

Questions for you to consider

- Our natural Energy Fuel sources are rapidly diminishing and will become even more expensive. We also have a commitment to do our share in reducing carbon emissions in line with the Kyoto Agreement by 2012. Suggestions such as onshore and offshore wind farms have been made.

What alternative energy sources do you think the Isle of Man should consider? Solar, tidal, wind?

How do you feel about something like that in our area?

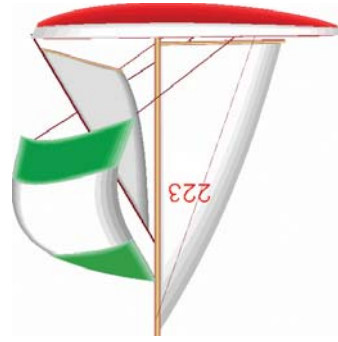
- Our economy has been very successful in recent years and despite a small slowing down is still the envy of many countries throughout the world.

How can Ramsey enjoy equal prosperity with other parts of the Isle of Man?

What commercial activity are we prepared to accept? How can we create the right conditions to attract investment?

- Design Fees for 2007/08 have been confirmed by the Department of Transport for a Tidal Marina in Ramsey.

What do you think about this proposal? Can we afford to say no a second time?



- As predicted levels of waste are rising at 3 - 4% per year and the Energy from Waste Plant will be running at full capacity in 4 - 5 years time. Landfill is not an acceptable alternative and we need to re-cycle more in the future to keep waste levels down.

Are you prepared to do kerbside re-cycling and commit to a cleaner, safer environment for future generations?

- Ramsey and the North needs a Civic Amenity Centre similar to those in the West and South. These do not handle wheelie bin rubbish but unwanted items and garden refuse. Do you think this should be situated in close proximity to the largest numbers of users or further away from town which would mean transporting the waste and re-cyclables by vehicle and contributing further to environmental pollution?

- The Select Committee investigating the future of the Queen's Pier is due to report back to the May Tynwald sitting.

What are your feelings about the Pier? Should it be retained or demolished? What amount should we be prepared to spend to re-furbish the Pier? Do you consider that it is an Island facility?

If you feel strongly about the future of the Pier why not let me and other Tynwald Members know before the decision is made. All names and addresses of Tynwald Members are on Page 45 of the Telephone Directory and I urge you to make your views known.

A letter from Anne Craine



May 2006

Dear Constituents,

It is now three years since I was first elected to serve you as a Member of the House of Keys for Ramsey. It has been an honour

and a privilege to do so. I am now writing to each household to let you know that following approaches from many of you I have decided to offer myself for re-election in November. I know that you have questions, not only about the future of Ramsey, but also about the direction of the Island. I hope in this letter to put a few thoughts to you for consideration and discussion. You also have questions about the role of an MHK and I hope to give you some idea of what my work entails and how that benefits you, Ramsey and our Island.

Apart from being your MHK I am proud to be a member of our community and enjoy involving myself with many of the organisations and activities that are the lifeblood of Ramsey. I try to contribute by organising Ramsey National Week which draws community members, charities and organisations together to celebrate our heritage and identity. This involvement has enabled me to get to know many of you so much better as well as sharing in the enjoyment that working together as a community brings.

What does an MHK do?

The working life of an MHK is busy and varied and as an illustration I picked out a typical week from my recent diary to demonstrate the commitment I make to you, our town and the Island.

