EASTER MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS
to be held on 15th APRIL 2026 at 5.00pm in the ASSEMBLY ROOM

AGENDA

1. MATTERS ARISING from the Christmas Meeting held on the 21st of January 2026.
2. QUESTIONS Not Related to the Business of the Day.
3. To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the HARBOURS, SHIPPING and PILOTAGE COMMITTEE entitled **"The Merchant Shipping (Marpol Convention) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance, 2026".**
4. To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the EDUCATION COMMITTEE entitled **"The Education (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026".**
5. To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE entitled **"The Cutting of Hedges and Vegetation Management (Sark) Ordinance, 2026".**
6. To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled **"The Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026".**
7. To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled **"Direct Taxes (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2026".**
8. To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled **"Appointment of the Isle of Sark Shipping Non-Executive Directors".**
9. To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE entitled **"Revised Mandate".**
10. To CONSIDER an Information Report from the DOUZAINE entitled **"Constable Report".**
11. To CONSIDER an Information Report from the SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE entitled **"Progress Report".**
12. To CONSIDER an Information Report from the DOUZAINE entitled **"Amendments to Regulations".**
13. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: To elect Conseillers to Committees as required.
14. COMMITTEE and PANEL ELECTIONS: To Elect Non-Chief Pleas Members and Panel Members to Committees and Panels, as required.

LAID BEFORE

- The Motor Vehicles (Sark) Amendment Regulations, 2026

- The Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

P M Armorgie
Speaker of Chief Pleas

25th March 2026

***NOTES**: Anyone wishing to see any of the Reports and Supporting Papers may do so at the Committee Office, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 2pm and Friday, 9am to 12 noon, excluding Public Holidays; copies may be obtained from the Committee Office. The Agenda, Reports and Supporting Papers may also be seen on the Chief Pleas website at: www.sarkgov.co.uk*

ITEM 03

HARBOURS, SHIPPING & PILOTAGE COMMITTEE

Report with Proposition to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARPOL CONVENTION) (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) ORDINANCE, 2026

The draft Ordinance progresses the extension of MARPOL Annex I (Prevention of pollution by oil & oily water) and Annex II (Control of pollution by noxious liquid substances in bulk) to the Bailiwick of Guernsey. This ensures the Bailiwick's alignment with the UK and further cements Sark's place as a responsible jurisdiction.

MARPOL is shorthand for the 'International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships'. It was developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with an objective to minimise pollution of the oceans and seas, including through restrictions on dumping of oil and hazardous chemicals.

The vast majority of the provisions within MARPOL apply to vessels of over 400 Gross Tonnage (GT). It, for example, ensures that tankers and bulk carriers passing through Bailiwick waters limit the discharge and dumping of oil and hazardous substances. Specifically, Annex I contains provisions to prevent the pollution by oil from ships. A small number of these measures apply to vessels under 400 GT and are focused on controlling the discharge of oil or oily mixtures. Annex II contains provisions to prevent pollution from noxious liquid chemicals when carried in bulk.

Extending MARPOL Annexes I and II to Sark is not just a legal formality; it is a vital step in safeguarding the foundations of our island's wellbeing. Our waters are the lifeblood of Sark. They sustain our fishing industry, underpin our tourism economy, and support a fragile marine ecosystem that we have a duty to protect. By supporting the Bailiwick's adoption of these internationally recognised pollution prevention standards we demonstrate that Sark is a responsible and conscientious jurisdiction, committed to preventing oil and chemical pollution before it can threaten our coastline, our livelihoods, or our reputation. This is an opportunity for us to align ourselves with global best practice and to ensure that future generations continue to inherit seas that are clean, healthy, and rich in life.

Proposition 1 -

That Chief Pleas approves the draft Ordinance entitled 'The Merchant Shipping (MARPOL Convention) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance 2026'.

Conseiller James Martin
Chairman, Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee

The Merchant Shipping (MARPOL Convention) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance, 2026

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 30th September, 2022[a], and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 130, 131, 289 and 290 of the Merchant Shipping (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002[b], and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:-

Amendment of the Merchant Shipping Law.

