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Danny Kruger selected as Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Devizes

A close aide of Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been selected as the Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Devizes.

Danny Kruger was chosen at a selection meeting at the Corn Exchange in Devizes this afternoon (Saturday), which was attended by over 300 (**CHECK**) local Conservative members.

Danny has been political secretary to the Prime Minister since July 2019 and has previously worked as chief speechwriter to David Cameron when he was Leader of the Opposition and an adviser to former Conservative Party leaders Iain Duncan Smith and Michael Howard.

He helped to develop Mr Cameron's 'Big Society' agenda and is keen to promote the same ethos in Devizes, empowering volunteers, businesses and community groups to tackle local issues and challenges.

Danny is keen to boost local NHS services, support the police to tackle rural crime, ensure schools get their fair share of increased funding, push for greater infrastructure investment, enhance the rail and bus network and help businesses be more productive.

He is a strong supporter of the Armed Forces and wants to ensure the relocation of service families to Wiltshire is a success for everyone.

Danny supports Mr Johnson's determination to get Brexit done as soon as possible and forge a positive new relationship with the EU.

"I'm proud and excited to be selected as the Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Devizes and I'm looking forward to knocking on doors, meeting local people and addressing their concerns," said Danny.

"Devizes is a great constituency with so much potential and, working with the strong team of Conservatives locally, I will do everything I can to lead everyone towards a brighter future."

Danny has worked in national politics in a variety of roles and has set up two successful charities, with a focus on preventing crime and supporting vulnerable young people.

Stuart Wheeler, acting chairman of Devizes Constituency Conservative Association, said: "We had a high-quality list of candidates to choose from and Danny stood out with his energy, drive and optimistic outlook."

“He is a tremendous campaigner with a very impressive track record and will be a strong voice in Parliament, standing up for Devizes and local residents.

“We look forward to working closely with Danny to return him as our next MP, supporting a Conservative agenda to deliver Brexit and take this country forward.”

Claire Perry O’Neill chose not to seek re-election as the Conservative MP for Devizes in order to focus on her role as President of COP26, the next major UN climate summit in Glasgow in 2020.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- As political secretary to the Prime Minister, Danny supports Boris Johnson in his capacity as Conservative leader, ensuring the voice of the voluntary party is heard at the centre of government. He has been closely involved in the campaign to deliver a majority in Parliament for the Prime Minister’s Brexit deal.
- As chief speechwriter to David Cameron, Danny helped to develop the ‘Big Society’ agenda and ideas later used in education and welfare reforms by the coalition government. He has also worked as a civil society adviser to the government, a senior adviser at the Legatum Institute and director of studies at the Centre for Policy Studies. He has written for national newspapers and was chief leader writer for the Daily Telegraph.
- Danny has worked with senior officers at Army HQ to develop closer co-operation with local communities around Salisbury Plain. He also worked to secure the transfer of Tedworth House to Help for Heroes as a national recovery centre for wounded military personnel.
- Danny set up crime prevention charity Only Connect, working in prisons and with ex-offenders in the community. He led it as chief executive for eight years and is now chairman. He also founded the West London Zone for Children and Young People, a charity bringing together schools, charities, councils and government to support 5,000 young people at risk. He has set up and supported a wide range of other charity projects. In his gap year he organised and led an aid convoy to the former Yugoslavia.
- Danny grew up on a farm in the West Country and his main interests are history and literature. He and his wife spend a lot of time in the Devizes constituency, particularly in Pewsey and Great Bedwyn, meeting family and friends. He is a member of a book club in Great Bedwyn.

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