Week commencing 13th March

Monday :	Morning : Select Committee on Cheshire Constabulary
	Afternoon : Standing Committee on Expenditure and Public Accounts
	Evening : Commonwealth Day Dinner
Tuesday :	Morning : Sitting of the House of Keys - Question Time
	Lunchtime : AGM of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
	Afternoon : Sitting of the House of Keys -
	Evening : Attend North Northern Neighbours committee meeting
Wednesday :	Morning : Constituency Work
	Lunchtime : Presentation by Dept of Transport on Ronaldsway Extension
	Afternoon : Time set aside for House of Keys Sitting not required - I work on Health Services Division instead
	Evening : Attend the public session of Ramsey Town Commissioners monthly meeting
Thursday :	All Day : Constituency visits and Meetings
Friday :	Morning : Department of Health and Social Security Meeting
	Afternoon : Constitutional and External Relations Committee Meeting
	Evening : Young Farmers Concert
Saturday :	Morning : Coffee Morning
	Afternoon : Ramsey Horticultural Show
Sunday :	Morning : Reading in preparation for Meetings and Sitings during the following week.
	Evening : Clearance of correspondence and e mails

One of the most rewarding parts of my role as your MHK is being able to help with people's problems and for that to happen I do my best to make myself available to you.

I can be contacted on 813104 and if I am out would ask that you leave a message on the answer phone so that I can ring you back. Alternatively send me an e-mail at anne.craigne@gov.im

I can always come and see you in your home if you wish to discuss matters privately. Following an election pledge I re-established Political Surgeries in the Town Hall on the second Saturday of each month 10am - 12 noon and you are welcome to come along to see me there.

What responsibilities have you held since you have been elected?

Member of Department for Local Government and the Environment with responsibility for Estates and Housing (2003 to date)

Member of Department of Trade and Industry with responsibility for Training and the introduction of the Employment Bill (2004/2005)

Member of Department for Health and Social Security with responsibility for Health (2005 to date)

Member of the Standing Committee on Expenditure and Public Accounts (2004 to date)

Member of the Standing Committee on Economic Initiatives (2004 to date)

Select Committee on Petition of Phillip John Kermode (2004)

Select Committee on Petition of John Maddrell (2004)

Select Committee on Petition of Wendy & David Megson (2004 to date)

Select Committee on Petition of Moorhouse Farm Limited (2005)

Select Committee on Cheshire Constabulary (2005 to date)

Member of the Energy Policy Committee

Member of the Overseas Aid Committee

Member of the Constitutional and External Relations Committee

What have you achieved?

I am pleased that in the time since my election we have been able to put the future of Ramsey and District Cottage Hospital on a financially secure footing. There have been many significant developments achieved through existing resources but also with the generous support of the League of Friends and the Trustees of Ramsey and District Cottage Hospital. Our hospital is an exceptional facility which would be the envy of health services across Britain. Continuing the development of services locally instead of centrally, where it is possible and safe to do so is the way forward for the hospital.

I have been a member of the Department of Trade and Industry and a member of the Department of Local Government and the Environment with responsibility for Estates and Housing since I was elected. I have pressed for and have been successful in influencing considerable investment in Ramsey and I am pleased to report a commitment to Ramsey in excess of £50 million over the next five to seven years some of which I list below:-

Shipyard refurbishment	£1.0m
Swimming Pool	£5.8m
Public Sector Housing - Lezayre Housing Estate	£23.0m
Ballure Road Apartments	£2.2m
Faie Wyllin Apartments	£1.0m
Cooyt Balleigh	£1.7m
Kerrooglass	£2.0m
Elderly Persons Accommodation - Clifton Park	£2.4m
Albert Road	£4.3m
First Time Buyer Grants for developments at - Queens Hotel site	£1.2m
Ornly Fields	£1.1m
Clifton Park	£1.0m
Planned Maintenance	£3.8m

In addition I have been instrumental in the installation of a central heating programme into all Public Sector Housing across the island. No more having to light fires to heat water and no more air pollution from chimneys contributing to poor health!

Following the completion of Auldyn School, I am pleased that we will soon be seeing the replacement of the Medway Block at Ramsey Grammar School and the creation of the new Albert Road School which is now under design.

The forgotten north? - not whilst I'm involved!

I have a vision for the future of Ramsey which I look forward to sharing with you in my manifesto later in the year. We can achieve a brighter future for our community in Ramsey by working together. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you.

Yours sincerely,



Anne Craigne MHK

