

Please Vote

Al Brouard



Dear Elector,

Before entering politics, I had a career with NatWest for more than 28 years, qualifying as a member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and with the Chartered Insurance Institute. I also ran a small successful gardening business alongside my day job. I was married to Jill for nearly 30 years, sadly losing her to cancer five years ago. I have one daughter, Rebecca, who like me enjoys running.

I have been honoured to serve the island as a deputy for over 16 years. I have had the privilege of sitting at the top table of government in the most recent political term as a member of the Policy and Resources Committee and I have represented Guernsey on the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly. Previously, I was Deputy Minister of Commerce and Employment, Deputy Minister of Social Security and held seats on Public Services, Legislation, Health and Public Sector Remuneration.

Besides committee work, over the years I have been successful in securing local birth right, bringing in legislation for high hedges and preventing paid parking. More recently, I have been successful in driving to gain our territorial seas, keeping the L'Ancrese wall and developing the Strong Families initiative. I have been opposed to the one school-two site education model - suggesting three 11 to 18 schools instead.

Making a Difference

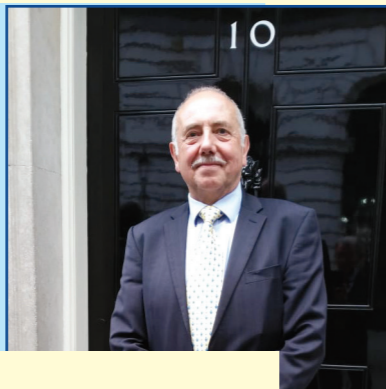
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Guernsey is a magical place and we need to do all we can to keep it special; we do need to change and adapt but, on that journey, we must not lose those quintessential local aspects - the ‘Guernsey Together’ community spirit, our autonomy and the beauty of the island and our seas.

I am a keen supporter of the parishes, serving on the Douzaine of St Pierre du Bois since before the Millennium. I currently sit as a Douzenier and Vice-Dean. I helped to re-establish, and still play a part in, the Floral Group, which has gone on to many successes over the years such as winning Gold in Britain in Bloom. It is a great community, where we have been delighting children and adults alike with displays and events, even a decorated Christmas Tree on the Parish Green for the last 20 years.

If re-elected, I would focus on driving forward the Revive and Thrive Strategy; ensuring that our shared vision for Guernsey is met by strengthening our economy and sustaining our environment.

Working Hard



Proud to represent the island

Right: Liaison with Douzaines



Some Achievements

Stopped the removal of the L'Ancrese Sea Wall [Anti-Tank Wall]

With the help of 6 fellow requerants Deputies; Stephens, Inder, [Neil had worked hard on this issue previously], Laurie Queripel, Ferbrache, Dudley-Owen and Prow and support of many others. We were able to secure a 10 year reprieve on the removal of a section of the L'Ancrese wall and prevent the building of two large groins down the sandy beach. Seeking instead rock armour to prevent further damage. As the German Commander Graf Von Schmettow said “apart from their tactical purpose, the walls were a valuable fortification of the shore itself against the surf which was often heavy and against the sea breaking into the Island, so they were constructions that would retain their high value even after the war”. It’s also important to note that the body set up by the Royal Court to administer and prevent harm to the common ‘The Vale Commons Council’ was totally against the removal of the wall as were the golf clubs.

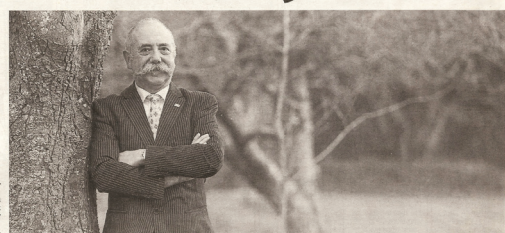
“The successful Brouard-led requete to suspend demolition of the L'Ancrese sea wall was an example of common sense politics that has been sorely missing from much of the past States’ term. I and the 1,000+ golf club members whom I represent are hugely grateful for Al’s efforts.” Shaun McDade, Chairman, Golf Course Management LBG

High Hedges Legislation

I have championed this issue for many years, writing the policy and helping in drafting the law. This issue, which has been around for many years, now we have a fair way to bring closure to the blight suffered from the lack of light from a neighbours hedge or tree. The law is now up and running but as hoped, with a binding resolution available as a last resort, sensible discussions now take place between neighbours and resolutions found without recourse to The High Hedge (Guernsey) Law, 2016.

High hedges law ‘will provide a resolution for neighbours’

Last-resort legislation will be a ‘fair remedy’ in disputes



by Paul Alsworth

Territorial Seas

Although I cannot claim sole success, it’s an issue that I have been doggedly fighting since I first had representation with regard to over fishing at the Boue Blondel back in 2006 [rocks off west coast]. The only sustainable way I could see us managing our waters was to have vested in us, our territorial seas, the ownership of the seabed, and the extension of an Exclusive Economic Zone the latter two I am still perusing.

