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I have only lived on the Island since 2013, having previously lived in England and Cyprus, but my late husband and I visited the Island nearly every year since 1994 for the TT fortnight and we ran a sidecar team here for three years, from 2014 to 2016.

I have felt so welcomed by the community in Port St Mary that I would like to be able to be part of the future of the village, and I feel that I could offer a new pair of eyes and ears as a Commissioner.

I don't have the experience and connections of other candidates but I do have the ambition to contribute to the village, to enable progress without changing the intrinsic character of the village.

Port St Mary has a strong sense of community and shared history, good leisure facilities such as the golf club, children's playground, tennis courts, croquet lawn, a beautiful beach and a good selection of restaurants and shops. However, I can appreciate some of the obvious things that need attention in the village, such as the roads, the state of the Town Hall, overgrown footpaths, etc., but I'm keen to hear what really matters to the people of the village and would love to hear about your priorities. Please email me at **annmurraypsm@gmail.com**.

I think that my work experience as a Chartered Accountant, mainly in insurance in the City of London, latterly as finance director of a large reinsurance company, means that I can offer financial and planning skills, and the ability to work within a team for a common purpose. I understand the restricted power of the Board of Commissioners but feel that a good team should be able to influence Central Government by representing the feelings of the village.

I expect that it would be a steep learning curve, but with the support of the other Commissioners and the team in the Town Hall and input from the community I believe that I could make a difference.

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