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Manifesto Summary

- I am 44 years old, born and raised in Guernsey.
- I have a daughter called Ida with my fiancé and we live in the Vale.
- My professional background is within banking and accounting.
- I have been involved with Parish administration for 13 years.
- I have been involved in sports & charities for the last 26 years. I have received 10 awards, including 5 Guernsey Sports Commission awards: best small team, best team trophy, best event organiser and outstanding contribution to my sport (twice)
- I am passionate about Guernsey's future and want to help prevent people young or old from leaving our Island.

Our Housing Crisis

- ✓ We have a housing crisis, in my view created mainly by the States 2016 **GP11 policy**. It has stopped all major developments in the last 8 years.
- ✓ We need to support not only the **first-time buyers**, but **renters**, **pensioners** trying to downsize and growing **families**. Scrap document duty!
- ✓ The States should be supporting **Leales Yard** not withdrawing. The Bridge area needs investment and support now.
- ✓ We need a new IDP plan that works (**less red tape**) focus on building now in the right places and more land reclaiming.

Balancing Our Books and Our Economy

- ✓ **GST - NO thank you!** GST will hurt the poorest and most vulnerable in our community. I support the Association of Guernsey Charities call to stop GST.
- ✓ I support changes in **corporate tax**, **Pillar II** might eliminate the deficit. With high cost of living now, why introduce GST in the middle of a housing crisis?
- ✓ I support the **G8 businesses views**, with action on housing, **better connectivity**, **education/skills** and use of **technology**.
- ✓ Review every penny spent. Value for money & **growing our economy** are still the keys to success for Guernsey.

Experienced & Professional	✓
Hard Working & Down to Earth	✓
Open & Transparent	✓
Passionate & Caring Family Man	✓
Trustworthy	✓
Knowledge of the States System	✓
Parish Douzenier (3 terms)	✓
Parish Church Management	✓
Parish School Committee	✓
A Champion for Sport	✓
A Voice for Charities	✓



Our Health, Children & Community

- ✓ The lack of funding is challenging our health committee. The States however **shouldn't be cutting services or increasing waiting times**, pensioners deserve better. We must also increase our **mental health services**; Islanders across all ages need our help now.
- ✓ I am very disappointed the Children's Law is **still not fit for purpose**. I would **restrict social media** for younger Islanders, discourage vaping and encourage more exercise & sport.
- ✓ I support the **5 asks from the LGBTQ+** community, ask, fair, inclusive, support.

Our Environment & Population

- ✓ We need **cleaner and greener energy**. I support the need for more trees & green spaces, maintain sea walls and **stop plastic pollutions of our seas**.
- ✓ We need to manage our population carefully, **stop young Islanders leaving the Island** is a good place to start. We will always need nurses, doctors & teachers to come to the Island.

Thank you to my proposer and seconder
Pam Bartlett MBE (Services to Sick & Disabled)
Lucy Beere MBE (Services to Sport)

Our Education, Sport and Culture

- ✓ Our children deserve **modern school buildings**. Will we let down another generation? like we did at La Mare, above is a picture of my daughter, will she have the right environment to learn? We have good teachers, but **sort the sixth form**, get on with it and maintain our new buildings!
- ✓ I passionately believe sport cannot only have a positive impact on your **physical health**, but also your **mental wellbeing** and can improve your **social skills**. We need to support the Sports Commission.
- ✓ Our culture is important, we need to preserve our heritage, language & farms.

Our Government & Me

- ✓ This term we have seen & heard **toxic behaviour from our deputies**; I believe this is because of party politics from the last election, we have a consensus system!
- ✓ I have **always stood as an independent**, I received 6,076 votes in 2020, just short of a seat in the assembly. I have no conflicting business interests and don't own any rental properties.

I have written this manifesto in line with the States of Guernsey accessibility guidelines, please do contact me if you have questions.