1. (1) The Merchant Shipping (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 is amended as follows.

(2) For section 130(1)(a), substitute -

"(a) the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (including its protocols, annexes and appendices) as amended from time to time in accordance with article 16 of the Convention,".

Application of the MARPOL Convention.

2. (1) Subject to subsection (2) and the provisions of this Ordinance, the MARPOL Convention shall have effect in relation to –

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a Article VI of Billet d'État No. XVII of 2022.

b Order in Council No. VIII of 2004; this enactment has been amended.

(a) all Guernsey ships whether in Guernsey waters or elsewhere, and

(b) all other ships while they are in Guernsey waters.

(2) The MARPOL Convention shall not have effect in relation to -

(a) ships of His Majesty's navy,

(b) Government ships,

(c) ships of the navy of any country or territory,

(d) ships owned or operated by a country or territory other than Guernsey and used only on non-commercial services of that country or territory.

(3) In this Ordinance, "**the MARPOL Convention**" means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended from time to time -

(a) including Protocol I, Annex I, and Annex II, but

(b) excluding Protocol II and Annexes III to VI.

Information and investigation.

3. (1) When information or evidence as to a breach of the MARPOL Convention or this Ordinance comes to the attention of the Environmental Pollution Director, the Director shall –

(a) in a case where the breach occurred by or in respect of a Guernsey ship, or in Guernsey waters, investigate the breach, or in any other case

(b) transmit that information to the Administration of the ship, or of the State in the waters of which the breach occurred, as the case may be.

(2) The Environmental Pollution Director shall take reasonable steps to inform the Master of the ship that action has been taken under subsection (1).

(3) If the Environmental Pollution Director receives information or evidence from any Administration as to a breach of this Ordinance by or in respect of a Guernsey ship or a ship in Guernsey waters, the Environmental Pollution Director shall investigate the matter, and may request the Administration to furnish further or better evidence of the breach.

(4) If the Environmental Pollution Director believes that sufficient evidence is available to enable proceedings to be brought in respect of a breach referred to in this section, the Environmental Pollution Director shall so inform HM Procureur.

(5) The Environmental Pollution Director shall inform an Administration that has transmitted information or evidence to the Environmental Pollution Director as referred to in subsection (3), as well as the IMO, of any action taken by the Environmental Pollution Director in relation to the information or evidence.

In port checks on certificates and record books.

4. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Harbourmaster, a surveyor of ships, or an officer of the Board authorised by the Board to exercise powers under this Ordinance ("**a designated officer**"), may board and search a ship while it is in a port in Guernsey if it is a ship that is required to hold a certificate in accordance with the MARPOL Convention, for the purpose only of verifying that there is on board a valid certificate and record book that relates to the ship.

(2) Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the condition of the ship or of its equipment does not correspond substantially with the particulars of any certificate or record book found on board, a search under paragraph (1) may be extended to gathering evidence, and determining the extent, of that lack of correspondence.

(3) If a ship is boarded and searched under subsection (1) and –

(a) No valid certificate or record book is found on board that relates to the ship, or

(b) subsection (2) applies,

then, subject to subsections (4) and (5), any of the officers mentioned in section 270(1) of the Law may detain the ship, and that section shall apply in respect of the ship, and have effect as if the reference to "a competent authority" in section 270(3) were a reference to any of the persons mentioned in section 270(1).

(4) The notice of detention shall specify that the ship may not proceed to sea (other than to the nearest repair yard) until the detaining officer and the Environmental Pollution Director are satisfied that it can do so without presenting an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment.

(5) If regulation 11 of Annex I or regulation 16 of Annex II requires steps to be taken to ensure that a ship does not sail, the officer exercising the relevant power under that regulation shall ensure that the ship does not sail until the relevant situation has been brought to order as referred to in that regulation.

(6) In this section, "**record book**" means an oil record book Part I as referred to in regulation 17.4 of Annex I, an oil record book Part II as referred to in regulation 36 of Annex I, or a cargo record book as referred to in regulation 15.4 of Annex I.

State to be informed.

