General Election – 25 November 2026

Candidate Statements

Welcome to this special election edition of the Chief Pleas Newsletter, giving candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to the electorate.

The strong response to nominations last week was fantastic to see and marks an important moment in the continuing evolution of Chief Pleas and democracy in Sark. On election day, Wednesday 25 November, voters will have a choice of 16 candidates competing for 10 vacancies.

The election has attracted a broad field of candidates, bringing with them a wide range of knowledge, experience, skills and interests. This gives voters an excellent opportunity to choose those they would like to represent them in Chief Pleas over the coming term of office.

As Returning Officer for the election, the Speaker has invited each candidate to provide a short introduction to help voters make an informed choice.

Voters may cast up to ten votes for the ten vacancies and are free to use as many or as few of those votes as they wish. Having a strong choice of candidates is only one part of a healthy democracy. Participation at the ballot box is equally important, so please take the opportunity to vote and ensure your voice is heard.

Thank you to everyone who has put themselves forward for election, and best wishes to all candidates. We look forward to welcoming a Chief Pleas next year that can build on this renewed momentum, work constructively together, and continue moving Sark forward in a positive direction.

Candidates:

- BRAVERY, Christian
- CRAGOE, Carol Davidson
- DEWE, Patrick John
- GOLDING, Charlotte
- GOLDING, Daniel
- GUILLE, John David
- LALOR, Thomas Owen
- LEAMAN, Andrew Michael
- MCKENDRY, Alan
- MOLONEY, Nicolas John Patrick
- OSBORN, Elliott
- PERRÉE, Joseph Charles Elias
- PLUMMER, Helen Mildred
- RANG, Karl Antony
- SLIVNIK, Tomaž
- STURMAN, Helen Anne

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Helen Anne Sturman

I have lived in Sark for 9 years, having visited many years prior to that. I volunteer in La Seigneurie Gardens and I sat on the independent policing panel before our resignation.

In 2018 I designed the Sark Emergency Contingency Plan, drawing on Kevin Adams' local knowledge, in response to the risk of SEL switching off the power and before the CCA committed to ensure the supply to Sark. My plan was subsequently adopted by Guernsey.

During my working career, I managed large scale command and control incidents working alongside all emergency services. I was a Silver Commander for the Bishopsgate bomb, I managed the emergency response to the Marchioness disaster and I was a part of the response to the St Mary Axe bombing of the City of London.

Upon retirement, my main specialisms were Counter Terrorism and Command and Control. I subsequently joined West Midlands Search and Rescue, providing land and swift water search and rescue for regional Police and Fire.

I feel my experience might be beneficial to the emergency services committee and Policing, for example.

If we are to survive we must work towards giving young people a reason to stay in Sark. We must make decent homes possible and put things in place to build an economy which provides year-round work. These things require collaboration with other Conseillers and institutions and exploitation of our independence. A thriving economy and buoyant population makes the cost of living cheaper for us all. (See the sample on my spreadsheet which will be available at the hustings).

I believe that people living here know what they want the future of Sark to look like and I hear that to be an unchanging, self reliant, independent, prosperous and vibrant Island. I am wary of the adoption of laws designed for 60,000 people, when we are only 500. Many such laws are unnecessary and become onerous and expensive. We know how to manage ourselves and our legacy is doing just that for 461 years. We don't need others telling us, when they themselves are seemingly unable to manage their own affairs.

Daniel Golding

As ardent Libertarians, my family moved to Sark for the high level of freedom found here and almost nowhere else in Europe. That freedom, paired with a strong sense of community, is Sark's greatest strength and selling point. I am standing for Conseiller because I want government kept as minimal as possible and ensure we use the carrot rather than the stick to drive change.

The recent tax proposals have been unnerving for residents and damaging for attracting new families. Taxation should only be used as a last resort. I propose raising funds through practical alternatives, such as: selling residency tax guarantees, establishing a business register, registered-office service, and creating a Sark foundation. Setup is straightforward and within my expertise. The projected revenue exceeds any of the tax proposals put forward so far, and they reinforce the freedom and independence that makes Sark unique.

