



Ella & John Powell

I am 57 and was born in Manchester. We have been married for 30 years. We have 4 children, 6 grand-children and (wait for it) 2 great- grand children.

We came to the Island in 2001 and I have very recently retired from full time ministry as a Church Minister.

I have listed my time in Industry & ministry on the following page, to give you a greater idea of the experience I have had and some of the skills I may possess. Hopefully this will help you make an informed choice between the candidates.

I am very happy to help the town in this role and promise to do my best.

Please vote on the 17th, it is important for the town. Thank you, God bless.

Schooling – HND Business & Finance- **Professional:** Financial Planning exams: Level 1 & 2

Industry:

Airfield Ops Manchester Airport

Royal Mail: Summer Postman up to Senior Delivery Manager.

Financial Services (IOM)

DOLGE- Landfill site Manager at the point of Ayre until its closure.

Ministry -Youth Pastor and project leader in various projects in South Manchester & Eastern Europe.

Church Minister: 2003-2023, ordained in 2007. (Peel, Onchan, Douglas & the South)

Elim Medico Project Nepal 2005

I have been the chairman of the Fisherman's mission and Churches Alive in Mann, as well as being a trustee to various charities. I have helped with many local groups including Onchan Horticultural society and the British Legion.

35 years of public service.

**John
Powell**

**Ramsey Town
Commissioners'
Election
South Ward**

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Thankyou for taking the time to read this election leaflet. I do hope it will bring you some insight into who I am and highlight those issues that have been given to me, as I have talked to numerous people around the town.

I believe that it is of the most importance, that a commissioner reflects the wishes, hopes and concerns of those whom they represent .I have been going door-to-door to listen & learn. If I have not talked to you yet, I hope to do so, but I would highlight an upcoming public meeting proposed by RTC before the election. I look forward to meeting you there and answering any questions you may have.

Community- I believe, like hundreds of others, that we can do so much more when we work together for the common good. It is my desire to help and enable this, to both continue and build on, what already exists. As a commissioner, I would work for the common good and with those projects & groups, that bring a greater unity to whole town.

Housing and infrastructure - It is of vital importance that housing works for all people, in all situations of life. There is great need in the town for quality, one bedroom accommodation, These are not only for the dozens of people on the housing list, but also it is vital if we are convince young people to choose Ramsey to put down their roots, especially those wishing to return from university.

Environment- I believe that South Beach, indeed all beaches in the island, should be a placed in non-development conservation area. Ramsey bay has a Marine reserve, we protect buildings in conservation area and even some trees are protected, but somehow the best, most accessible swimming beach in the North, is under the shadow of possible development. I would work tirelessly locally and with the MHK’s on this issue.

I would also support the creation of wildflower verges where possible.

Although not in Southward, I would oppose any possible development on the Gibbs of Grove fields.

Creative Ideas - I would endorse a bi-annual competition for low cost-high impact ideas for the town. The winner voted for by the town.

Business - I would like to explore the idea of creating a “Market-Day” with stakeholders in the town. No town on the island has one and may prove beneficial to existing & new businesses.

Local Politics - I am aware that there is a perceived disconnect between the general public and those in political roles. Annual Public Q & A’s, Local support surveys and biannual “50:50” elections have been mentioned. I would be happy to support anything that closes the gap.

Young People – I would be willing to help develop a partnership between the commissioners and the schools & Youth groups around the Town. To encourage the children to be stakeholders in the town’s development & future.