

House of Keys General Election

Thursday 29th September 2011

JOHN SKINNER

Constituency of Douglas West



Dear Voter

For those within the constituency who do not know me I am John Skinner, a retired fire officer and I intend to stand in the forthcoming general election as candidate in the constituency of Douglas West.

I was born and grew up in West Douglas where I have lived all my life. Married to Gill with two grown-up children and two step-daughters, I have been in public service for nearly 40 years having served in the Isle of Man Fire and Rescue for 30 years and for the past nine as a member of the Island's Planning Committee during which time I was also a member of the Health Services Consultative Committee for 3 years.

Whilst considering whether to stand for election I have been heartened by the number of local people who have approached me offering support.

Walking and talking with people in the area - Gill and I are familiar figures when walking our collie dog Megan - it seems that people are very obviously concerned about the Island's economy and its effect on themselves and essential services. Education and health have to be the cornerstone of any government. We have a fine health service and an excellent education system and we cannot afford to compromise in either of these areas.

I am looking forward to meeting those residents within the constituency that I do not already know, and of course those I do, to discuss the issues and what you feel is important.

I would urge you to make certain that you are registered to vote as it is now more than ever important to cast it to ensure we get a sound and communicative government.

Finally a sincere Thank You for taking the time to read this letter, I will of course be sending out my manifesto prior to Polling Day which will be 29th September.

Yours sincerely,

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