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Dear Voters,

My Name Is David Fowler. I'm A Self - Employed Businessman And I Have Lived In The Vicinity Of Middle Constituency For Many Years. I Am Standing As Your Local Independent MHK Candidate In The Middle Constituency On Thursday 23rd September 2021. I'm From A Rural Background And Care Passionately About The Environment, Farming And Agriculture And Believe The Needs Of The Farmers Should Be Enthusiastically Met. Also We Need to Grow THE Economy By Seeking to Maximise Our Inward Investment From The Uk And Globally.



I Have Tenacious Grit, Determination, Passion And Energy To Get Your Voice Heard From Day One. My Main Objectives Are To: Make Sure Our Taxes Are Spent Efficiently, Continue To Provide High Quality Services Including: Health, Education, Police, Fire And Ambulance And Maintain Sustainable Growth. I Will Fight To Maintain A Low Tax Economy, Putting The Island's Economy Back On Track Due To The Covid 19 Crisis, A High Quality Health Service And Reduce The Budget Deficit, Whilst Maintaining The Manx Way Of Life Against The Outside Political Pressures And Interference.

Please Vote For Me And I Will Work Very Hard For The Benefit Of Middle And The Isle Of Man.

YOURS SINCERELY

David

Whilst Canvassing I Have Spoken To Many People But If I Have Missed Anyone And You Would Like To Talk, Please Give Me A Call And I Can Visit You At A Convenient Time, Also If You Need A Lift To The Polling Station Please Call To Arrange This. Or If You Would Like A Poster? Can You Help On Polling Day? Can You Spare Anytime To Help With Canvassing?

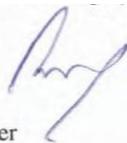
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Dear Voters,

I'm Bobby Sadler, and I have been in business running Sadler Agricultural for over 34 years. And I have known David Fowler for many years now and I support him, and believe he is the best candidate for Middle, as he is honest, trustworthy and is totally dedicated to improving the economy, environment and the lives of the people in the Isle of Man.

I highly recommend you vote for David Fowler.


Mr Robert W Sadler
Director



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MY PRIORITIES FOR THE ISLE OF MAN

- ❖ The Economy Has Suffered Some Setbacks Of Late Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need To Talk To As Many Companies In The UK And Globally As We Can In Order To Get As Much Inward Investment Into Our Economy As Growing Our Economy Is Vital As It Affects The Wellbeing Of Our Island.
- ❖ We Need To Protect The Horse Trams As They're A Vital Part Of Our Heritage And Tourism, The Horse Trams Should Run The Full 2 Miles Of The Promenade.
- ❖ National Wealth Creation And Full Employment.
- ❖ The Vigorous Defence Of Our National Interests And The Manx Way Of Life Against Unwelcome Outside Political Interference.
- ❖ Re-Balance The Public Finances By Creating Meaningful Efficiencies To Reduce Government Waste As This Should Lead To More Money Being Put To One Side To Bolster The Reserve Funds.
- ❖ To Promote Global Worldwide Investment.
- ❖ To Promote Our Unique Parliament, Tynwald, The Institution Which Defines The Isle Of Man, And Who's Legislative Independence Has Made Possible Our Unique Fiscal, Economic And Social Environment Within The British Isles.
- ❖ Low Internationally Competitive Rates Of Corporate And Personal Taxation. A Statutory Budget Surplus.
- ❖ No External Government Borrowing And The Building Up Of Reserve Funds.
- ❖ Sustain High Quality Public Services.
- ❖ Small Businesses Are The Backbone Of Our Economy And I Want To See The Introduction Of A Small Business Rate Relief.
- ❖ The Climate Change Bill Is A Step In The Right Direction But I Think We Need To Achieve The Net Zero CO2 Emissions A Lot Sooner Than 2050.
- ❖ Protect The Elderly, Vulnerable And Disabled, We Need To Look Again TO See If we Can Reinstate The Meals On Wheels Subsidy And Make Nursing Charges Fairer. More Crossings Are Needed For The Blind, Elderly And Disabled. IF Elected I will Do All I Can To Promote This.