On housing, I would incentivise increasing the housing stock. We can make new builds profitable by removing local market restrictions, thus giving landowners a clear reason to invest in unused land and derelict properties.

By focusing on making Sark more attractive to younger families we can grow Sarks' revenue, infrastructure and the wider economy. Sark must remain free from excessive government, taxation and Bailiwick

influence. My aim in Chief Pleas is to protect those freedoms and let the community flourish on its own terms.

Thomas Owen Lalor

Having called Sark my home since 1996, I have developed a deep appreciation for what makes our island such a special place to live. Sark offers something increasingly rare in today's ever-changing world, independence, a unique way of life, and a strong sense of community. These are qualities we must never take for granted.

I am standing for Chief Pleas because I believe we have a responsibility not only to protect what we have today, but also to ensure that Sark remains a thriving, secure and sustainable home for future generations. Living on Sark brings unique challenges, and the reliability and affordability of our essential services are fundamental to the island's future.

From electricity and transport links to healthcare, waste management and the maintenance of our infrastructure, we must ensure that decisions are made with the long-term needs of residents in mind. We need to plan ahead, identify potential problems early and take practical action before they become costly or disruptive.

Protecting our way of life also means ensuring Sark remains a practical and attractive place to live, work and raise a family.

A sustainable future requires a strong local economy. I believe we should actively encourage business, investment and development, alongside new opportunities that complement our island's unique identity. We must also take a more businesslike approach to managing Sark's finances. Government expenditure should be carefully scrutinised, with a clear focus on value for money, efficiency and accountability. Continually increasing taxes cannot be our default solution to financial challenges. We must look at alternative ways of generating revenue, strengthening our economy and making better use of the resources already available to us.

Tax legislation should be fair, transparent and carefully considered, with a clear understanding of its impact on residents, businesses and Sark's long-term attractiveness.

Chief Pleas exists to represent the people of Sark. I believe a democracy works best when residents feel their opinions are heard, their concerns are taken seriously and their elected representatives are prepared to speak up on their behalf.

I will actively push for greater openness, better communication and more transparency in how decisions are made and public money is spent.

We may not always agree, but everyone deserves to feel represented and respected.
Sark's independence and way of life are among our greatest strengths. Progress should never mean sacrificing the very qualities that make people choose to live here.

I believe we can embrace sensible opportunities, encourage economic growth and manage our finances responsibly without losing our identity or independence.

I will not pretend to have all the answers, but I am committed to listening, asking difficult questions, challenging decisions where necessary and working constructively towards practical solutions.

My commitment is to represent the people of Sark with honesty, independence and determination, while working to protect our way of life and secure a stronger future for our island.

Helen Mildred Plummer

I am Sark born and own Mon Plaisir Stores, I have been involved with Chief Pleas since 2006 serving as both Deputy and Conseiller on various committees, I am at present chair of Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries, Medical and Emergency and also a member on Tourism.

Sark has a unique way of life as well as moving forward I feel change is necessary but needs to be in keeping with our way of life.

I am happy to put my name forward for re election to continue to work hard for the future of Sark if the electorate wishes me to do so.

Joseph Charles Elias Perrée

Sark holds a deeply special place for me. Beyond being my family's home across generations, it offers a vibrant community, an impressive landscape and a unique way of life. Yet our small island faces serious challenges. Maintaining vital services, managing public funds wisely and making sure young families can stay all require practical, determined effort. I am standing for election to help build a secure future for our island while protecting what makes Sark so special.

My first 9 months in Chief Pleas have given me plenty of insights and although I'm still learning my thoughts remain much the same, therefore want to continue to focus on -

- **Careful use of public money**, with clear accounts, sensible budgets and decisions we can afford. Every pound Chief Pleas spends belongs to the people of Sark.
- **A stronger local economy**, backing small businesses, tourism, farming and genuine new residents who contribute to island life.
- **Reliable essential services**, including transport, education, electricity, healthcare and emergency provision. Responsibilities should be clear and arrangements fair, so that problems are tackled promptly and methodically, before they become crises.
- **Open, practical government**, listening to residents, explaining decisions clearly, answering questions honestly and following through on commitments. Good government should feel close to the community it serves.
- Forward planning so that what we have can be preserved for future generations and many more centuries to come.

