

VOTE

COLIN LEATHER

FOR CASTLETOWN

**HONESTY & FAIRNESS
FOR THE WHOLE
COMMUNITY**



Dear Voter

I have decided to seek re-election to the town commissioners so that I can continue my public service to you and the town utilising my experience as the towns longest serving commissioner continuing the commitment over many years where I have worked tirelessly on your behalf.

I hope that you feel able to support me by voting for me, it has been and will continue to be a great honour and a privilege to represent you and your family for a further term
Thank you

As a member of the Commissioners have been proud to be Chairman on 6 occasions. I am passionate about Castletown so I am very much active in the community undertaking voluntary within the Town.

I am Secretary of the Castletown Festival Committee, Chairman of the Castletown Scout and Guide HQ management Committee and a longtime volunteer at the Southern 100 Road Races, Past Chairman of Castletown Traders Association and a member of Castletown's Christmas Committee. I set out in this my Manifesto some of the issues which I believe are important to us all.

Colin Leather MBE

I'm always available to chat:

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If anyone requires any assistance to get to the polling station, please get in touch and I will assist where possible.

**Election Day:
24TH APRIL 2025
8AM - 8PM**

Polling Place - Castletown Town Hall

FINANCE & INVESTMENT

I am sure that you would like to know that your Rates money is being managed properly and I am pleased to tell you that the Commissioners Accounts will finish the financial year with a surplus and the reserve account will be at the level that the Government requires I will always support financial prudence.

I have always welcomed and supported new businesses and will continue to do so to provide employment and create a Vibrant Town.

HOUSING

I'm proud to have supported the £17.5m redevelopment at School Hill, which is delivering much-needed public housing, first-time buyer homes, and properties for sale. I successfully pushed for an access road to serve residents during the S100 races, now included in the plans. I will press for a similar redevelopment at Farrant's Park and continue supporting the construction of new homes at Victoria Road, where delays in the final phase must be urgently resolved. To secure housing for future generations, I will urge Government to complete the Castletown Housing Land Review and explore public-private partnerships to increase affordable homes for purchase or rent.

SOUTHERN SWIMMING POOL / CRHS

It's vital we retain a publicly funded Southern Swimming Pool on the Castle Rushen High School site. I supported increased Commissioner funding that prevented its closure and back the introduction of an all-island leisure rate to help fund a new pool alongside the new school. It's unfair that areas like Douglas, Braddan, Onchan, and Garff contribute nothing towards the NSC. If re-elected, I'll continue to support a new pool and the much-needed replacement of CRHS.

THE PEGGY

Like many I am concerned that The Peggy has been away from its home here in Castletown for far too long. Government should finance MNH properly and the trustees should allocate more of its funds to achieve its aim of bringing a world class Museum to Castletown. I will continue to press for its early return to the Nautical Museum.

PARKING

Parking in the Square has been partly addressed with Minister Heywood's approval to close it during the summer, with winter use now left to Commissioners to decide. I support, and will continue to support, plans to demolish the Fire Station and create up to 70 new spaces by combining it with Chapel Lane car park—just minutes from the town centre.

POULSOM PARK & THE SQUARE

A proposed vision for regenerating Poulson Park should be on display at the Civic Centre for your feedback. I fully support upgrading the park, including new toilets, a car park, improved play equipment, and a better skateboard area. Likewise, I'm proud to have initiated the transformation of The Square into a vibrant social space at the heart of our town—now a popular spot for meeting friends, enjoying refreshments, and watching events on the big screen. It's a valued community hub that supports wellbeing and is attracting visitors and investment into Castletown.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & DOG FOULING

Vandalism in the town is becoming a serious issue. I will support stronger anti-vandal measures, including upgraded public facilities, and encourage more evening police patrols. While most dog owners are responsible, dog fouling remains a problem. I'll back any reasonable steps to help reduce it further.