

# NORTH DOUGLAS ELECTION NEWS



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## Important notice

Polling stations will now be open from 8am in the morning to 8pm in the evening - an extension of two hours in the morning to help make voting easier for people.

Your help would be greatly appreciated so if you would like to help please contact -

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# The work must go on!

*from your MHKs*

***Working for you and the Island in Tynwald, the House of Keys and through the media.***

***Representing you at all levels - individually and collectively.***

Dear Constituent

This is to let you know personally that both your MHKs fully intend to stand as electoral candidates for the constituency in the forthcoming General Election. We will call at everyone's home individually over the next few months.

As there are nearly 3500 addresses to visit we will be calling at some homes before tea and at weekends so please bear with us. If we do unfortunately call when you are not at home, we do apologise. However feel free to get in touch. John or Bill will be happy to call back at a convenient time for you.

This will be in addition to visiting constituents at their homes whenever required along with meeting them at our weekly surgeries. We are proud that our Thursday 'community drop in service' is the only one of its kind in the Island and as such, we alternate each week between daytime and evening sessions to try to ensure that there is a convenient time for everyone.

At both surgeries constituents can meet with their MHK to discuss problems or issues of concern. Daytime surgeries are held from 10am - 12pm at Willaston Methodist Church where it is also possible to meet with your local community Police Officers and Councillors who regularly attend. If applicable you can take advantage of paying your rent here as the Corporation provides this valuable service, which we successfully fought to retain. The ladies of the Church also run stalls every Thursday morning with many excellent items for sale in aid of Church funds. Evening surgeries are also proving to be popular; these are held

from offices attached next to Willaston Police Station between 6pm and 7pm.

Both John and Bill will be standing as independent candidates for the constituency and will be publishing separate manifestos. We work as a team for the constituency, but nationally we have our own policies. This has worked exceptionally well for the constituency and at a national level. However as many of you know, you can contact John or Bill on an individual and personal basis and your issue will be handled by that MHK confidentially.

If you think you will not be able to attend on Polling Day due to illness, disability or maybe off Island - please contact John or Bill and we will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements for you so that you will be able to have your votes cast or cast in your absence.

It is vitally important that you are registered to vote. Have your say! If you are unsure or just moved to the constituency please check with the Economics Division of the Treasury at Government Offices - ask for the Voting Office, Electoral Registration, they will be pleased to help and advise. The regulations have been changed so that a rolling voters register is now in place. This means that you can register to vote right up to mid September of this year. This is a fairer way especially for people who have recently moved to North Douglas.



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***Voting - there are two MHK seats allocated to North Douglas.***

***That means you have two votes on the day.***

***You can place two X's on your ballot paper.***

***Don't forget - please use your two votes to make them count.***