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# Duncan Livingstone for Ayre & Michael

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## Manifesto

I know that most manifestos quickly end up in the bin, which is why I am only publishing mine here and online. I'm looking forward to chatting with you in person about the problems that you think need sorting. Before then though, I wanted to introduce myself and the issues I care about in case you wanted to get in touch sooner, and so you know a bit about me as I am canvassing.

### About me:

I was born and raised in Kirk Michael. I worked as a Police officer including 6 years as a Neighbourhood Officer based in Ramsey and covering all of the North, and for almost 20 years as a Roads Policing Officer. I have then spent the last ten years as a self-employed driving instructor, working with young people from across the Island.

I first became politically involved when the DOI were proposing extensive road alterations in Kirk Michael which did not properly address the concerns of the village. I canvassed opinion and developed alternative, more modest proposals which improved safety for pedestrians without adversely affecting traders or the TT, whilst also offering reduced costs. Since then, I have served for the last year as a Commissioner in Michael.

As my expertise lies in the field of roads and traffic policing and driver training, if fortunate enough to be elected my personal focus would be on improving our travel infrastructure and related policies. On other issues, I would look to be guided by my constituents to do what is best for Ayre and Michael, and for our Island as a whole.

### Contact Details

The easiest ways of getting in touch with me are:

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(Calls will often go to voicemail as I am still working so if you leave a message or text, I will get back to you as soon as possible).

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Unfortunately with work commitments I will be unable to visit and meet all of you. If you have any questions please email or message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. I hope to be able to speak to you on the doorstep very soon! (Or feel free to stop and chat if you see me out and about).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND  
TAKING THE TIME TO READ.**



## The key areas Tynwald needs to address.

### Roads & Travel

- ☞ Develop a fit for purpose travel strategy based on local evidence, not results from elsewhere, to make the roads suitable for all users.
- ☞ Focus on the basics, especially speedy roads maintenance and repairs, with less emphasis on disruptive big projects.
- ☞ Introduce free commuter and school bus travel.
- ☞ Continue development of the old railway lines to give cyclists, horses, and pedestrians' alternative routes away from vehicular traffic.
- ☞ Improved maintenance of footpaths.

### Planning and Development

- ☞ Root and branch update of planning policy focussing on sustainable and sympathetic development, and protection of our countryside.
- ☞ North and West Plan - presumption against greenfield development unless there is a proven local need.
- ☞ Residency Act to stop affordable homes being snapped up by non-residents.

### Government Reform

- ☞ Improve transparency, openness, and collaboration with local communities
- ☞ Make public consultations more accessible and responsive with a dedicated consultation website - no more planning documents 'on display' in a basement with little notice.
- ☞ Make MHKs more accountable by letting constituents trigger early elections for poorly performing representatives.
- ☞ No MHKs pay rises during the next five years.

### Economy

- ☞ Increased investment particularly in the North to support ongoing economic strength following Brexit and Covid-19
- ☞ Attracting new industries to the Island
- ☞ Preparing the Island's infrastructure for the adoption of new green technologies, including electric vehicles, solar and hydrogen power
- ☞ Developing government graduate schemes to attract university leavers back to the Island

### Crime and Justice

- ☞ Overhauling the Island's drug laws to decriminalise or legalise possession of less harmful drugs, particularly cannabis, raising tax revenue and freeing resources to target criminal suppliers.
- ☞ Harsher custodial sentences for the most serious offences.

### Environment

- ☞ Expanding the use of green energy in the power grid to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
- ☞ Tackle the threat of coastal erosion, particularly where it threatens residential areas.
- ☞ Reduce light pollution from Jurby Prison.
- ☞ Enhanced support for local farms to protect the supply of local food.
- ☞ Animal Welfare Bill

### Health

- ☞ Expand mental health support services
- ☞ GP/Nurse drop-ins delivered in village community spaces
- ☞ Improved at-home support for elderly residents
- ☞ Work with Commissioners to try and install community fitness equipment/spaces in all villages

### Other Issues

If I haven't talked about an issue that's important to you here, please let me know. If elected, my first priority will always be to make sure that I'm working with local residents to target the problems that they care about, and to ensure that all of our communities have a voice in designing a solution to those issues that actually meets the needs of the local area.

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**No matter who you want to vote for, don't forget to save Election Day (23rd September)  
in your diary to make sure your voice is heard.**

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