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#	Subject	Comment
1	<u>Publication of a 'Castletown Visitors Guide':</u> The Castletown Town Commissioners have produced, and today published a 'Castletown Visitors Guide' titled 'Exploring the heritage of Castletown'. The booklet is an A5 size booklet, which is available from the Town Hall and, will be distributed to businesses and venues around the town, including in the new MNH Centre in The Market Square, and other appropriate venues. The booklet is available free of charge The Visitors Guide provides a walking route around the town and gives the reader a brief insight into Castletown, highlighting some of our important history and, historic buildings and town features, as well as some of the surrounding buildings of note that surround Castletown. The Guide provides a street map of the centre of the Town and other general visitor information. The booklet will be a valuable assistant to visitors to our ancient Capital of Mann – Castletown I would like to place on record the Commissioners appreciation to Mr Charles Guard and Ms. Helen Leigh for compiling the Visitors Guide booklet for the Commissioners.	
2	<u>Union Lane – Handrail:</u> The Commissioners are pleased to have recently received planning approval for the installation of a handrail along the Union Lane to assist people walking through the lane during windy weather. We hope it will be of assistance to many people and will reduce accidents where previously people being blown over by the wind. We intend to have the handrail installed in the next few months.	
3	<u>Poulsom Park – 130th Anniversary event:</u> On the afternoon of 28th June 2026, the Commissioners and the community celebrated the 130th Anniversary of the opening of Poulsom Park gifted to the town in 1896 by Lady Poulsom. The weather was kind and the attendees enjoyed music from the Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band, who led myself, other Commissioners and, members of our community from the entrance gates at the park along the park to commemorate the original procession that took place in June 1896. There was Manx dancing from Perree Bane and the planting by children and residents of the Town, of 4 new trees within the park, which will have plaques placed at their base to mark the occasion. I would like to thank everyone who assisted, along with the many organisations who participated in making the event, and the associated event held at the Castletown Station, such an enjoyable and success event. Finally, I would thank the Commissioners Leisure Committee, along with our staff, for all the organising and preparations for the event.	
4	<u>Tynwald Day Ceremony 2026:</u> Once again, I was honoured to represent Castletown as the Chairman of the Castletown Town Commissioners taking part in the Tynwald Ceremony and sitting on The Hill at St Johns whilst this unique Manx historic event took place.	
5	<u>Southern 100 & Fan Zone:</u> This week is the week of the Southern 100 Road Races, and the Commissioners are delighted to have worked with the Southern 100 committee in supporting this important Castletown event, which attracts many visitors to our shores. The Commissioners have been pleased that in conjunction	

	with the Southern 100, with Government support, we have again secured the Fan Zone which is held in The Market Square during Southern 100 week. It was wonderful to see lots of people enjoying the Fan Zone and its attractions last night and again during today. I would congratulate the Southern 100 volunteers for continuing to do the fantastic job they do each year, which provides fantastic racing and attracts many people to Castletown during the week. I am pleased to have been invited by the Southern 100 to attend their races as a guest , representing the Town at the races on Thursday afternoon.	
6	<u>World Tin Bath Championships:</u> On Saturday 3rd July we again enjoyed the wonderful and fun event of the World Tin Bath Championships, which took place in Castletown harbour, being a unique event that provides a fun afternoon for people and importantly raises substantial funds for local charities. May I on behalf of the Commissioners thank the CADS and all their volunteers, and those who enter for all they do each year.	
7	<u>Residents Wheelie Bin Store – The Crofts:</u> The Commissioners have recently submitted a planning application for the creation of a Bin Store at the end of The Crofts at the Malew Street junction. The Commissioners directly consulted with a number of residents in the area who reside close to the area, and I would thank them for their helpful responses. The Bin Store will enhance the area storing the wheelie bins we provide to residents, who have no rear space at their properties to store their bins and who presently have to leave them on the pavement area at the end of The Crofts. The scheme will provide an appropriate storage area and enhance the appearance of this area of The Crofts, which is within the Towns Conservation area.	
8	<u>Castletown Town Commissioners Website – upgrade</u> The Commissioners have relaunched their official website making it easier to follow. There is still work to be undertaken to complete the new look website. We intend to keep it up to date.	

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