

Manifesto

I would like to introduce myself as a candidate for Castletown in the forthcoming House of Keys election to be held on **Thursday 29 September 2011**



My name is David Pownall and I live in Castletown, I have served in America, Germany, France, Scotland, Ireland, Cyprus, London, whilst in the forces, I was awarded the United Nations medal for services to peace in 1985 and also worked as an Airport Policeman on the Isle of Man.

In 1987 a few days after the Enniskillen bombing took place in Northern Ireland, the UK went into shock, I was serving as a musician in the Army based in Dover, our Bandmaster told us that Margaret Thatcher wanted to restage the remembrance service a week later, and that's what happened, the band flew out, the secretary of defence attended along with the Prime Minister, and my point is that I don't see Government figures standing up and putting the record straight anymore, they are afraid of losing their positions, let's get some backbone in to it.

I look around Castletown and it makes me sad to see very tired looking buildings, the Harbour is like a scrap yard in places, and our Ancient square is a car park.

I hear of new projects in Ramsey, Douglas, and look at Peel glowing now like a beacon of success with its new marina, but Castletown remains tired and forgotten, I'm sure some consultants have drawn up the usual regeneration plan! but where is it.

I have heard recently of skilled men from our Railway being treated like animals in a cattle yard and then sent out to pasture, it's time to look at things and change, we don't always need to jump when the UK request's, and I'm sure if we looked harder we could have found people on the Isle of Man to sort out the Pier in Ramsey and many more projects., I find it insulting that the Government think we need to call the UK Government every time we lose focus.

My Manifesto is to improve Castletown, a lock gate, a cinema, sports arena, I have also thought that another sheading could host the Chief Minister as it is clear that the role can take up a lot of an MHK's time, you have only to look around Castletown at the decay, and down hill slope it's on, business wise, and property in decline.

I have many more thoughts to add to my Manifesto it's not an easy mess to clear up, contact me with any of your ideas on 410275 or mail me dpownall@manx.net

Kind Regards David Pownall