

# John Strafford

## Campaign for Conservative Democracy



Author, longtime Conservative campaigner and stalwart, John has been a grassroots activist in the Conservative Party for decades. A former Association Chairman and Branch Chairman, with an extensive knowledge of the Party's history, John set up the Campaign for Conservative Democracy or 'COPOV' – Conservatives – One Person, One Vote – in 1994, in order to fight for a stronger Conservative Party, truly accountable to its members.

After successfully lobbying for a Constitution in 1998, other key campaigns include; having a Party Chairman elected by, and responsible to, the members and not appointed by the Leader, and returning control of Parliamentary Candidate Selections to the Associations.

Born in Sheffield, John is from a military family, and has been a member of the Conservative Party for over 60 years, holding several roles, at all levels within the Party, including the Party's Board of Finance. A retired Chartered Accountant, he lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife, Caroline, and they have three grown up sons.

Lord (Daniel) Hannan has referred to John as “... *the grandfather of Party democracy...*” and others who support John's campaigns include; Lord Frost, Priti Patel, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg and David Campbell Bannerman, plus many more.