keep our taxes as low as possible and make the taxes that businesses and working families pay lower.

We will make good trade deals with other countries. This means Britain can buy and sell goods and services throughout the world, which will be good for our economy.

We will make sure that people can earn enough money to support themselves and their families. We will increase the national living wage, this is the minimum pay per hour workers are entitled to by law.

To have a good economy, it is important for a country to have good transport. We will put a large amount of money into improving our roads, railways and bus services.

We will work to make the cost of heating and lighting our homes and businesses are the lowest in Europe.
We believe that Scotland would be a stronger and more successful country if it stays part of the United Kingdom.

As the people of the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union, we will work to get the best possible deal for Britain during Brexit.

Brexit is a short way of saying the UK leaving the European Union (EU) The EU is a partnership of countries.

We think it is important for people to feel safe against crime and terrorism. We will strengthen our police and security services to help them continue to protect our country.

We will continue to fight against global climate change and work with other countries in protecting our environment.
Managing Social Inequalities

Social inequality still exists in Britain. Inequality is when some people don’t have the same chances as others or are treated differently or unfairly because of things like having a disability, being a woman or having less money.

We want all children to have a good education. We will make sure Scotland continues to have good teachers in its schools and put more money into teacher training and support.

It is important that our young people have the chance to go on to further education. We will give more money to colleges, this will help make courses available to more people.

We want to help people on benefits to find a job. We will make it easier for employers to take on people who have found it hard to find a job in the past.

Many people in Scotland cannot afford to heat their homes. We will put a cap on energy bills – this means energy companies will not be able to charge too much for the energy you use in your home.
More people are living longer, we must be able to care for people in their old age and those living with long term health conditions. It is also important we are able to give younger people the support they need to live a good life.

We believe that Britain’s National Health Service (NHS) is important for everyone. We will keep spending money on the NHS and spend at least £8 billion more by 2020 to keep it good.

We will keep making services better for the over 65’s, especially those people who do not have family or friends who can support them.

Many people in Scotland, who suffer with mental health problems, are not able to get help. We will provide mental health support services that are available in GP surgeries and emergency hospital departments 24 hours a day.

We will continue to run a fair welfare system and make money available for the people who need it the most. We will create a Scottish disability benefits system. This will work to make sure that the people who need it, get the help they need quickly and suitable for their needs.
Digital technology such as the computers and mobile phones we use are important in our lives and help the smooth running of businesses and organisations but they can also be a risk.

We want to make Britain the safest place in the world to be online.

We will make sure all children are taught in schools about staying safe online.

We will create a National Cyber Security Centre to make sure that things such as money and information are safe online for our public services, businesses, charities and individuals.

We will have a broadband action plan that will help everyone be better connected online.
This document explains many of the things that the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party says it would do if we get elected in the 2017 General Election.

You can find out more information about the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and our manifesto on our website:

www.scottishconservatives.com

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