



## Focus on Ayre & Michael



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### General Election Follow Up

Liberal Vannin aims to build on the momentum from last year's general election to continue fighting for a fairer and more equal Island. Join us to help secure more success next time. Visit our Facebook Page— Liberal Vannin in Ayre & Michael. In November, Liberal Vannin candidate Paul Weatherall was elected unopposed as a Ballaugh Parish Commissioner and is now concentrating his attention on that, while still holding the position of Chair of Liberal Vannin and supporting our MHK for Ramsey, Lawrie Hooper, Minister for Health & Social Care.



In Paul's local manifesto, he stated:

"Ballaugh Parish Commissioners work closely with our counterparts in the other Northern parishes; developing more joint services and less duplication of effort is essential, in my view."

Services that show a clear need for a joint approach include: Housing, Recycling / Waste Management, and Swimming Pools.

### Ballaugh Parish Commissioners

If you have any issues that you'd like to raise with your Commissioners or any views on what is needed for Ballaugh, please contact your Liberal Vannin Ballaugh Parish Commissioner, Paul Weatherall:

Email: [paul.ballaughpc@gmail.com](mailto:paul.ballaughpc@gmail.com) or phone / text on 479436

### Housing

The lack of affordable housing, to rent or to buy, is a major problem for many families in the constituency. Last month, Liberal Vannin invited Chris Thomas, MHK, Chair of the Housing & Community Board to a public meeting to discuss this issue. We will continue to press our new government to provide more help for first time buyers and build more low cost housing on brownfield sites. Better maintenance of existing housing is also needed.

## Kerb-side Recycling

Recycling our household waste is good for the environment and also saves money by reducing waste disposal charges at the Energy from Waste plant.

Currently, there are a number of recycling banks around Ayre & Michael, as well as the Civic Amenity Site in Bride. These rely on us all not only remembering to sort out our waste at home, but then each of us taking it somewhere. Wouldn't it be so much easier and more convenient if our recycling waste could be collected at our doorsteps, like the rest of our household waste?

The Northern Parishes Refuse Collection Board have no plans to do this and local Parish Commissioners in Ayre & Michael have mixed views. There is a private company offering to provide kerb-side collection—[www.recyclecollect.im](http://www.recyclecollect.im) but, apart from Kirk Michael, take-up to date has been insufficient to get a service up-and-running throughout the constituency.

If you're interested in kerb-side recycling, please contact your local parish commissioners and ask them to consider starting this service. For further details or to help with this campaign, please also contact Ballaugh Parish Commissioner, Paul Weatherall on 479436 or [paul.ballaughpc@gmail.com](mailto:paul.ballaughpc@gmail.com)

## The Cost of Swimming

Ramsey Swimming Pool, along with other local pools on the Island is facing a funding crisis because of the increased price of gas and the effects of the last 2 years of Covid.

This has led to increased charges for use of our local pool and an increased burden on our household rates.

Liberal Vannin supports an Island-wide approach to the funding and management of our pools. Join our campaign and write to your MHKs, Alf Cannan and Tim Johnston, demanding action.

Liberal Vannin exists



to campaign for

better and fairer government on the Island in Tynwald and locally, here in Ayre & Michael parishes.

To join and help achieve this, please contact us at:

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Your local representative, Paul Weatherall on 479436