

About Me

I am a proud Manxman with a passion for the well-being of the Isle of Man and its residents, whether they are Manx born or have chosen to move to the Island and have settled here.

I was brought up in Port St Mary before moving to Ballasalla 24 years ago where I now live with my wife Jacqui and two children Andrew 15 and Ben 12 who attended Ballasalla School and now Castle Rushen High school.

I have, over the past 5 years, a proven track record as an effective Independent member of Tynwald not affiliated to any political party. Over this period I have been fully committed in representing the people of Malew & Santon and the people of the Isle of Man.

I pledge to fight for the interests of constituents and would always respond when you need assistance.

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823370 or
email: graham.cregeen.mhk@manx.net

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In an effort to be environmentally friendly, one manifesto has been sent to each family. If you would like additional copies, please do let me know.

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- Diverse and Strong Economy
- Accountable and Open Government
- Active Environmental Policies
- A Fairer Society



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Dear Voter

At the last Election, some five years ago, the Electorate of Malew & Santon did me the great honour of electing me as their representative in Tynwald. I committed to do in 2006 to be a full time MHK and not fit personal business commitments or directorships round Government responsibilities, I will continue that undertaking to give 100% commitment to the people of Malew and Santon.

During this time I have served a number of Departments namely:

- **Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry**
- **Tourism & Leisure**
- **Education**
- **Infrastructure**

Currently, I am the political member for Local Government and Operations Division within Infrastructure.

My involvement with these Departments has provided me with a wide knowledge and insight into the workings of Government whilst enabling me to promote and protect the best interests of the people of Malew & Santon.

The Isle of Man is not immune to the present turbulence in the world financial market or the world political and social unrest. It will need persons with experience and expertise to guide the Isle of Man through the present, and future, unsettled times, attributes which I have ably demonstrated over the last few years.

Bearing in mind that Malew & Santon has only one representative in Tynwald, I know how important it is that your views, hopes, and aspirations are clearly understood and acted upon.

National Issues

Accountable and Open Government

As your MHK I have been vocal in expressing constituents concerns over: Hospital waiting lists, a direct bus service to the Hospital and the condition of the roads. I have successfully moved Select Committees to investigate the Poachers Pocket and a review into the planning system, Crossag Farm and the TV licence fee.

Previous Governments have enjoyed the luxury of a strong public finance which is now seriously undermined by the recent V.A.T. Agreement with the United Kingdom Government. Any further threat for zero-10 taxation must be vigorously defended as it may well cost thousands of jobs.

The new Government will have to review, as a priority, the scope and structure of government ensuring the cutting of unnecessary waste. New efficiencies, more accountability and transparency should be a priority for the new Government.

Past reliance on the farming/fishing/tourism industries; and latterly the financial related businesses, must be augmented by fresh revenue-generating schemes. I have been a great exponent of the medical device sector and feel this area should be further explored as medicine is always an area of growth, and would be ideally situated at Ronaldsway. This would secure job opportunities in the South of the Island.

Future growth of the Isle of Man economy could well be dependent on affordable transport and energy costs. I am the Chairman of a newly formed Travel Consultative Group which I hope will give travellers a greater voice in the services which are provided to travellers.

Holding Government to Account

As a member of the Public Accounts Committee I have assisted in investigations into IRIS, Treasury purchase of Euros for the Airport and budgets.

Since being elected, I have learnt a lot and have tried to identify areas of poor value for money and waste within Government. I brought forward and worked on a committee to look at Government properties and maintenance, as a result it is estimated to make savings in the region of £8 million. Through working in Departments of Government I have always strived to ensure we get value for money on any projects and continue to challenge costs and benefits of projects.

I will continue to support the introduction of the Freedom of Information Bill as a priority of new Government.

Housing

I would encourage a 'buy to build' scheme on Government land that would give the opportunity for Manx residents to own their own home with the option to purchase the freehold of the land at a later date - thus making homeownership more affordable.

Education

I believe it is vitally important that our students are supported at university and would fight any moves to cut funding of tuition fees.

Health

The Health Service should be a priority. I believe an urgent review must be undertaken into the management structure and governance of our health care. I continue to hear stories of over management, poor communication with off-Island appointments and unnecessary expenditure, this review must be undertaken to ensure the long term future of our frontline services.

Hyperbaric Chamber

The Hyperbaric Chamber provides a wonderful service to the people of the Island, and I was pleased earlier this year to agree a 50% increase in their funding from the Department of Infrastructure.

I advised the Department of Social Security to cross reference child benefit claims with the School records to ensure that this benefit is only helping families on the Island and not those who no longer live here.



Environment

We should continue to encourage the use of renewable energy, I believe we should be looking to utilise wave power as it is a more reliable source of energy. I am working with Zero Waste Man, Friends of the Earth and the Construction and Manufacturing Industry to bring forward a waste disposal policy for the Island, I hope this will be able to be brought to Tynwald for approval next year.

Pensions

Manx pensioners have a higher cost of living than those in the UK. If re-elected I will continue to try and ensure that they keep pace with inflation. The question of MHK's pensions has been raised. I support MHKs contributing towards their pensions. The previous scheme where members would receive a pension after two terms has not applied for many years.

Local Issues

I have been involved in a number of local organisations:

- **Chairman of the Ballasalla Community Partnership**
- **Malew Football Club Youth football coach**
- **Southern Swimming club assistant coach**
- **Port St Mary Lifeboat**

Community

As Chairman of the Ballasalla Community Partnership, I co-ordinated several Government and charitable organisations in the opening of community facilities at Clagh Vane, Ballasalla; well used by both younger and older residents as well as many other organisations. Although now closed due to redevelopment of the site, it has clearly demonstrated the future need for a community building for these purposes and work is progressing to achieve this aim. I was also instrumental in acquiring land for Santon Commissioners for a play area at Newtown.

Southern Area Plan

I have been involved in the consultation of the Area Plan for the South of the Island. I was concerned that Santon was not include in the Area Plan and I am conscious of what may lie ahead with Santon being included in the Eastern Plan. Since 2008 I have been working closely with your Parish Commissioners and other interested local organisations; making submissions to the relevant Government Departments. An Inquiry which will define land usage in Malew will be held in October 2011. A By-pass for Ballasalla is essential if any future development in the South of the Island is to go ahead. It must be a priority that infrastructure is put in place before Development of housing.

Polling Stations:

Polling District 1: Santon

Santon Old School, School Lane, Castletown Road, Santon
Open: 8.00am to 8.00pm

Polling District 2: North Malew

St Mark's Old School Room, St Marks
Open: 8.00am to 8.00pm

Polling District 3: South Malew (COUNT)

Ballasalla Village Hall, Ballasalla
Open: 8.00am to 8.00pm

**Please remember on
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*for a full-time independent
representative who will fight
for your interests.....*



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