5. (1) If the Board denies a ship, other than a Guernsey ship, entry to the ports of Guernsey, or any other action is taken against such a ship for the reason that the ship does not comply with the MARPOL Convention, the Board shall immediately give notice of the denial or action to a consul or other representative of the Administration of the ship, or if that is not possible, directly to the Administration of the ship.

(2) Before denying entry or taking such action the Board may request the Administration of the ship concerned to enter into consultation with the Board.

(3) If, under Article 5(3) of the MARPOL Convention, a Party to that Convention requests consultation with the Board in relation to a proposal to deny a Guernsey ship entry, or the proposed taking of action against a Guernsey ship, the Board shall take reasonable steps to enter into consultation with the Party.

(4) The Board shall inform the Administration of a ship if it comes to the Board's knowledge that the ship is not carrying a valid certificate in accordance with the MARPOL Convention.

Board to report to IMO.

6. The Board shall forward to the IMO -

(a) specimens of certificates issued for the purposes of Annexes I and II by the Board,

(b) a list of reception facilities established in Guernsey for the purposes of Annexes I and II, including their location, capacity and available facilities and other characteristics,

(c) a copy of those parts of any reports prepared by or for the Board that show the results of the implementation of this Ordinance, and

(d) an annual report on penalties imposed in Guernsey for breaches of this Ordinance.

Casualties to ships.

7. (1) The Board shall ensure that an investigation of any casualty occurring to any ship is carried out if the casualty has produced a major deleterious effect upon the marine environment and -

(a) the ship is a Guernsey ship,

(b) the effect has occurred in Guernsey waters, or

(c) the effect has occurred outside Guernsey waters in such circumstances as to cause, or to be likely to cause, pollution in Guernsey waters.

(2) The Board shall supply IMO with information concerning the findings of such an investigation, if the Board believes that the information may assist in determining what changes to the MARPOL Convention might be desirable.

Requirement to comply with Annex I and Annex II.

8. (1) A ship to which the MARPOL Convention applies under this Ordinance must comply with the requirements as to the design, survey and certification, construction, operation and equipment of ships set out in Annex I and Annex II.

(2) If subsection (1) is not complied with -

(a) in Guernsey waters in relation to any ship,

(b) outside Guernsey waters in relation to a ship in such circumstances that the failure to comply has caused, or is likely to cause, pollution in Guernsey waters,

(c) in relation to a Guernsey ship,

then the persons specified in subsection (3) are guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the uniform scale and on conviction on indictment by imprisonment not exceeding two years and a fine.

(3) The persons referred to in subsection (2) are the master or person in charge of the ship, the owner of the ship, and the charterer (if any) of the ship.

(4) Any advance notification of the transfer of oil cargo between oil tankers at sea as required by regulation 42 of Annex II should be made to the Environmental Pollution Director and to the Harbourmaster.

(5) For the avoidance of doubt, the duties in regulation 38 of Annex I and in regulation 18 of Annex II with regard to the provision of port reception facilities to meet the needs of ships which use them are to be carried out by the Board on behalf of the States of Guernsey.

Duty to report discharge of oil or harmful substance.

9. (1) The master or other person in charge of a ship to which the MARPOL Convention applies under this Ordinance must, if the ship is involved in an incident described in Protocol I, as soon as practicable comply with the obligations under that Protocol, and -

(a) in the case of an incident in Guernsey waters, the report shall be made to the Environmental Pollution Director, and

(b) in the case of an incident elsewhere, the report shall be made to the State in the waters of which the incident occurred.

(2) In the event of a ship referred to in subsection (1) being abandoned, or the report being incomplete or unobtainable, the owner of the ship and the charterer (if any) of the ship shall assume the obligations placed on the master or other person in charge of the ship by this section.

(3) If a person fails to comply with an obligation under this section, then the person is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the uniform scale and on conviction on indictment by imprisonment not exceeding two years and a fine.

Prosecutions, etc.

10. (1) Section 139 of the Law shall apply in respect of an offence under section 8 or section 9 in relation to the discharge of oil, or of a harmful substance, from a ship in the same way as it applies in respect of an offence under section 138 of the Law, and as if a reference in section 139 of the Law (as so applied) to oil or a mixture containing oil were a reference to oil or a harmful substance.