No single member can transform the island alone. I will work constructively with fellow members, local groups and residents to deliver practical solutions, asking difficult questions when necessary, but always with the aim of getting things done.
I won't promise that everything can be fixed overnight. I offer common sense, hard work and a genuine commitment to our shared home. By tackling these priorities together, we can give our island the very best opportunity for future success.

Thank you.

I would really value your vote on the 25th November.

Patrick John Dewe

For those of you who don't know me I'm Patrick. I'm Sark born but was educated at boarding school in the UK. After that I attended college in Guernsey before moving back to Sark in 2022, to become a fisherman and enjoy the Sark life.

In September 2025 I stood in the By-Election where I was happy to secure a seat on Chief Pleas. Initially I joined the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee as well as the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee. These are two committees I am very passionate about and have enjoyed learning about the different challenges they both present as well as making improvements at every committee meeting.

I was also proposed to join the newly formed Scrutiny Management Committee. Although in it's early days I believe it will be a valuable part of good and accountable governance for Sark and was happy to join.

There are many challenges facing Sark in this new term. Large items such as the compulsory purchase of Sark's electricity grid, allowing the island to have a consistent and safe supply for years to come, building back financial reserves and housing will be big ticket items. As well as the impact from Guernsey voting to introduce GST and making sure Sark can get the best possible deal to help all islanders.

Things I would like to address on my current committees are: working with the new Board of Isle of Sark Shipping to improve the connectivity for islanders as well and increasing our tourism sector is a must and if re-elected this will be one of my main focuses. Increased investment for both harbours, making them more attractive and accessible for visiting boat owners.

On the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries I would like to see Sark get recognition for its already excellent fisheries management. Sark is a leader on sustainable fishing, this will be another focus of mine moving forward.

Thank you for reading my manifesto. If you have any questions I will be happy to answer them at the hustings on the 23rd.

Carol Davidson Cragoe

A Little About Me:
I have been a Conseiller since May 2024, and have been an active member of Chief Pleas and its committees, serving as Chair of Education and Deputy Chair of Douzaine. I also serve on Policy & Finance; Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries; Future Energy Special Committee; and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Branch Executive.

Beyond Sark, I have represented Chief Pleas at CPA events in Belfast and London, and I sit on the BIMR Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Steering Committee. Outside of Chief Pleas, I work remotely as a heritage planning consultant mainly for projects in the UK, and we are renovating our house here at Le Port a la Jument.

Whether in Chief Pleas or in private practice, my approach to my work is based on thorough research, attention to detail and a quest for best practice balanced with value for money.

My Priorities:
Sark is unique. Its independence, amazing community spirit, beautiful landscape, and relaxed way of life are worth protecting, but it also faces many challenges. We need to sustain our existing community, bring in new residents and businesses, attract more visitors, and repair crumbling infrastructure.

To meet these challenges, Chief Pleas and its committees need to be open and transparent with residents, and to ensure that any proposals for change are well thought out and fully costed.

My key priorities for the next four years are:

- Ensuring that the island remains a viable place to live and work for future generations;
- Promoting fair taxation based on ability to pay, raising enough to meet demonstrated need without overburdening taxpayers or systems;
- Securing a strong future for our school and our children, making it somewhere people want to send their children and acting as a draw for new families;
- Protecting Sark's natural environment to sustain those who make their living from land and sea, creating a draw for visitors, and providing a wonderful place to live for residents; and
- Improving Sark's built environment to reduce derelict buildings, repair crumbling infrastructure, and consider housing reforms to ensure that the community can thrive into the future.

