

Castletown Local Authority Elections 24 April 2025.

Dear Constituents,

My name is **Carol Quine**, Manx born and always lived in Castletown. My three daughters all attended Victoria Road Primary and Castle Rushen High School, as did I.

I have in the past been a Castletown Commissioner. Witnessing what has happened to our Town over the past few years has prompted me again to stand for election in the upcoming Local Authority Elections. I am on the ballot paper knowing how difficult it can be to implement change, but I truly believe we can make our Town much better for residents, local businesses and visitors.

I am a Vice President of the Castletown and District Over 60's Club who hold regular events throughout the year for the wider community of all ages.

Since its inception in 2012, I have been the Chairman of the Friends of Castletown Railway Station who help to promote the steam railway, maintain and preserve the Victorian look and feel of the station and hold regular fundraising events. Last year we were successful in reinstating the historical advert hoarding at the station with financial assistance from Culture Vannin. We also celebrated the 150th anniversary of the station building by holding an evening event and installing a blue plaque most generously provided by Castletown Heritage.

I support Castletown Metropolitan Football Club and I'm currently their minutes secretary and a committee member, helping where I can. The club would welcome new members to join the committee in whatever capacity, there's always a warm welcome. They are currently formalising the timetable of events for the early May bank holiday weekend to celebrate the club's 75 year history this year.

Castletown has seen quite a few changes implemented over the last 5 years and, whether we like it or not, the internet has taken over the way we shop, world-wide, not just in Castletown.

I will continue to be an advocate of a public open space in Castletown Square and the now regular markets and events. I support the new road closure order for the Square (closed for parking in the Summer, open in the Winter) but I would like to see the road and pavement furniture (barriers, seating, planters, bins etc) more in keeping with the historic surroundings and certainly not coloured plastic blocks.

I will work closely with the Director of Manx National Heritage to better promote the magnificent built and cultural heritage we have in Castletown. Firstly concentrating on making Castle Rushen, the Old Grammar School, Old House of Keys and the Nautical Museum more accessible all year round and the Town promoting itself as a must visit destination for the rising number of cruise ship visitors, tourists and Manx residents. Designated parking bays for coaches are essential for when Cruise Ships visit our Island.

I would like an annual two day music festival to be hosted in Castletown Square during the Summer with the support of third party agencies. Having never been a lead organiser for a big event before, this was daunting but was something I had always wanted to do and Castletown Square is the perfect location. Highlighting and promoting local talent for residents and visitors to enjoy was the original drive behind this immense and very successful event which I did with the support of a great team for two years running.

Further areas of interest to me include:

- Castletown beach and its environs;
- Building a better relationship with DOI Ports and Harbours division;
- Promoting Ballalough Reedbeds nature reserve and its Biosphere status;
- Lobbying central Government for Local Authority and Rates Reform;
- Improving community engagement;
- Ensuring Castletown Commissioners deliver for their ratepayers;
- an active drive on littering and dog fouling;
- Updating and improving CCTV coverage;
- Greater action from the police on anti-social behaviour.

Election Day is 24th April 2025, 8am to 8pm. Have your voice heard and have every pound of your rates better used.

Please vote for **Carol Quine X**. With your support I will strive to work for the benefit of Castletown and all of its residents.

Let's make our Town great again, it's all about community and Castletown is ours.

Anyone requiring a printed copy of this statement or wishing to ask any questions please get in touch by telephoning 368350 or email Mankscarol@manx.net

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