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HELLO

Eshyn nagh gabh coyrle, cha lhiass da kione — He who won't take advice, needs no head.

A good representative listens first, I have visited your homes and been to your doorsteps the last 9 months since declaring on September 24th last year, listening to what matters to you, and the following pages are the direct result.

You deserve an MHK who works hard for Rushen, in my business of 25 years, long hours, commitment and decision making has been the norm, this is exactly the ethics I will commit to if elected. This booklet is short, sharp, and straight to the point because political waffle won't fix the challenges facing the Isle of Man

No jargon, No excuses, No false promises, Just a commitment to work hard for the people of Rushen and the future of our Island. My election Promise to you is to work constructively alongside the other elected MHK's, to build alliances with those who hold the same values so we can forge ahead and achieve genuine progress for Rushen and the Isle of Man.



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HEALTH

Residents across Rushen have been sharing their concerns with me about the growing pressure on Manx Care. Frontline services, the ones that families depend on every day for their health and peace of mind, need to be protected and properly supported. It is essential that our vital local care remains the clear priority.

I intend to work constructively to ensure proper scrutiny of healthcare spending, encouraging decisions that support frontline staff rather than adding extra administration. I will also champion clear and open reporting on service levels across the south of the Island, ensuring that residents stay fully informed about their local health provision.

Access to reliable local medical support is at the heart of a strong, healthy community. Many families simply want greater clarity and reassurance when it comes to waiting times, appointment availability, and long-term plans. By focusing on transparency and sensible budgeting, we can help ensure that resources reach the frontline where they do the most good. With collaborative leadership and practical solutions, we can build a more responsive health service for everyone.



HOUSING

Young families born and raised here in Rushen are being priced out of their own backyards, forced to move away simply because they cannot find a place to live that fits their budget. This is far more than a simple matter of bricks and mortar. It is a deeply heartbreaking issue that strikes at the very soul of our parish, tearing apart local families and threatening the future of our vibrant community.

When our young people leave, our schools, clubs, and local traditions suffer. We need sensible planning policies that deliver genuinely affordable homes for real people, rather than developments that only satisfy a technical definition or suit outside investors. Local residents who grew up here must be prioritised so they can lay down roots where their families have lived for generations.

The south of our Island has been overlooked for too long in the housing conversation. I will fight passionately to protect our shared heritage while ensuring our parish remains a thriving, welcoming home for generations to come.

DOCTORS' WAITING TIMES

Waiting weeks for a routine GP appointment is not acceptable. Residents in Rushen — especially older people and those with ongoing health conditions — are telling me that accessing their local surgery has become increasingly difficult.

I will push for measurable targets for GP appointment waiting times, hold Manx Care to account when those targets are missed, and advocate for better resourcing of primary care in the south of the Island.

BUSES & PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Encouraging greater use of public transport is vital, not only for keeping our people connected, but also for taking traffic off our roads, easing town center parking and congestion, whilst lowering the environmental impact of transportation.

I will advocate for practical fare solutions, including exploring a fixed rate fare cap across the Island and free off peak travel to boost bus usage. To protect services in our southern villages, I will push for sustainable options like smaller, agile feeder vehicles to connect outlying areas to our main hub routes, ensuring every part of our constituency stays connected while building a greener, less congested Island. This could also help with the congestion we are all finding whilst visiting Port Erin Tesco and Orchard walk shopping areas.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

I care deeply about our environment, it plays a huge part in my day-to-day life here on the Isle of Man. It must be at the forefront of our minds. The environment has a vital role in our future plans.

Everyday I spend time kayaking and fishing on our seas, walking our glens and rivers, beach cleaning, foraging, or tending my wildlife allotment. I do not just feel connected to nature, I am fully aware that I, and indeed all of us, are part of it.

Green renewable energy has a key role in our future to meet our growing energy needs, sustainable Solar, wind, tidal, and even thermal energy must all be considered.

Diversity is essential but does not mean fossil fuels should be discounted, especially if they are found close to the Island and can be extracted safely and cost-effectively. This would lessen our carbon footprint created by importing fossil fuels over vast distances.

The windfall profits from these initiatives could form the basis of securing our infrastructure for generations, whilst helping us build true renewable resources into our society for the Isle of Man and its residents.



FOOD SECURITY

Rigid demands from large corporate retail chains often shut out smaller local producers, making it hard for Manx food to reach supermarket shelves and threatens the livelihood of our local farming and food sectors. As an Island, relying too heavily on imports leaves us vulnerable when sea or air supply lines are disrupted.