These priorities depend on good governance, meaningful consultation, transparent decisions, responsible financial management, and proper accountability. We must protect Sark's constitutional independence while maintaining constructive relationships with Guernsey. Change may be necessary at times, but we must also retain continuity where it matters and make decisions in the long-term interests of the whole community.

I am standing again because I believe I still have much to contribute, and that by taking an evidence-based approach to the problems we encounter, Chief Please can be a highly effective forum for the island.

John David Guille

Sarkee, Naval Architect and professional skipper. I've designed vessels for the UK Navy and others, negotiated contracts in China and designed race boats for customers across Asia. I've won a powerboat racing world championship and hold the world record for circumnavigating Britain. I've spent my career solving complex engineering, commercial and logistical problems, skills that can help Sark overcome its challenges and maximise its opportunities.

Whilst chair of P&F for 4 years, we've achieved a lot and I'd like to help keep our island moving forward. I've built strong relationships with other islands and the UK and I know how to get things done: focus on the achievable rather than chasing perfection. The last few years have been trying, but now we look forward to delivering more positive changes for Sark.

Chief Pleas has evolved considerably since 2008, and our overhaul of the civil service has been a huge improvement. This allows many more younger and full-time working people to stand as Conseillers. We should always have a variety of members, but it's particularly healthy that those earning a living on island are key to the decision making.

Tourism
The single greatest potential for tourism growth is better connectivity with Jersey. I will make it a priority to work with the Jersey Government and independent operators to deliver this beyond 2027.

Housing
Local market: a mortgage guarantor scheme, working alongside local commercial lenders, to give families access to home ownership.
Open market: allow properties to be divided, creating more homes for new residents. In larger properties a percentage could be required to be small local market units, aiding market rotation and freeing up family-sized homes.

Economic diversity
Introduce local Company Registry, like Alderney. Pursue a high-quality, exclusive international Shipping Registry.

Infrastructure
Water, power and connectivity are the fundamentals of successful islands. It's frustrating when people argue we should make do with systems that are outdated or dangerous. Like our work on La Coupee, other critical infrastructure should receive the engineering oversight and funding it needs.

Electricity: I will see this project through until we have a solution that other islands look up to. The first step; finally giving PJ the tools to do the jobs put off for 20 years. The second; giving Sark a system fit for the future in an uncertain world.

Population
With key infrastructure secured, launch a ‘Move to Sark’ campaign attracting high-quality new residents, including young families, high-net-worth individuals who will invest in renovation and building work, and entrepreneurs bringing viable new businesses such as wellness, arts and environment-focused ventures. Getting the fundamentals right is a huge part of attracting quality, long-term residents.

Sark is precious for many reasons but it's sense of community, peace and calm are constants for everyone. Many of us understand though that our island has been continually changing over centuries. I believe that Sark needs to continue to change, in order to remain the same. Crucially though this needs to happen on its genuine residents terms and no one else's.

Tomaž Slivnik

I was born in Yugoslavia during the communist era and lived in a number of countries before discovering Sark. It was exactly the place I'd always wanted to live in but which I thought didn't exist.

I researched and taught mathematics and computer science at several universities before becoming a technology entrepreneur and later a mentor to other entrepreneurs. Building a business on a shoestring taught me the importance of resourcefulness, perseverance, integrity, hard work and living within one's means.

Several islanders approached me about standing. Not having to deal much with the government is one of the things I love about Sark. However, Chief Pleas faces several issues whose resolution will have lasting implications for our future and I believe I can make a useful contribution.

Our problems deserve serious attention, but I am optimistic that they are all very solvable. Sark has a remarkable and unique history it can be very proud of and I am passionate about ensuring an equally proud future, preserving Sark's independence and our unique way of life.

I have designed, built and operated my own power station using diesel generators and solar panels. I understand the economics, the realities, the difficulties and the pitfalls involved. I believe we have a very reliable electricity supply on Sark. It's crucial for our future that this continues.

