

## Beth Cannan

For those who may not know me, I am Elsebeth Cannan—though many of you know me simply as Beth. I have lived most of my life in Castletown. My mum, Winnie Horton, has called Castletown home for over 56 years and my dad Stan Horton was well known in the town until his passing in 2015.

I have been happily married to Mick Cannan for over 32 years. We have a daughter, Emma who also lives in Castletown, and a beautiful 5-year-old granddaughter who fills our lives with joy.

I was educated at Victoria Road School, followed by Castle Rushen High School. I then completed a two-year course at University College Isle of Man. And for nearly 26 years, I worked at Castle Rushen High School in the Special Provision Unit, supporting students with a wide range of learning disabilities.

I have also had the privilege of serving a term as a Castletown Town Commissioner, and I'm excited to run for re-election, with a renewed passion to continue working for our community.

### What Matters To Me

- I am deeply committed to Castletown and take pride in being involved in its growth and community spirit. I have put my political career on the line for Castletown by pedestrianising the square and I know a lot of you have enjoyed using it as a community space. Here are just a few more of the things I care about:
- **Balley Cashtal Markets:** As a member of the committee for the summer markets in Castletown Square, I believe they are a fantastic way to showcase our local crafters. We aim to offer a diverse range of stalls, and the success of these markets proves how important it is to draw people into our town. Visitors come for the market and then explore what else Castletown has to offer—from local shops to local cafes and local sites.
- **Community Celebrations and Events:** I am a strong advocate of promoting events in our town, helping to make Castletown a place that thrives. The pedestrianisation of the square has opened new opportunities for exciting events. We have hosted ladies' football, rugby matches, the King's Coronation celebration, the cycle event, the S100 fan park, and the TT on the big screen, just to name a few. These events have brought our community together and highlighted the vibrancy of Castletown.

- **School Hill Development:** Although it hasn't been without its issues, it is encouraging to see the progress being made with the School Hill Development, and I am excited that we're about to enter the second phase. This development will help meet the housing needs of our community and contribute to a thriving, sustainable Castletown.
- **Supporting Young People:** Castletown is a fantastic place to grow up, and it is important we make it a place where our young people want to stay. Our children are the future of our town, and we must encourage them to develop a strong community spirit and become valued citizens. The youth club on Arbory Street is doing wonderful work, but I believe we can do more to support our young people. Are there more ways we can help them feel a deeper connection to their community? A key part of this is providing better and more affordable housing options, making it easier for our youth to establish themselves here as they grow into adulthood.
- **Play Parks and Inclusivity:** While it is exciting to see that new play equipment is being installed at the Bowling Green, we also need to turn our attention to Poulson Park. I believe we need a clear plan for its development—one that includes play equipment for children with disabilities. It is important to make our play areas inclusive and accessible, so all children, regardless of ability, can enjoy the same opportunities for fun and exploration. I also think that toilets are a necessity wherever children are playing.
- **Public Toilets and Accessibility:** I strongly believe that our public toilets should be accessible to everyone. Introducing a Changing Places facility in our town would be a significant step toward creating a truly inclusive community. This facility would empower individuals who need additional support to participate fully in everyday life—something many of us take for granted. Everyone deserves access to safe, comfortable, and dignified toilet facilities, and this initiative would make a real difference for those who need it most. A standalone, 24-hour accessible toilet block could

provide the flexibility and convenience required to ensure no one is excluded.

- **Visitors:** Castletown is a popular destination in the summer, attracting numerous visitors. Thanks to the dedication of the Commissioners' team, our town boasts stunning floral displays, and we are proud of our rich heritage sites. To ensure our visitors have the best experience, it's essential that we make them feel welcome, allowing them to fully enjoy all that Castletown has to offer and appreciate the town's finest qualities. I am still of the opinion that we need improved signage around the town, this would help guide visitors more easily and enhance their overall experience.
- **Parking:** There is a common perception that our town has a shortage of parking spaces, particularly for disabled parking. However, as a Blue Badge holder myself, I have always been able to find a space when needed. While it's important to ensure adequate parking for everyone, my personal experience suggests that availability may not be as limited as some believe.
- **Community:** We have a great community spirit in Castletown, one that I've personally experienced more than once. It is something we must nurture and continue to build upon to keep our town alive and vibrant for future generations. I believe in a Castletown that is not just a place to live, but a place to enjoy, celebrate, and grow. With your support, I look forward to continuing my work as a Castletown Town Commissioner and helping to shape a bright future for our town.
- **Thank you for considering me. But no matter who you vote for, please make sure you vote—our town is our future.**

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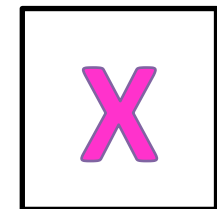
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Hello and thank you for taking the time to read this manifesto. I am grateful for the opportunity to introduce myself and share the reasons why am asking for your support.

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