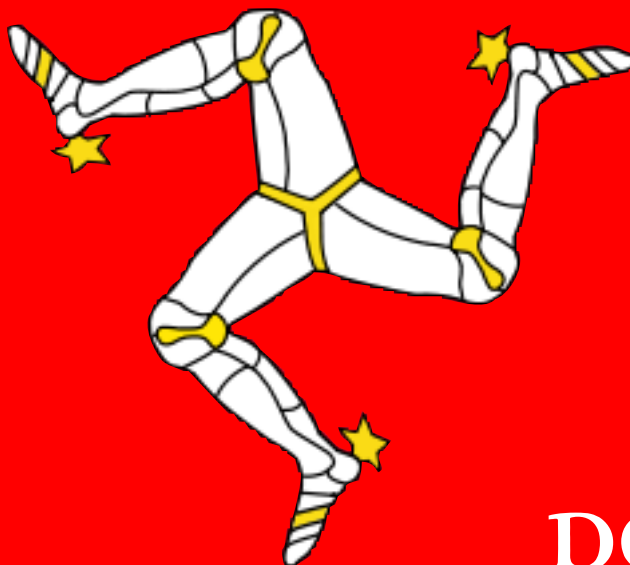


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Candidate for the House of Keys Election • 29th September, 2011

AYRE CONSTITUENCY

Dear Fellow Constituent,

I write to introduce myself as a candidate for the forthcoming election for the House of Keys.

We live in the most special Nation on earth. I regard myself as extremely privileged and fortunate to live here with my wife, children and grand children and I want to do all that I can to safeguard the future of this exceptional place.

About 40 years ago I fell in love with the Isle of Man. Eventually I was able to move here with my family 22 years ago. International business in manufacturing, marketing and sales has occupied my life. When we lived in the South of the island, I was an elected Parish Commissioner in Arbory and was also elected as Chairman of the Isle of Man Municipal Association. I have now lived in Sulby for 11 years.

There are multiple threats to our well being and our exceptional quality and way of life from sources both on and off the Island.

Our Government has recently been shown to do too little to protect our Island Nation in the corridors of power in Westminster and, equally importantly, around many other parts of the world, particularly in Europe.

Too often we do nothing to reject or restrict the import of bad ideas. Such imports include, but are not limited to Directives, Policies, Laws and People; the excesses of Human Rights legislation and the ridiculous extremes of Health and Safety Directives spring immediately to mind. These may suit our neighbours BUT IN TOO MANY CASES THEY ARE NOT RIGHT FOR OUR NATION.

The good news is that we have a huge store of Manx talent both living here and in other countries. There are Manxmen and friends of the Island in positions of influence in countries around the globe. Many of these individuals would be glad to work for our Nation's benefit and this could enable us to punch well above our apparent weight. We have done it before; we can and must do so again.

Our size can be a big advantage. We are small enough to be extremely agile and able to rapidly adopt change – so much in our past demonstrates such ability. Being big and, all too often bullying, is not always the advantage it is claimed or feared to be.

Internationally we have the skills, once famously described by Cassius Clay “To float like a butterfly and sting like a bee”.

Where is our sting? We are a considerable player in the world's financial markets. Potentially we are a high value partner for many states. The threat or real loss of our business partnership carries real weight - and sting!

We need politicians who do not give up at the first difficulty and who negotiate at the right level in the world's corridors of influence and power. With your vote and support I am one of those men.

You may read more on my Web Site: www.AndrewNewington-Bridges4MHK.IM
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I also hope that we can meet before September.