TAXATION AND WELFARE

- ❖ It Is Paramount We Maintain Our Zero-10 Tax Regime, This Is What Gives Us The Internationally Approved Taxation Platform And The Reason The Financial Services Industry Locates Here In The First Place.
- ❖ Taxation And Welfare Systems Must Be Fully Integrated.
- ❖ A Fair Method Of Means Testing Benefits To Ensure The Most Vulnerable In Society Are Protected.
- ❖ It Is Vital That We Must Maintain A Low Tax Economy.
- ❖ We Must Spend Our Taxes More Efficiently As Raising Taxes Will Only Encourage Waste.
- ❖ We Must Do More To Encourage High Networth Individuals To Live Here.
- ❖ The Tax Cap Has Gone Up Too High Too Fast And Needs Looking At Again.
- ❖ Also We Should Be Looking At Creating A Two Tier Tax Cap To Encourage A Lot More Billionaires To Come To The Isle Of Man, As This Could Grow Our Economy And Be A Great Benefit To The Isle Of Man.



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ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- ❖ Promote Farming And Agriculture And Make Sure The Needs Of Farmers Are Enthusiastically Met. Promote High Standards Of Animal Welfare.
- ❖ Agricultural Grants Should Not Just Be Based On The Amount Of Land You've Got As There May Be Many Small Farmers In Need Of Extra Help.
- ❖ Push For A Naturally Grown Certification For The IOM, As Organic Certification Is Too Expensive For Small Producers, Support For Extra Marketing Of Quality Manx Produce E.g. Meat, Seafood, Dairy Etc.
- ❖ Manage The Forests For Biomass, Fuel And Leisure, Promote Wide Scale Recycling.
- ❖ Promote Island Wide Tree Planting To Help To Soak Up The Island's Co2 Footprint. The Government's Target Of Circa 80,000 Trees Is Pathetic, It Should Be Higher.
- ❖ Promote Cleantech Business Specialising In Low Carbon Tech And Renewable Energy.
- ❖ New Energy Projects Should Be Non-Reliant On Fossil Fuels.



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We Need To Look At Protecting The Ground Nesting Birds Such As The Corncrakes And Hen Harriers In The Currags As The Wallabies Are Preventing Them From Nesting, We Need To Give The MWT Help And Money In Order To Fix This Problem, As Our Rare Corncrakes May Die Out Without Our Help.

Protecting The Corncrakes And The Hen Harriers And Other Rare Birds, Animals And Plants Will Benefit The Isle Of Man's Economy Greatly Encouraging Ecotourism As People Will Flock Here To See Them.



CORNCRAKE

WATER

I Think We Should Introduce Water Metres To The Isle Of Man For Both Private And Council Houses As An Option To Encourage Water Conservation; This Would Also Lower Water Bills For Low Occupancy And Low Use Households.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Children Are Our Future So We Must Sustain The High Standard Of Education Here, Also Protect Frontline Teaching, Encourage More Apprenticeships, Help The Long-Term Unemployed Back To Work By Introducing Employers Incentives And Create A Steady Flow Of Jobs. Also Look To See If We Could Give Graduates Tax Breaks To Encourage Them To Come Back To Work On The Island.

HOUSING

- ❖ It Is Said That There Are Thousands Of Empty Houses On The Island So Great Caution Should Be Exercised Before Considering Any New Housing Projects. Also Green-Field Sites Should Not Be Built On, Instead Aim To Use Only Brown-Field Sites. All New Houses That Are Built Should Aim To Be As Carbon Neutral As Possible With High Levels Of Insulation, Solar Panels, Ground Source Heat Pumps And Re-Use Of Grey Water Etc.



