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HOUSE OF KEYS ELECTION
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Dear Voter

I am pleased to be standing again for Rushen in the forthcoming House of Keys Election on September 29th 2011. Before the election I will be visiting every home in Rushen as I am very keen to hear your views and to try to address your concerns.

My full manifesto will be published closer to the election date. This short leaflet gives a very brief summary of my political record to date.

You can find out more about what I have been doing, why I am standing and some of the issues which still need to be resolved by visiting my web-site: www.philgawne.im

WHY I WISH TO BE YOUR MHK

I care passionately for our Island nation, its history and its independent thinking. Having lived all my life in Rushen and with strong family roots in the South it has been my privilege to represent you for the past eight years.

As we proceed through very uncertain political and economic times I feel I can offer my extensive political experience, unwavering commitment and a listening ear, to represent the people of Rushen in the years ahead.

ABOUT ME

I am a 46 year-old Manxman, living above Ballakilpheric with my wife, Annie, and teenage children, Ewan and Catreaney. Educated at Arbory Primary School and Castle Rushen High School, I gained an honours degree in Biochemistry at Liverpool University.

Outside of politics I am an active supporter of all aspects of our language, culture and heritage. I come from a farming background and enjoy ploughing with my two horses. I play the fiddle and sing in a choir - music of all kinds is very important to me.

POLITICAL RECORD

- Rushen Commissioner 2001 to 2003
- MHK for Rushen 2003 to present
- Minister for Agriculture 2005 to 2010
- Minister for Infrastructure 2010 to present
- Trustee of Manx National Heritage 2006 to present

ACHIEVEMENTS

Working for Rushen I have:

- delivered significant government investment to redevelop Bradda Glen Cafe
- led in the development of workable plans for the redevelopment of Port Erin Marine Laboratory - soon to proceed
- helped small businesses establish themselves in Rushen
- lobbied hard for the retention of Ballakilley land as green space
- expanded the area closed to fishing in Port Erin Bay to encourage marine biodiversity, a sustainable fishery and marine tourism
- delivered road safety and maintenance improvements throughout the constituency
- served as chairman of the Southwest Regeneration Committee, where MHKs, Commissioners and local businesses can work together to restore vibrancy to the Ports
- assisted in the establishment of allotment sites in Rushen
- played an active role in local events and charities e.g. the Queenie Festival in Port St Mary, Port Erin Regatta, Southern Befrienders, Laa Columb Killey, and Southern 100 Races
- worked closely with fellow MHKs to lobby for expansion of places at Southlands, an improved bus service for Port St Mary and a community sports hall for Rushen

ACHIEVEMENTS

Working as Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry I have:

- introduced the most radical changes in agricultural policy in a generation
- fought hard in London and in Brussels for Manx farmers and fishermen
- delivered services more effectively, reduced staff numbers and budget by 7%
- led the development of wood-chip fuel and the new DAFF HQ in St John's
- overseen the introduction of a wide range of conservation and biodiversity measures

Working as Infrastructure Minister I have:

- reduced bureaucracy and improved efficiency within this large new department
- reduced the staff budget by 3.7% and cut the department budget by 7.7% this year
- dealt quickly with the unprecedented effects of adverse winter weather
- introduced a major new road safety bill and redirected money to increase road maintenance
- delivered legislation to encourage more energy-efficient buildings and to deal with dilapidated buildings

YOUR VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

I believe that I have a strong record in government and that I have represented both Rushen and the people of the Isle of Man to the best of my ability. Politics is about leadership but also about the art of the possible.

I believe in listening to and working with people. I think that I have been pragmatic and responsible enough to realize that it is working within the system and not shouting from the sidelines which produces results.

As a member of the Council of Ministers I have helped deliver:

- significant overall reduction in government spending
- more people in employment now than at the 2006 Election
- 26 years of economic growth and considerable diversification in our economy
- the lowest recorded crime rate for 25 years
- the highest spending on new public sector housing for 50 years
- increased expenditure on health services

YOUR VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

I believe in:

- getting involved, not shouting from the sidelines
- listening to all points of view
- living within our means
- being decisive
- being open, honest and accessible
- being fair to all sectors of society
- protecting and promoting our heritage
- developing a stronger international profile

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