If our tourism sector is to thrive, we may need to remove the obstacles to people coming here directly from elsewhere, such as Jersey and France. We need to adapt to the changing world; our young people may need and want to develop economic activity other than tourism. Chief Pleas should maintain an environment that does not get in their way. This means living within its means, a welcoming, predictable tax system, reliable electricity, a legal framework which facilitates availability of housing, and maintaining a clean environment and infrastructure.

Burning plastics in open pits or low temperature incinerators causes harmful environmental pollution. I had an accredited laboratory analyze soil samples collected near the former incinerator site. The results show extreme levels of dioxin and furan contamination. These are highly associated with cancers of fatty and respiratory tissues and lymphoma. They concentrate in milk, presenting a risk to children and any dairy industry.

I have ideas but not all the answers. I believe in listening to people. I get on with people across Sark’s different viewpoints. I believe Conseillers work in good faith, even when I disagree with them. I would work amicably and courteously with fellow Conseillers and other islanders, listen to residents and seek to bridge divisions, rather than deepen them.

I would bring the same constructive approach to our relations with Guernsey and the UK. Those relationships are valuable to Sark. At the same time, we must protect, maintain and strengthen our independence - not just on paper but in practice. That means living within our means and taking care that financial commitments do not compromise our ability to decide our future.

Nick Moloney

For those of you that don't know me, I came to work on Sark just over 20 years ago and have made Sark my home ever since. You may have seen me walking down the road in a wetsuit taking groups out coasteering with Adventure Sark, working behind the bar at the Bel Air or even handing out bikes at A to B Cycles.

Sark is unique and needs to stay unique, we do however, in some cases need to roll with the times.
I believe in fairer taxes and a strong education system. We also need to continue work on our global presence, if not, we are going to be left behind. Currently we have the threat of GST, if we can make sure that Sark is recognised by companies like META, Amazon etc., we then might be able to mitigate some of the GST threat.

I look forward to having a chat with you all at the Meet the Candidates drop-in session, if not, stop me in the road for a chat.

Charlotte Golding

My family first discovered Sark because of its fair tax system, but we chose to move here because we fell in love with the island. What began as a visit introduced us to something far more valuable than a favourable tax system: a place we are proud to call home. Sark offers a way of life unlike anywhere else, with traditions, freedom and a unique sense of community that make it truly special.

I am standing for Chief Pleas because I want to play my part in protecting what makes Sark so special. I believe in preserving our island traditions, our way of life and the close-knit community that makes Sark what it is. I also believe strongly in maintaining Sark's governmental independence from Guernsey and the UK.

Recent discussions around taxation have understandably created uncertainty for many residents, particularly families worried about whether they can afford to continue living here. I want to represent those who love Sark, have chosen to make it their home and want to see families and future generations able to live, work and thrive here.

My professional background is in accounting and finance, which I hope will allow me to bring a practical and considered perspective to the financial decisions facing our island. Outside of work, much of my time is spent with my daughter, whom I home educate. Some of you may also recognise us from her entrepreneurial efforts selling her artwork and hot chocolates around the island!

I am a passionate advocate for Sark and have introduced many families from the world-schooling community to the island. I hope to welcome many more in the years ahead.

I would bring honesty, a willingness to listen and a genuine commitment to Sark to the role. I want to help protect the island we love while ensuring it remains a place where people can build a future.

Karl Rang

Hello, my name is Karl Rang. For those of you that may not know me, I was born and raised locally and have strong local roots as my family have called Sark our home for generations. After finishing my education on Sark, I attended the Guernsey College of Further Education where I qualified as a Plumber. I subsequently established my own Plumbing Business which has now been successfully serving both Guernsey and Sark for over 13 years. I am married with a young family and like many Islanders, I am invested in wanting to see Sark remain a thriving place to live, work and raise the future generations.

I am also one of the organisers of the Sark Lawn Mower Racing and Hill Climb which since 2014 has raised thousands of pounds to support local emergency services.

