

## Introduction

Hi, my name is Hope Basham. I'm running to be the Member of Youth Parliament for Cumberland, because I care about making Cumberland a happier, safer, friendlier place to live as a young person.

## Why am I right for this position?

Personal experiences have given me skills for this position.

My experience:

- My peers at school have voted me into the Student Council for four years — *I can discuss issues and problem solve.*
- I'm active in clubs at school and community events in my village — *I can connect with a range of people.*
- I volunteer weekly by reading in public at church — *I can speak confidently in public.*

These skills make me an ideal candidate to represent you.

## What do I plan to do if elected?

How I'd tackle important issues:

- **Improve mental health** — Make sure all young people have access to the National Parks through school trips. Nature improves wellbeing.
- **Make Cumberland safer for young people** — Engage young people in a variety of sports clubs and youth groups (the government should fund more youth workers for this): somewhere safe and productive to go after school.
- **Reduce loneliness** — Build up communities with more parks, community centres and libraries. These bring people of all ages together.

Solving these issues would make Cumberland, and the entire UK, a happier, safer, friendlier place to live as a young person.

## Closing statement

I really care about these issues and I would be committed to help make positive changes in Cumberland.

Thank you for reading my manifesto.