



## Aishling Creer A New Voice for Laxey

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I am seeking election as a Commissioner for the Garff Parish District Ward of Laxey at the Local Authority Election on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

### About me

I grew up in Laxey and was educated at Laxey Primary, Ramsey Grammar, IOM College of Further Education and then Blackpool & the Fylde College. I currently live on Glen Road where I have been since 2001.

I work as a personal assistant in a large financial services organisation. I am organised, reliable, honest, not afraid to speak out and won't shy away. I am decisive and don't sit on the fence.

In my free time I enjoy hiking, cycling, travelling and spending time with family and friends.

### Why am I standing?

I want to make a difference to the village I live in and that I feel part of the fabric of. I want Laxey to be a village we are proud of and for people to enjoy, whether they live here or visit.

### What Matters to Me?

#### Make Laxey tidy

You can't help but notice how tired and untidy our lovely village is, and I want things to improve. Our roadsides are overgrown with weeds. Dog excrement is an ongoing real issue without up to date enforcement byelaws to deal with offenders. So many areas are overgrown and unmanaged.



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### Derelict buildings

You don't have to walk far to find a derelict building. I would seek a review of derelict buildings in the village and look at applying the legal powers to deal with persistent issues that cause a blight on our beautiful landscape.

### Community Engagement

I want to see more community engagement and ask you, the people in this village, what you would like to be done or see happen. There needs to be more open dialogue with the Commissioners. I would like to help develop volunteer resident working groups to help maintain and develop our local flora and fauna to improve green spaces and footpaths.

### Car parking

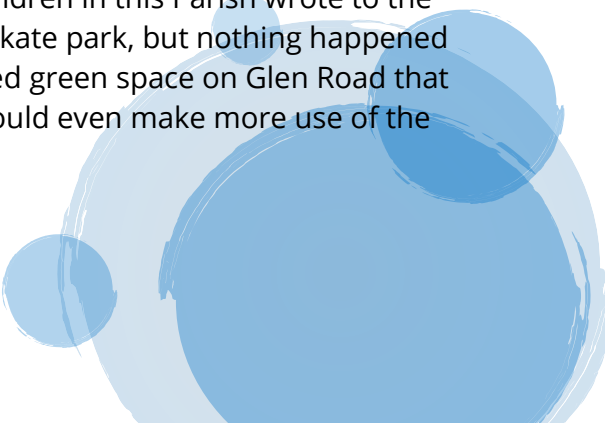
This is a persistent problem. There remains insufficient car parking in the village centre. I want to review, using the voice of the village, how we can better utilise some of the space we have and how can we improve this. The beach is always busy but poor road layouts mean inconsiderate parking and difficulties for public transport. I want to engage with the DoI to create better parking layout for the beach.

### Road safety and traffic management

Our roads are getting busier, traffic volumes through the village are increasing. We need to work better to keep residents safe and look at effective and safe crossing points as well as reduced speed limits.

### The younger generation

What does our village offer to the younger generation from aged 11 years and upwards? Other than Youth Club, there is not a lot. There is no skate park anymore and the BMX track is in a sorry state. We need to change that and work to create better facilities for them. Children in this Parish wrote to the Commissioners to ask for a skate park, but nothing happened - why? We have under-utilised green space on Glen Road that could be the answer or we could even make more use of the





great space that is Laxey Glen Gardens.

### **River and riverbank maintenance**

Lack of maintenance over the years has led to significant flooding in our village in 2015 and 2019 and we can't allow this to happen again. River maintenance is essential. Trees over hanging the water course still need attention to ensure the devastating impact of major flooding is not repeated.

### **Flood scheme**

I am committed to ensuring that the flood scheme work for Laxey including Minorca Hill, Baldhoon Road, Glen Road, the beach and harbour area are completed.

### **Tree management review**

The trees in the village have been allowed to grow and self-seed over many years. There has been no maintenance, many are covered in ivy which means they may be a danger. A review of the banks and roadsides needs to be undertaken and any necessary pruning / removal of dead trees undertaken.

### **Drainage and surface water run-off**

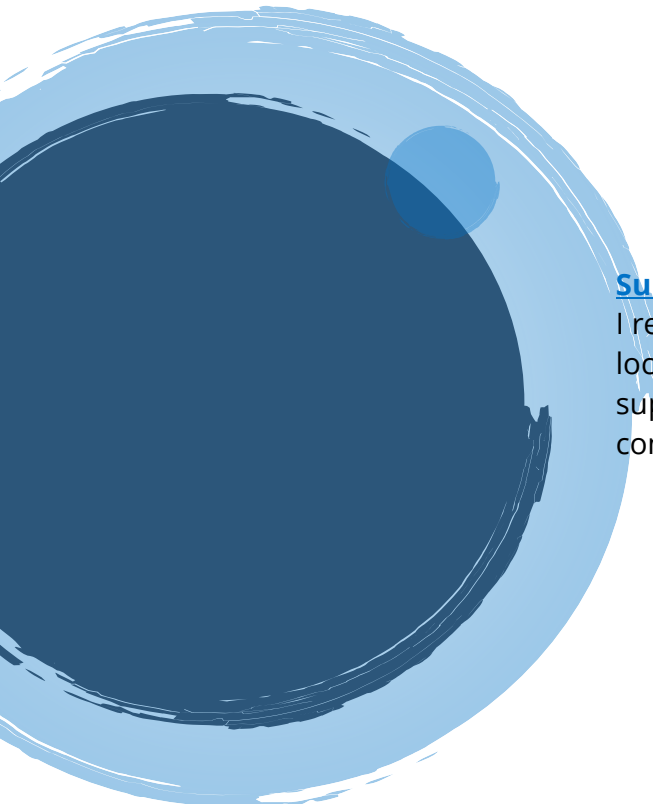
I want to ensure that the local authority's responsibilities are managed and that the DoI maintenance schedule of gullies and drains management is undertaken regularly.

### **Sewage management proposals**

Our beach is one of our best assets and we need to ensure the MUA provide the best sewage treatment option for the village to ensure sewage is dealt with and the sea is safe for modern standards for bathing.

### **Accessibility review**

I am committed to looking into accessibility issues in our village such as pavement maintenance, drop kerbs, open spaces, car parking, accessible toilets and access to services for all.



Supporting local businesses

I recognise that bringing people to our village supports our local businesses. I would like to see more local events and the support of the Commissioners in delivering these through community engagement.



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