

PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS

NEWSLETTER

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As a Local Authority, Port St Mary Commissioners are responsible for the following aspects of the village;

Abandoned Vehicles	Parking Control
Byelaws (Control of dogs)	Play Areas
Car Parks & parking management	Public Conveniences
Dilapidated/unsightly premises	Tourist/Public Information
Gully Emptying	Public Parks (tennis courts etc)
Hedges (maintenance)	Refuse Collection
Housing (general)	Street Lighting
Highway Verges (maintenance)	Street Sweeping
Litter Bins	Weeds Removal



**Refuse collection
dates for Christmas
& New Year**

Tuesday 17th Dec
Tuesday 24th Dec
Tuesday 31st Dec

Any highway issues, for example pot holes, can be reported directly to Highways by using the following website www.reportaproblem.im or calling on 850000.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebration of Christmas

This year's Celebration of Christmas will be held on Friday 6th December. The event is not ticketed this year and will start at 7.30pm, the event will finish with a fireworks display from the inner harbour at 9pm.

Christmas Market

After the resounding success of last year's Christmas market, it will return again on Tuesday 10th December 4pm – 7pm. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available in return for a charitable donation and due to the high demand from traders, it is hoped this year that the West Room will hold stalls also.

Rushen Silver Band

The band will be playing carols around the streets of Port St Mary from 7.15pm on Thursday 12th December.

Carol Singers

Members of Rushen Church will be singing carols around the Port on Monday 16th December from 6.30pm – 7.30pm, all are welcome to join in.

Santa's Sleigh!

It is hoped that Santa and his elf will be travelling around the village on the evening of the 18th December, this will be confirmed and further details will be released nearer the time.

Hunt the Wren

The meeting point is at Scoill Phurt Le Moirrey at 10am on 26th December and continues through the Port.

STAFF UPDATES

Finance Officer

Our Finance Officer Robina has left us for sunny Australia and Simone Ross has joined the team in her place. Simone has previously worked for Local Government in the Falklands and is enjoying her role so far.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local Authority Elections are due to take place on Thursday 23rd April 2020. You must be registered in order to vote and have a chance to have a say on who represents you, or to stand as a candidate.

You can register to vote if you:

- Have been resident on the Island for at least 12 months
- Are 16 years of age or older
- Are not subject to any legal incapacity to vote

How to check if you are registered

The 'full' Electoral Registers can be viewed at the following locations:

- Your Local Authority Offices
- General Registry (IOM Courts of Justice, Deemsters' Walk, Douglas)
- Crown and Elections Unit (Cabinet Office, 3rd Floor, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas)
- Tynwald Library (Legislative Buildings, Finch Road, Douglas)



Electoral Registration forms must be received on or before **18th December 2019** for inclusion in the **1 January 2020 Electoral Register**. **You must be registered by the 18th December 2019 if you wish to stand for Local Authority election in April.**

Electoral Registration forms must be received on or before **18th March 2020** for inclusion in the **1 April 2020 Electoral Register**.

You may request a Registration Form to be sent to you, via the website www.gov.im/elections or by phoning the Crown and Elections Unit on (01624) 685754.

Anyone not registered to vote by 1 April 2020, will not be able to cast their vote in the April 2020 Local Authority General Election.

The Cabinet Office is currently consulting on the 'Modernisation of the Island's Electoral System'. The aim is to provide greater clarity, simplicity and consistency and to put the voter at the heart of the election process. The consultation is open until the 6th January 2020 and it can be completed online at <https://consult.gov.im/cabinet-office/modernisation-of-the-island-s-electoral-system/>

Office Opening Hours for Christmas & New Year

Monday 23rd Dec – 9am – 5pm

Tuesday 24th Dec – 9am – 12pm

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th Dec – CLOSED

Friday 27th & Monday 30th Dec – 9am – 5pm

Tuesday 31st Dec – 9am – 12pm

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd Jan – CLOSED

Friday 3rd Jan – Normal hours resume