I was able to get Territorial Seas into the Policy and Resource Plan as a priority [as it needed resources allocated to the work] and then thanks to Brexit it became a critical priority, with the States accepting the policy and in conjunction with Alderney and Sark we have been able to extend the Bailiwicks territorial seas to 12 nautical miles. I had the honour to advise the States on the 17th of July 2019 that the Order in Council would be registered at the Greffe on the 22nd of July 2019. Work continues on the seabed and fishing negotiations with our neighbours.

Paid Parking

With the help of others I have tried to ensure that paid parking is not brought in, and have fought tooth and nail in this regard. Even to this day, part of the levy on fuel [1.2p] is as a substitute for the revenue paid parking was expected to bring in. But while we have Town as the main engine room of the economy, I can see no reason to tax middle Guernsey just for going to work, while their boss parks immune in the corporate garage. I am all in favour of giving alternatives to car use, bus or commuter travel plans, car share etc.

Securing Birthright

In the population debate an amendment [Brouard and Lowe] gained a retrospective right so that children under the age of 8 could have their birthright respected. Until amended, the law was only recognising those already over 8, who had now qualified and any new births born after the law was in place.

Strong Families initiative up and running

Strong Families initiative aims to improve the outcome for children. It occurred to me some time ago that some families from one generation to the next needed extra holistic help to improve their circumstance, as had also been recognised in the UK where a scheme was set up. I have been working since 2011 to get a similar scheme up and running in Guernsey and I am really pleased that this year finally it has now happened with the team set up, helping those families who need that extra support. I was a trustee with two friends of a charitable pre-school, helping those families with that extra lift before school but happily that need fell away when the States brought in a universal pre-school offering.



Some other previous successes

I campaigned against the proposed Post Office closures and with your support gained 5000 signatures to ‘Save our Rural Post Offices’ which was successful. The Airport Runway sursis resulted in the proposed ramp at the western end being no-longer required, saving multi millions. An amendment on university grants now saves Education annually some £500,000 and is one of the reasons why we as a jurisdiction have been able to resist student loans. A Waste Water Charge amendment exempted farmers and growers where foul services were not applicable. Helped and supported the campaign for the St Saviour Community Centre. Getting Perelle Bay on the costal defence matrix.

Helping those on well water supplies facing foul water charges



Attendance; of some 429 days of the States sitting since 2004, I have attended and taken part in 421 [these are the most up to date at time of going to print]

Some Issues

Education

I have not been in favour of the changes and campaigned for La Mare de Carteret to be rebuilt. I have consistently voted against a one school two site model. I did propose with Deputy Le Tocq that we have three 11 to 18 schools although that vote lost, that option will be one that is considered in the ‘Pause and Review’ which is happening at the moment. I voted for the ‘Pause and Review’. I do think three schools in some form should be the basis going forward.

Planning

I think we have some way to go in explaining our planning laws: one person may struggle to have a modest extension and another demolishes a whole house and is able to build back twice as big. Although I put in several representations to the Island Development Plan none had any traction. I also still feel that the Island would benefit from ‘Design Guidance’ to prevent some statement buildings which stand out of place once built.

Seafront Enhancement Area [SEA]



We have two gems of harbours and St Perter Port has a pretty a backdrop as anywhere: I have no intention of spoiling what we have with inappropriate modern development, you only have to go a few miles south to another Island to see how not to do it. But I do think there is a real opportunity to look

critically at what we have and what we are going to need in the next 50 years by way of infrastructure and facilities around our harbours. It is a great opportunity for the Island to have new leisure facilities, marinas and of course with rising sea levels a chance to mitigate flooding along Les Banques. What size ships will our harbour need to cater for in the future, do we have the necessary quays and freight marshalling yards, as nearly all our good are imported by sea. The blue economy is one for us to focus on and it right on our doorstep. I have not touched on Leale’s Yard which is another great opportunity which can improve the hinterland of the Bridge with development, public space, perhaps a park.

With regard to Covid-19, the response of our Government was led by the Civil Contingencies Authority, which is made up of 4 Deputies, in view of it being essentially a health issue a substantial amount of the response was delegated to the committee for Health and Social Care who in turn worked with, and took advice from the Medical officer of Health, Dr Brink, who also has powers in her own right. It was our committee system working well and speedily and not as some have imagined ‘executive government’ by using ministerial powers as seen elsewhere. Perhaps that is why we are positioned as we are; and at the time of writing... no known cases of Covid-19 locally.



