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THE first female chairman of UKIP's Dudley and Halesowen branch hopes to encourage other women to join the purple party.

Karen Jones, who is one of the party's representatives for Upper Gornal and Woodsetton, was unanimously elected to become the new branch chairman.

Mrs Jones, who is also chairman of Sedgley Parents Group, said she was honoured to take on the role and was looking forward to the forthcoming local elections and other challenges ahead.

She continued: "The local elections are just around the corner and UKIP is already on the march as we fight to bolster our numbers on Dudley Council.

Emily Schifano is best friend of Bill Etheridge's fiancé Lorraine Chew and Bill is using Emily's name to pay for services of his fiancé that have nothing to do with any parliamentary work or her work. Emily Schifano is studying biochemistry and does not work anywhere as she is full time student, originally based in Firenze, Italy.

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