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Full name: Sir Anthony Bamford (Anthony Paul Bamford, Baron Bamford — Lord Bamford) **Approx total donated (2024-2026):** £8-12 million (via JCB and Bamford family trusts; historic total exceeds £30m) **Source of wealth:** Chairman of JCB (JC Bamford Excavators Ltd) — Staffordshire-based construction equipment giant. Family worth estimated at £5bn+. **Why they donate:** Long-standing personal and business relationship with the Conservative Party. Famously Eurosceptic; major Brexit donor. Supports pro-business, pro-manufacturing, low-regulation Conservatism. **Controversies:** In 2023-2024, JCB was criticised for supplying construction equipment to Russia despite sanctions. JCB said it complied with all UK sanctions. In 2024, Bamford donated £5m to the Tories amid the election campaign, reigniting "cash for honours" criticism — his peerage (awarded by Cameron in 2013) was seen by some as linked to past donations. Also controversy over JCB's tax arrangements, including dormant offshore accounts.

Notes

- One of the Conservative Party's most consistent long-term supporters
- Also funds Conservative constituency associations directly
- His peerage remains controversial among transparency campaigners

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