Digging the footings in Nepal

Charity

Took part on a [self funded] trip to Nepal to help those devastated by the earthquake with Action Aid Guernsey who have raised over £100,000 to rebuild a school losing my moustache raising £800 in the process!

I have worked with Jonathan Le Tocq, Jane Stephens, Gavin St Pier and Lyndon Trott for the last 4 years as a member of the States senior committee of Policy and Resources, not always agreeing at first light but coming to better decisions as a result. As Highlighted by Prof. Staite in the governance review we demonstrated “exemplary good behaviour”.

The Guernsey Partnership of Independents is offering candidates with a variety of views, but with the pledge to work with integrity, openness, objectivity and honesty. By moving forward together we can give the States the leadership in what undoubtedly, will be difficult times ahead. The next States assembly will need to face Covid-19 and its financial legacy, Brexit and our relationship with our neighbours to the south and our main trading partner the UK, to the north.

Although it's difficult to predict the future and you may wish to pin me down if I am successful in this election to follow this path, or that, I hope my track record goes some way to show how I might behave in the future on issues which are yet to arise. Past achievements are not a guarantee of future success but I hope gives you a fair indication.

But some issues are pretty certain to be with us. As a member of the Guernsey Partnership of Independents we are committed to making government more decisive, effective and efficient. Our thoughts on the **Economy** and the **Environment** follow; but on our website you will find more information on our thoughts on Guernsey's **Autonomy, Health and Social Care** and **Community**. Website: moveforward.gg

Our economy will be critical to our recovery at the moment the estimate of public funds paid out, including support to business will be £56m and with government revenues down by £60m the cost of Covid-19 to the States alone is estimated to be some £120m for 2020 against a balanced budget of around £666m (not inc. trading entities).

The future for Guernsey is bright, but it's not a given, we all have a part to play to make our Island a truly remarkable place.

Economy

Create a more resilient, dynamic and sustainable economy supporting the Revive and Thrive ambitions. We will:

- Aim to deliver sustainable growth of 1% pa above previous levels.
- Target post-Covid employment levels to be above 2019 levels by the end of 2021.
- Make unparalleled investments to grow the island's economy in the short and long term.
- Maintain a competitive, sustainable low tax environment that is fair.
- Borrow comfortably within our means but only to invest in capital infrastructure or projects.
- Fast-track regeneration projects including the seafront, the Bridge, and the harbours.
- Improve transport infrastructure and sea links.
- Upgrade and improve our digital connectivity.
- Build a Centre for Energy, Nature, Tourism, Research and the Environment (CENTRE).
- Maximise value of tourism through showpiece developments like CENTRE, Victor Hugo and the Marine Economy, and assist in improving the quantity and range of accommodation.
- Ensure the public sector provides the best value for money and operates efficiently.

Environment

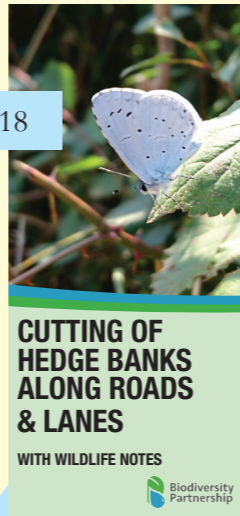
We must build on our growing reputation as a leading Green Finance jurisdiction and play our part in tackling climate change. We will:

- Deliver on carbon reduction targets through energy efficiency measures.
- Transition to clean fuels whilst maintaining affordability.
- Take account of our natural environment in all States decisions.
- Improve our environmental footprint, reducing single-use plastic and the use of harmful chemicals.
- Support the Strategy for Nature.
- Build on the desire for safer walking and cycling.



Yes to looking after the Environment

Wrote and published 2018



Key Issues

No to one School two sites

No to Paid Parking

Yes to a strong Economy

Yes to investing in our Healthcare

My thanks to my Proposer and Seconder

Mr Martin A Ozanne, Dean of the St Pierre du Bois Douzaine and previous long term senior States Member.

Mr Paul E F Domaille, Douzenier St Pierre du Bois. past long serving member of Parole Review Committee and Director of Classic Flowers

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto. With your vote I can continue to make a difference. Island wide elections are new to all of us and it is important that there are some experienced hands to help guide and shape the Islands as we move forward. Covid-19 has changed much, but we must not rush for change just for the sake of it. Looking back and at the countries around us, the Island is well positioned and the States over the years have not done such a bad job.

I will be available around the Island in the run up to the election and there will be opportunities to meet, but mindful that there may be over a 100 candidates, the traditional knocking on your door when we are still in the legacy of Covid-19 pandemic is probably not such a good idea, and may be quite irritating. I also appreciate every ones circumstances are different, so I would be very happy to have a chat, please give me a call.

Best Regards

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Dad and Daughter at Sark Roots Festival

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