I decided ahead of the Elections in September 2025 that it was time to give more back to my Community and, as I had always taken an interest in the running of Sark, putting myself forward for Election was the natural next step. Since that time, I have had the privilege of serving our Island in several key roles. I am an active member of the Douzaine and the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee as well as currently holding the position of Chair of the Development Control Committee.

These roles have given me valuable practical insight into the challenges of trying to run our island efficiently whilst also listening to, representing and respecting the views of the Islanders. While there will always be differing opinions, I believe strong representation comes from listening carefully, engaging respectfully and working together to find solutions that are in the best interests of Sark as a whole.

I am Passionate about retaining the unique character, qualities, traditions and independence of our Island Home. At the same time, I recognise the importance of sensible modernisation, supporting local businesses and ensuring the long-term viability of our Island Community. Above all we must remember that the decisions we make today will affect our future generations and the Island they will inherit.

Thank you for taking the time to consider me and if you feel I can continue to successfully represent you, I would appreciate your vote on 25 November. In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me, feel free to contact me, or as is usual here, stop me when passing.

Alan McKendry

My family ties to the islands date back to the days of the tomato boats. Some of you may know me from fishing, a hobby that began because I wanted fresh fish. I convinced a local legend to teach me to catch my own, and on a good day there is enough for other islanders. What I cannot catch, I try to grow.

I keep my head down and get on with things, so you may not know me yet. I feel privileged to call Sark home and grateful to be part of this community. Standing for Chief Pleas is my way of giving back.

So much here is worth looking after. The neighbours who help each other, the people who keep the island running, our countryside and dark skies. You should be able to build a life here, raise a family and grow older with the services you need.

That means homes working people can afford, a good school, dependable healthcare, reliable electricity and staff who want to stay. Vital services that never rest on one person. Sailings that work for you, as well as for visitors and the businesses supplying the island, with onward connections. And quiet skies.

Those who farm, fish, build, run shops or welcome visitors all help make Sark what it is. Helping those businesses thrive, and making it easier for new ones to get started, gives us more to earn before asking you to pay more tax. Our tax system should remain simple, private and fair, rather than adding complexity to meet external compliance requirements.

My working life has ranged from small enterprises to global contracts, building businesses and reaching agreements that work for both sides. I would like to put that experience to work for Sark: agreeing priorities, understanding the costs and helping turn decisions into practical improvements.

I don't have every answer. You will know things through your work and daily life that I don't. That is why listening matters, and why whatever is decided to be the right steps for Sark needs the people who live here involved in shaping it.

If elected I will work with my fellow Conseillers, to make time to hear your concerns and explain my decisions. I won't vote yes for the sake of it. You should know what is being considered, how it affects you and have your say.

You deserve to be heard, to have your concerns taken seriously and to feel confident about your future on Sark. If given the chance to serve, I will work hard to turn your priorities into action.

Andrew Michael Leaman

I would like to explain why I am standing.

I was born in Bristol, where I completed an apprenticeship in mechanical engineering. In my spare time, I enjoyed diving and sailing along the Devon coast.

I first came to Sark in 1980, aged 20, originally to visit an old school friend. I vividly remember travelling up Harbour Hill and thinking, “Wow, what a place.” The island’s character, locals speaking French patois, and the friendships I formed left a lasting impression. I soon fell in love with Sark and its distinctive way of life and made it my home.

I became best known for my diving and underwater work. After training as a bell diver at Fort Bovisand in Plymouth, I explored Sark’s marine life and wrecks, which led to my dive charter business. With my partner Michelle, I promoted Sark as a diving destination, welcoming groups of up to 12 people who stayed for a week. Running the business for 25 years taught me a great deal about hard work, marketing and providing a valued service.

Alongside the business, Michelle and I organised several large events on the island, including the Sark Earth Fair and the Sark Celebration of the Sea. These events brought people together and raised substantial funds for local charities. I have now retired, and my son Aaron has taken over the business, giving me more time to devote to preserving Sark and its distinctive way of life.

Sark has an enormous amount to offer, both to visitors and to those who choose to make it their home. We need to develop tourism by attracting more visitors who stay for longer. We should carefully consider opportunities that support the island’s future while protecting what makes Sark special.