Everyone on the island is entitled to a postal vote if you want one, please contact me or the returning officer for a form or go on the government website gov.im/elections

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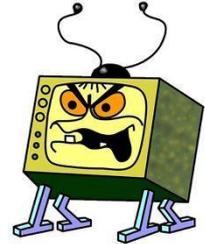
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PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS

- ❖ **Ensure That The Basic Pension Is Sufficient To Give A Fair Standard Of Living; Pensioners Should Be Given Assistance To Remain In Their Own Homes And Maintain Independent Flexible, Personal Care And Support Budget To Enhance Choices. They Should Be Given A Good System Of Support For Family Members Who Care For Dependent Relatives.**
- ❖ **We Must Tackle The Public Pension Crisis. There Should Be No Fixed Pension Age, People Should Be Given The Choice To Retire Earlier If They Want Or To Keep Working As Long As They Want. The Government Should Offer Tailor Made Pension Packages To Reflect This.**
- ❖ **New Entrants To The Civil Service Should Pay More Towards Their Pensions To Protect The NI Fund From Running Out Of Money.**

TV AND RADIO COVERAGE

- ❖ **The Isle Of Man Gets Poor Value For The Tv Licence Fee; We Must Press For More Refund Of The Fee To Fund More Media And Better Coverage. Also We Need To Ensure That The Over 75's Continue To Receive A Free TV Licence.**



OUR DEMOCRACY

- ❖ **I Strongly Believe That Members Of The Legislative Council Should Be Elected By The Public In A National Poll.**
- ❖ **We Need To Look At Removing Collective Responsibility As I Believe This Is Highly Undemocratic As Ministers End Up Having To Vote Against Their And The Constituents Beliefs Just To Keep Their Ministerial Position As The Public Have Voted Them In As Independent MHK's So We Need To Ensure That The Ministers Get A Free Vote On Each Issue.**



LOCAL ISSUES

- ❖ **Parts of the Middle constituency have very poor bus services areas such as Mount Rule, West Baldwin, East Baldwin Etc Don't Have Any Bus Service At All, At The Very Least We Need To Look At Extending The Dial A Ride Service To Cover These And Any Other Areas Where There's A Need As Surely There's Elderly And Vulnerable People In Need Of Some Kind Of Bus Service.**
- ❖ **There Are Some Issues With Speeding Traffic On Some Of The Roads In Middle. I Would Support More Pedestrian Crossings Where It's Dangerous For Pedestrians In The Community To Cross The Road Safely As This Would Slow Down The Traffic And Make It Easier And Safer For People To Cross The Road.**

EX - SERVICE PERSONNEL

- ❖ **We Must Remember Them And Seek To Support Their Needs As We Owe A Debt Of Gratitude To Those Who Have Helped Maintain Our Free Country And Democracy.**

ASYLUM SEEKERS

- ❖ **The UK Home Secretary Is Reportedly Considering Establishing A Processing Centre For Asylum Seekers On The Isle Of Man. At The Time The Manx Government Said It Hadn't Heard Of Such Plans And Assured The UK Would Not Be Able To Open A Processing Centre On The Island Without Consent. If I'm Elected And This Issue Arises I Will Firmly Vote Against An Asylum Seeker Processing Centre On The Island.**

