

### Mayor of Tees Valley



Information about the people you can vote for.

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The election takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

# These are the people you can vote for in the election to choose the next Tees Valley Mayor.



Name – Ben Houchen

Party – Conservative and Unionist Party



Name - Chris McEwan

Party – Labour and Co-Operative Party



Name – Simon Thorley

Party – Liberal Democrats











#### **Simon Thorley**

#### **Liberal Democrats**

To me, inclusion means the removal of barriers. We live in a society in which people with learning disabilities and autistic people are not always able to fully participate. This is both unfair on those people, and a wasted opportunity for us all.

It is the job of government to make sure that everyone can access the things they need to make the most of their lives. This includes education, work, transport, leisure and more. If these things are not accessible, we are not being inclusive, and the government is not doing its job properly.

If I am elected mayor, I will improve inclusion by opening adult education, putting individuals in charge of what they learn and when. I will also improve public transport and provide more support to struggling families.



#### **Chris McEwan**



### **Labour and Co-operative Party**



Inclusion for people with learning disabilities and autism means making sure everyone feels welcome and valued. It's about treating everyone equally and giving them the same opportunities.



Inclusion means making adjustments so that people with learning disabilities and autism can participate fully in all aspects of life – like school, work, and community activities. It's also about listening to their needs and respecting their differences.



We should all be committed to creating a society where everyone can feel included and supported. Working together, we can build a more inclusive and accepting community for all.



#### **Ben Houchen**



## **Conservative and Unionist Party**



We asked each person up for election the same question. We asked...



What does inclusion for people with a learning disability and autistic people mean to you?



Ben Houchen did not send us an answer.

### More information about the elections taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024



To find out more about the elections happening where you live on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, you can use the website called Who Can I Vote For.



The website address is

www.whocanivotefor.co.uk



You just need to know the postcode of where you live.



There is also lots of accessible information on the My Vote My Voice website.