But Sark also faces challenges. Its future should not be determined by a succession of financial decisions that residents struggle to understand or scrutinise. I am concerned about recent public spending and proposals that appear to involve further significant expenditure. I support responsible investment, with essential infrastructure, upkeep and services properly prioritised. However, I do not support unnecessary or poorly explained financial burdens on residents. Taxpayers’ money must be spent responsibly, with decisions clearly justified and delivering value.

I am also concerned that Sark may be losing some of its independence and becoming increasingly reliant on Guernsey. Tax pressures and complicated taxation reforms deserve proper attention and more open debate involving residents. We must protect the island’s independence, economic attractiveness and quality of life.

Residents deserve transparency and accountability. They also deserve to know the true cost of decisions made in their name. With sensible discussion, practical thinking and cooperation, solutions can be found.

I am standing because I care deeply about Sark and its future. I would bring practical experience, an independent mind and a commitment to listening. Sark deserves sound financial management, informed public debate and a government that puts the interests of the island and its people first.

Á la préchéne. Andy.

Elliot Osborn

I first arrived in Sark one beautiful spring morning, passing through the Gouliot Passage and mooring in Havre Gosselin, planning on staying four days. That was March 1995, and here we are 31 years later. I've always felt very privilaged to be able to live here. Our island is amazingly beautiful visually, well, for the most part. Yet as a member of our community looking in, despite all the incredibly hard work everyone is already doing, there's things that we need to get done for the benefit of us all that live here.

I firmly and wholeheartedly believe that all the issues we face as an island are resolvable. If I could wave a magic wand and it was all sorted, I would, but when I tried to order one, they wouldn't send to Sark. So I'm on plan 'B': old school, blood, sweat, tears and determination.

I have no hidden agendas nor axes to grind with anyone. I'm not standing for personal gain. I'm not looking for problems, I'm trying to find solutions.

I only want what is best for your, our island of Sark.

Christian Bravery

No statement was submitted.

Statement from the Speaker

I am delighted that we have achieved a contested General Election for Sark Chief Pleas on 25 November 2026. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the residents who have volunteered to stand as nominees to fill the vacancies for ten Conseillers. Their willingness to serve our community is commendable and reflects a deep commitment to make an essential contribution to our island democracy. Each nominee brings unique perspectives and experiences that will enrich our local governance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Civil Servants who work diligently on behalf of all Conseillers. Their expertise and dedication are vital as we strive to enhance the services we provide for our community.

To support Conseillers in their roles, a series of induction and training sessions will be arranged throughout the year. These sessions are intended to equip both new and returning Conseillers with the knowledge and skills needed to contribute effectively to the governance of Sark.

Thank you once again for their commitment to public service and for being active participants in shaping the future of our community. Together, we endeavour to make a significant contribution. The Polling Station will be open from 8am to 6pm in the Toplis Room at the Island Hall on Wednesday, 25 November 2026.

- Paul Armorgie, Speaker of Chief Pleas and Returning Officer for Sark

How do I vote?

Vote for a candidate using your ballot paper.

- Choose who you want to be a Conseiller. You have up to ten (10) choices.
- Mark [X] next to your choice. You may use all your 10 choices, some or only one.

In the event of a ‘tie’ between two candidates, when the addition of one more vote would have caused a person to be elected, a second election is to be held.

‘Meet the candidates’ event

A ‘Meet the candidates’ event (to which all candidates will be invited) will be held in the Main Hall at the Island Hall on Monday 23 November from 5pm to 7pm.

At the polling station

The Polling Station will be in the Toplis Room at the Island Hall on Wednesday 25 November 2026 from 8am to 6pm.

The count follows in Main Hall as soon as possible after the polls close. Members of the public are invited to attend and observe the count, but they are asked to remain silent throughout, please. A representative from the Democracy Volunteers organisation will be present in an observational capacity and provide independent feedback on opportunities to build on and further enhance existing arrangements for future elections.