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LAW AND ORDER

- ❖ The Isle Of Man Is Still One Of The Safest Places To Live And We Must Ensure This Continues By Providing Adequate Resources For This Vital Service And Make Sure It Runs Efficiently. We Must Make Sure Home Security Is A Priority To Prevent Burglaries And Crime. The Uk Has Introduced Id Control Before You Can Leave The Country, But We Don't Collect Any Data On People Coming To The Iom. We Need Advanced Passenger Information (api) Available To The Police And Law Enforcement Agencies To Aid In The Prevention And Detection Of Crime. I Believe That API Will Make The Island A Much Safer Place To Live. As At The Moment No-One Shows Any ID When They Come Here On The Ferry So Paedophiles And Drug Dealers Etc Can Come Here Undetected At The Moment, API Would Allow The Police Force Here To Know Who Exactly Is On The Island And Monitor And Track Suspicious People Here To Keep The Island A Safer Place So Its Paramount That API Comes In Sooner Rather Than Later.
- ❖ We Need To Make Sure That There's A System In Place To Prevent Unduly Lenient Sentences Given Out To Serious Criminals.
- ❖ Look At Developing A Formal Independent Police Complaints Commission.
- ❖ I Fully Support The Use Of ANPR Cameras As It's Only Fair That Everyone Should Pay The Road Tax So There's Enough Money To Keep The Roads Maintained.
- ❖ I Would Also Support Stiffer Penalties For Road Tax Evasion.



PUBLIC FINANCES

- ❖ There's Not Enough Time For The Public And Politicians To Give The Budget Proper Scrutiny Before It's Voted On. It Should Be Voted Through In Tranches.

HEALTH

- ❖ Health Is A High Priority As We Must Ensure That We Have On-Island Health Care And Expertise Whenever Possible, Reduce Waiting Lists And Ensure Sufficient Provision Of Nhs Dentistry As Well As Protecting The Frontline Staff And Services. We Need To Reduce The Dependence Of Expensive Locums And Bring In Specialists Over To The Island To Reduce The Number Of Elderly Patient Transfers.
- ❖ Invest In Our Mental Health Professionals And Support Networks.
- ❖ I Support The Development Of A Sexual Assault Referral Centre As Currently Rape Victims Have To Travel To The Uk.
- ❖ We Need To Look At Whether We Can Reinstate The Meals On Wheels Subsidy So Its Run As A High Quality Service By The Salvation Army Again, It Was Good Value For The Taxpayer, Cutting Of This Was A Step Too Far.



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GOVERNMENT WASTE

- ❖ I Am **NOT** In Favour Of Wholesale Privatisation But Believe We Should Corporatise Some Public Services Which Means The Government Working With Specialists In The Private Sector To Operate And Manage Public Facilities. Public Private Partnerships Are A Proven Way Of Providing Better Value For The Taxpayer.
- ❖ Significant Savings And Improved Productivity Can Be Delivered Through Simplifying The Bureaucratic Way In Which The Government Employs And Manages Staff.
- ❖ Also, Expanding Provision Of Online Services Can Create Savings.
- ❖ Reduce The Vast Cost Of External Consultants By Empowering Government Managerial And Technical Staff To Make Decisions.
- ❖ I Am Also Not In Favour Of A Wholesale Cull Of Civil Servants As This Would Just Translate Employment To Unemployment So This Must Be A Gradual, Well Thought-Out Transition Formed On Proper Business Goals.
- ❖ Efficiencies Don't Mean Cutbacks, It Just Means Running The Same services Better AT A Lower Cost.



HEMP / CANNABIS

I Want To See The Isle Of Man Growing Medical Cannabis Here Which Is Produced By The Female Plant As This Will Be A Great Boost To The Economy And Could Create 200 Or More Jobs In This Sector.

I Want To See Full Support For The Farmers, They Need To Be Granted A Licence To Grow Hemp Which Produces The Industrial Products Such As Hemp For Producing Rope And Clothing And Reinforcing Concrete Etc. The Male Seed Is Much Cheaper Than The Female Seed And Is Easier And Cheaper To Grow. The Seed And The Oil From The Seed Is Highly Nutritious, It's Considered To Be More Healthy Than Olive Oil So The Seed And The Oil Are Very Valuable. It Can Also Be Attributed To Producing More Than 25,000 Products. It's Also A Very Hardy Plant And Shouldn't Require Any Chemicals To Grow It. It Is Also A Very Good Pollinator For Bees And Other Beneficial Insects. [Hemp Absorbs Ten Tons Of Co2 Per Acre Per Year](#), Up to Quadruple The Amount Of A Forest, [Hemp Is The Climate Solution](#). It Has Been Scientifically Proven That Hemp Will Absorb More Carbon Dioxide Than Any Forest Or Commercial Crop. Hemp Produces A Large Amount Of Oxygen Because Of Its Plethora Of Leaves And Extremely Rapid Growth.



COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO COVID

The Biggest Danger And Challenge The IOM Faces Is Keeping Out The More Pernicious Strains That Are Resistant To The Vaccines. We Need To Make Sure We Have Very Stringent Watertight Monitoring Systems In Place To Prevent Any Outbreaks And Lockdowns On The Isle Of Man. I Believe If We Had These Systems In, In The First Place The Risks Of Any Outbreaks And Lockdowns Would Be Near Zero Which Would Have Led To Much Fewer Deaths And Much Less Financial Ruin.



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RATES REFORM

- ❖ I Don't Agree With Some MHK's Views Of Having A Banding System Where People With Medium And Larger Houses Could End Up Paying A Lot More Council Rates, Water Rates And Sewerage Charges Which Is An Unfair Burden As Their Bills Are High Enough Already. If Elected I Will Fight Very Hard To Stop This As It Would Be A **Very Unfair** Burden On The Rate Payers. I Do Not Want To See The Rate Payers Of Middle Burdened With A Mansion Tax. I Would Also Like To See Single Occupancy Households Being Granted A 25% Discount Off Their Rates. It Has Also Come To Light That The Government Plans To Spend £2 Million On A Rates Review, What A Waste Of Money! I Believe An All Island Rating System Would Be Detrimental To The Residents Of Middle And Will Not Support It.

AIRPORT

- ❖ In 2010 The Airport Director And The Infrastructure Minister Said That If It Was Run On Commercial Lines It Would Have A Cost Saving Of At Least £2million Per Year. If Elected I Will Push This Issue Hard To Get The Savings In Place.



CYCLING

- ❖ I Am A Keen Cyclist And Will Back Kate's Law Ensuring A Safe Gap Away From A Bicycle When A Vehicle Overtakes. Also All Cyclists Should Have The Minimum Of A High-Viz Vest In The Darker Half Of The Year. Also A Lot Of Glens Don't Have Facilities To Lock Your Bike This Needs Addressing. Also We Need To Look At Putting More Cycle Lanes In Where Practical.

TOURISM

- ❖ We Must Continue To Support And Promote The TT And Other Motorsport Events As They Are A Vital Part Of The Manx Economy And The Manx Way Of Life, But Also We Must Do More To Promote Eco-Tourism, Landscape And Wildlife Of The Island And Promote Our Heritage. Back In 2010 Centreparcs Came To The Island Keen On Setting Up A Centre Here, But The Government At The Time Pushed Them Away, We Need To Get Them Back Here Talking Again As This Will Be A Great Benefit To The Manx Economy If We Can Get Them To Build A Centreparcs Centre Here, I'd Like To See Them As Part Of The Planning Deal Having To Plant Lots Of Trees Surrounding The Site As Part Of The Condition For Getting Permission. Also We Need To Look At Whether We Could Have A Sealife Centre Somewhere On The Island Which Would Also Boost Tourism. Also In The Longer Term We Should Be Looking At Whether We Can Attract A Company To Set Up A Theme Park Here.

The polling stations are open from 8.00am to 8.00pm at:

Marown: Crosby Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Santon: Santon Old School, School Lane, Castletown Road.

North Braddan: Memorial Hall, Main Road, Union Mills.

South Braddan: Port Soderick Recreational Hall, Quines Hill.

If you require an absent voters form because you are unable to attend the polling station due to incapacity or absence from the Island please contact me on 378923 or 612919 Or davidfowler@manx.net Alternatively a proxy form may be completed if you are absent from the Island and you wish to appoint another person to vote on your behalf. If you would like transport on Election Day, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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