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Type: Registered Political Party (EC Ref: PP12868) **Website:** Unknown **Founded:** Registered 22 March 2022 **Leader:** Mr John Lawrence **Nominating Officer:** Mr John Lawrence **Treasurer:** Mr Patrick McGinnis **Registered Address:** 45 Gower Street, Oldham, Greater Manchester, OL1 3UR **Status:** Active (Authorised), Great Britain register **BookStack page:** TBC

Overview

The National Housing Party United Kingdom (also referred to as National Housing Party UK) is a registered political party based in Oldham, Greater Manchester. The party was registered with the Electoral Commission on 22 March 2022. Based on its registered party descriptions, the party combines a housing-focused policy platform with strong anti-immigration and nativist positioning.

Founding/History

The party was registered on 22 March 2022. Its registered address in Oldham, Greater Manchester, places it in a region with significant housing pressures and a history of far-right and anti-immigration political activity. The party acquired an emblem (NHPUK Emblem 1) authorised on 28 February 2024, suggesting some organisational development.

Connection to Hugh Anthony: The task brief noted the party "platformed Hugh Anthony". No public evidence connecting Hugh Anthony to the National Housing Party UK could be found through web searches. Hugh Anthony may be a candidate the party has selected or a social media figure who has promoted the party, but this connection could not be verified. (Note: there is a well-known presenter named Hugh Anthony but this is almost certainly a different individual.)

Leadership

- **Leader & Nominating Officer:** Mr John Lawrence — also serves as Deputy Treasurer
- **Treasurer:** Mr Patrick McGinnis

No biographical information about either officer was found through web searches. Both appear to have been with the party since its registration.

Registered Party Descriptions

The party's ballot paper descriptions reveal significant evolution over time:

Initial descriptions (March 2022):

- "National Housing Party UK Citizens First"
- "National Housing Party Our People First"
- "National Housing Party No More Refugees"

Area-specific descriptions (2024-2025):

- "National Housing Party Camden People First" (Feb 2024)
- "National Housing Party Oldham People First" (Feb 2024)
- "National Housing Party Wirral People First" (Feb 2024)
- "National Housing Party Bedford People First" (Jul 2025)
- "National Housing Party Grimsby People First" (Jul 2025)
- "National Housing Party Local People First" (Jul 2025)
- "National Housing Party Ormskirk People First" (Jul 2025)

The proliferation of locality-specific descriptions across Camden, Oldham, Wirral, Bedford, Grimsby, and Ormskirk suggests the party has been planning or executing electoral activity across a geographically dispersed set of constituencies.

Ideology

Based on party descriptions, the National Housing Party UK's ideological positioning includes:

- **Housing-first domestic policy** — the party name and framing ("Our People First", "Local People First") position housing as the central political issue
- **Nativism/anti-immigration** — "No More Refugees" description explicitly signals an anti-refugee, anti-asylum position; "People First" framing invokes the nativist "own people first" trope common in European far-right parties
- **Localism** — Locality-specific descriptions ("Camden People First", "Oldham People First", etc.) suggest a strategy of standing in specific local areas, potentially targeting constituencies with housing pressures and immigration-related tensions

The party's ideological positioning overlaps with far-right parties that frame housing shortages as caused by immigration — a common narrative in European nativist parties. The "No More Refugees" description is unusually explicit for a registered UK political party.

Electoral Performance

No electoral results could be found for the National Housing Party UK. Despite its registration in March 2022 and multiple area-specific ballot paper descriptions registered since then, there is no evidence the party has contested parliamentary, devolved, or local elections. It did not field candidates in the 2024 UK general election.

The party is exempt from quarterly donation and transaction returns, indicating minimal financial activity.

Controversies

- **"No More Refugees" description:** The party's registered ballot paper description "National Housing Party No More Refugees" is unusually explicit anti-refugee messaging for a registered UK political party. This description was authorised by the Electoral Commission on 22 March 2022.

Connections

- **Hugh Anthony:** The task brief suggests the party "platformed" Hugh Anthony. This connection could not be verified. Research gap.
- The party's area-specific descriptions (Camden, Oldham, Wirral, Bedford, Grimsby, Ormskirk) suggest potential local activist networks, but no evidence of formal alliances with other political parties or movements was found.

Research Gaps & Notes

- **No website found:** The party does not appear to maintain a public website
- **No social media presence found:** No X/Twitter, Facebook, or other accounts identified
- **No electoral history:** No known candidates or election results despite being registered since 2022
- **No biographical data for officers:** John Lawrence and Patrick McGinnis have no discernible public profile
- **Hugh Anthony connection unverified:** No evidence found linking Hugh Anthony to this party

- **The area-specific descriptions suggest local ambitions** (contesting council or parliamentary seats in Camden, Oldham, Wirral, Bedford, Grimsby, Ormskirk), but no evidence they followed through

Sources

1. Electoral Commission Register — National Housing Party United Kingdom (PP12868), registration summary,
<https://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12868>
2. Electoral Commission Register — Party descriptions and emblems for PP12868

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