I will advocate for legislation that ensures local produce is sold alongside imported goods in our major stores, keeping money in our local economy, reducing food miles, and protecting our environment. I will push for competitive off-island freight rates to help local producers reach export markets economically, building the capacity our local food industry needs to keep the Island fed in times of crisis.



MENTAL HEALTH

The demands of modern life, rising living costs, and a relentless stream of negative news are taking a heavy toll on our community's wellbeing. Far too many of our neighbours are struggling quietly behind closed doors, feeling overwhelmed and disconnected. The need for compassionate, easily accessible support right here in our town has never been more urgent.

Mental health must remain at the very heart of government policy. It is vital that we properly back the selfless voluntary groups and local charities already doing the heavy lifting on the ground, while pressing for faster, stronger crisis intervention services. Grassroots support saves lives, and those delivering it deserve reliable funding and full recognition.

Looking after one another is what makes a strong community. No resident should ever have to suffer in silence or feel unsure where to turn when life becomes difficult. By bringing people together, speaking openly, and ensuring help is always within reach, we can build a kinder environment where everyone feels valued, heard, and supported through life's toughest moments.

FOOTPATHS

It is deeply frustrating to watch paths become impassable or dangerous when simple, regular care could keep them open for everyone. A neglected path is a missed opportunity for community connection, outdoor exercise, and enjoying the breathtaking landscape we are so fortunate to live alongside.

I will push for a thorough audit of all footpaths and pavements across our parish, alongside a reliable maintenance schedule backed by proper funding. Safer, well kept walkways ensure that everyone, particularly our older residents, young families with prams, and those with mobility challenges, can move around our parish with confidence, comfort, and pride. Protecting these precious routes is vital for preserving our shared local identity.

MONEYVAL & FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

Residents across Rushen have asked about the upcoming MONEYVAL assessment and what it means for our community. Our economy relies heavily on a strong financial services sector, making a successful evaluation vital. Key bodies including the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and the Financial Services Authority (FSA) must continue to prove that the Isle of Man actively detects, prosecutes, and deters financial crime in line with international standards.

Failing this evaluation would create a severe ripple effect across our financial services industry, restricting local business operations and directly shrinking the tax revenue pool government relies upon. I will advocate for proper resourcing and accountability across our regulatory and enforcement agencies to safeguard our international standing, ensuring we protect the public revenue needed to fund essential local services across Rushen and the Isle of Man.

POTHOLES

The state of our roads in the south is a genuine safety issue, not just an inconvenience. Potholes are causing damage to vehicles and posing risks to cyclists and pedestrians, yet repairs are slow and often inadequate.

I will push for a dedicated southern roads maintenance programme, proper resurfacing rather than temporary patches, and clear accountability when repair timescales are not met.

IMMIGRATION

The Isle of Man needs workers to sustain its economy and public services, but immigration must be managed carefully. Residents are concerned that rapid population growth is placing pressure on housing, schools, healthcare and roads without sufficient planning or investment to match.

I support a balanced approach – welcoming the skills we genuinely need while ensuring that local infrastructure keeps pace and that Manx residents are not disadvantaged in their own communities.

Skill should not be defined by a title, it is defined by the care, competence and effort someone brings to their work. A skill is any capability honed through practise, dedication, care and hands on experience. Every single skilled worker makes our community stronger, smoother and a better place to live

COST OF LIVING

Families across Rushen are feeling the squeeze. Energy bills, internet costs and everyday grocery prices have risen sharply, and many households – particularly those on fixed incomes – are struggling to cope.

I will scrutinise every decision by Manx Utilities and the government that affects household bills, push for greater transparency in pricing, and advocate for targeted support for those who are most vulnerable to rising costs.

TRAVEL & FREIGHT COSTS

Living on an island means that Steam Packet freight and passenger fares directly affect the price of almost everything in our everyday lives, from the food on our supermarket shelves, the parts for our cars to building materials and online deliveries. These unrelenting costs fall disproportionately on hard working ordinary families who are already feeling the squeeze of rising living expenses.

With the Isle of Man Government holding the main shares in the Steam Packet on behalf of us all, Isle of Man residents are the true owners of this vital lifeline. It is only right that the Manx public sees a tangible benefit from its ownership. I am deeply passionate about introducing a dedicated discount on boat travel for residents, ensuring our people are rewarded rather than penalised for living on our home island.

I will push for tangible discounts for our island residents and reduced outward freight costs for farmers and manufacturers so that their products can reach markets at a competitive price, I will fight for a much fairer deal for the people and businesses of the Isle of Man who are entirely reliant on dependable and affordable sea travel.



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I have arranged a free minibus shuttle service if you require assistance getting to a polling station on the 24th September

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