Louise Whitelegg – Manifesto *By-Election, 3rd Dec 2026*
Candidate, Ramsey Town Commissioners (South)

***Why I'm* standing**



Building a stronger Ramsey, for me means supporting our fantastic local community and businesses. As a former employee of Ramsey Bakery, I truly understand the importance of our local businesses. I will put a real focus on well-being, social spirit, and mental health. I believe that we need to look after each other, and that a big contributor to this is a town we can all enjoy, included in this is nurturing our public spaces, so they remain welcoming areas for all; families, neighbours, and visitors.

I believe our Town Hall should be a place of honesty, stability, and open communication, where practical, common-sense approaches come first. Where local voices are heard and Ramsey's best interests served.

A Vote for Proven Leadership, a stronger Community and a thriving Ramsey.

About me

My work background is primarily in legislation, audit and compliance within Health and Safety, Food Hygiene, Data Protection and the built environment. In one of my current roles, I strategically manage over 50 publicly used buildings, advising on maintenance and / or overseeing, construction funding and capital projects.

Most of my spare time is spent volunteering and working for a range of different causes benefiting both Ramsey and the wider community. This includes a local walking group, international and environmental charities as well a Local Preacher for the Methodist Church.

I am a collaborator, an organiser, starter – finisher, a big picture thinker with the knowledge, skills and passion to get projects across the line. I know what it takes for a team to turn vision and ideas into reality.

….*And* as such I know that it is foolish to make grand, unrealistic promises. That's why my promise to you will be to focus on providing steady, sensible leadership to help Ramsey thrive - working smartly with the public funds available and to play my part in making Ramsey the best it can be.

Focal areas

1) Prioritising Well-Being, Social Spirit & Mental Health

One **promise I will make** is to champion the well-being, social spirt and mental health of Ramsey residents in all decisions that I take.

The current level of suicide on the Island is egregious. A national emergency. We should all be outraged. It is not an issue that has one solution. Each one of us has a role to play – but "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts" – there is plenty we can do at a local level.

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A crisis can happen through illness or a sudden life event, but declining mental health happens over time, often, without a crisis point. Nationally, there are reported resource and access issues for the crisis services, but locally, we are in a position, where we can and must make a difference.

Mental decline can start with isolation, a lack of opportunity, discrimination, marginalisation, a lack of clean or green places or sense of safety, poverty, food and housing insecurity, uncertainty – a lack of kindness. These are areas I will focus on if elected.

2) Strong Representation

- I stand for no local burden without national funding and will always support Ramsey continued autonomy.
- Local authorities should not be an afterthought in Tynwald considerations. I will promote fair representation and lobby for a listening Governance and ensure that local issues are presented to the correct central body.

3) Supporting Our Fantastic Local Community & Businesses

- Accessible and safe environments – supporting the RTC Strategic plan, 'Developing Ramsey towards 2035', making spaces accessible to improve inclusivity.
- Safe and inclusive climate – lets cultivate shared values, open and safe space conversations, social 'drop in's' (supporting and growing initiatives), and have the right guard rails in place to nurture and protect all people – without exception.
- Supporting, facilitating and encouraging our local businesses.
- Events and festivals – support and encourage 'destination Ramsey!'.

4) Utilising Our Brownfield Sites and Vacant Spaces

- A structured response to empty and deteriorating vacant properties turning liabilities into value community or commercial assets.
- Align Ramsey with upcoming central housing reforms and strategies.

5) Nurturing Our Public Spaces

- Cleanliness and waste collection - Maintaining standards that continue to elevate civic pride and encourage outdoor activity whilst minimising impact on the rate payer.
- Managing Public facilities - Focus on resolving long ongoing infrastructure debates (i.e. public convenience opening hours, camper van parking, and recreational BMX tracks).

*If you support what you have read in this short manifesto – please vote **Louise Whitelegg** on the 3rd of December.*

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