

## AREAS OF INTEREST TO ME

### FAIR AND ACCESSIBLE CAR PARKING

- ✓ Review parking availability to ensure fair access for all
- ✓ Explore enforcement of parking rules
- ✓ Be solution focused to balance needs for visitors and locals

### TACKLING DOG FOULING

- ✓ Increase number of waste bins and ensure regular emptying
- ✓ Enforce fines

### SUPPORTING LOCAL SHOPS

- ✓ Promote initiatives to attract and support local businesses
- ✓ Encourage events to increase footfall into the town
- ✓ Listen to shop owners to understand their needs and concerns

### IMPROVING STREET CLEANING

- ✓ Advocate for frequent street cleaning
- ✓ Investigate better maintenance of public spaces
- ✓ Work with the community to encourage pride in our town

### RESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF PUBLIC MONIES

- ✓ Develop openness of local spending
- ✓ Promote transparency for local spending
- ✓ Encourage accountability of local spending

## HUSTINGS 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2025 – CIVIC CENTRE

I look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions alongside my other candidates

## ELECTION DAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 – CIVIC CENTRE

Voting is open 8AM – 8PM

If you require assistance in attending please contact me on 07624 430095

## A BETTER CASTLETOWN FOR EVERYONE

## VOTE FOR LAURENCE WATTERSON



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## DEAR VOTER

I have decided to stand for the forthcoming local election on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - I hope I can count on your support.

I have lived in Castletown with my wife for over 45 years and we raised our two children in Castletown. During this time, I have held positions in Scouts and Castletown Hockey Club. I have supported local groups including CADS, Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band and the Castletown Festival. I have seen the town grow and change over this time.

With the loss of family owned shops, our main streets have lost some of the community feel. The current traders need our support in this changing economic world we live in.

The Board will need to listen and be more engaging with all traders or we could find we have little to offer residents and visitors alike.

The town has suffered from a spate of anti-social behavior. Currently, the town has limited CCTV and minimal police presence - we need to increase the CCTV areas around the town to safeguard our community further.

The town is still suffering from unaddressed dog fouling issues. This is a minority who have failed to act responsibly. The Board have the byelaws in place to deal with this, we must therefore ensure these are enforced when appropriate.

Blue badge parking requires addressing, the spaces provided need to be suitable for all holders alike. As an example, the three spaces on the parade are not suitable for wheelchair users, there needs to be more joined up thinking.

The town looks tired outside of the confines of the square, the Board should investigate whether there are any government schemes that could be utilized either publicly or privately.

I would like to see the children's play areas maintained and developed which would provide safe environments for the children to play in. A 'pipe dream' would be the development of Poulson Park with a café and wet play area. This obviously would be a significant financial outlay, beyond the resource of the Board.

Our best advertisement for encouraging new traders to our once thriving town is word of mouth from our current traders, so again the Board will have to listen and act with the best interest for the town.

We do have events which sees the community and visitors out in force. I would encourage organizations to come forward and to think of an event and I'm sure the Board would listen and support where possible.

At this moment in time we await the opening of 'The Earl of Derby' boutique hotel with a cafe and wine bar; a great addition to the amenities available within the town.

I would like to see more first time buyers housing and social housing provided within our boundaries. To achieve this, it would require land within the town being re-zoned for development. I believe this goes hand in hand with making the town attractive to new businesses and our current traders being helped.