(2) Section 151 of the Law shall apply in respect of an offence under this Ordinance in the same way as it applies in respect of an offence under section 138 of the Law.

Detention of ships, and application of fines for a section 8 offence.

11. Sections 152 and 154(2) of the Law shall apply in respect of an offence under section 8 in the same way as they apply in respect of an offence under section 138 of the Law and as if a reference in section 152 of the Law (as so applied) to oil or a mixture containing oil were a reference to oil or a harmful substance.

Right to recover in respect of undue detention or delay to ships.

12. Section 145 of the Law shall apply to any action taken under this Ordinance by the Board, the Harbourmaster, a surveyor or ships or a designated officer which unduly delays or detains a ship in the same way as it applies to actions taken under section 144 of the Law.

Management of oily residues on ships under 400 gross tons.

13. (1) A Guernsey ship of less than 400 gross tonnage shall be equipped in such a way as to be capable of meeting the requirements of regulation 15.6 of Annex I.

(2) A Guernsey ship of less than 400 gross tonnage that discharges oil or oily mixtures as referred to in regulation 15.6 of Annex I does not comply with subsection (1) unless the equipment that it has in operation as so referred to is of a design that has the written approval of the Board.

(3) If subsection (1) is not complied with aboard a Guernsey ship of less than 400 gross tonnage, the following shall each be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the uniform scale and on conviction on indictment by imprisonment not exceeding two years and a fine -

(a) the master or person in charge of the ship,

(b) the owner of the ship, and

(c) the charterer (if any) of the ship.

Language of documents.

14. The following documents, to the extent that they are required by the MARPOL Convention to be held aboard a Guernsey ship, must be in English -

(a) an international oil pollution prevention certificate referred to in regulation 9 of Annex I,

(b) an international pollution prevention certificate for the carriage of noxious substances in bulk, being the certificate referred to in regulation 9.4 of Annex II,

(c) an oil record book Part II referred to in regulation 36 of Annex I,

(d) an oil record book Part I referred to in regulation 17.4 of Annex I,

(e) a procedures and arrangements manual referred to in regulation 14 of Annex II, and

(f) a cargo record book referred to in regulation 15.4 of Annex I.

Offences by bodies corporate, etc.

15. (1) Where an offence under this Ordinance is committed by a body corporate or by an unincorporated body and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to or to have been facilitated by any neglect on the part of, a manager, member of any committee of management or other controlling authority, secretary or other similar officer or partner of the body, or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, the person as well as the body is guilty of the offence and may be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) applies to a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a manager.

(3) Proceedings for an offence alleged to have been committed under this Ordinance by an unincorporated body shall be brought in the name of that body and not in the name of any of its members; and a fine imposed on the body on its conviction of such an offence shall be paid out of its funds.

Amendment of Ordinance by regulations.

16. The Board may amend this Ordinance by regulations for the purpose of adapting it to any modification of, or making more effective provision for the implementation of, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (including its protocols, annexes and appendices) as amended from time to time in accordance with article 16 of the Convention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Interpretation.

17. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context requires otherwise -

"**Administration**", "**harmful substance**", "**discharge**", "**ship**", and "**incident**" have the same meanings as in Article 2 of the MARPOL Convention,

"**Annex I**", "**Annex II**" and "**Protocol I**" refer to those Annexes and that Protocol of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, and as amended from time to time,

"**the Board**" means the States of Guernsey States' Trading Supervisory Board or, as the case may be, a Committee of the States of Alderney or a Committee of the Chief Pleas of Sark performing similar functions in either of those Islands,

"**designated officer**": see section 4,

"**the Environmental Pollution Director**" means the Environmental Pollution Director of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation, appointed under section 4 of the Environmental Pollution (Guernsey) Law, 2004[c],

"**IMO**" means the International Maritime Organisation, and

"**the Law**" means the Merchant Shipping (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002.

(2) In Annex I, Annex II and Protocol I as they have effect for the purposes of this Ordinance –

(a) a reference to a Party (or State Party or Government of a Party) shall be taken to be a reference to the Bailiwick of Guernsey, to the extent that it means the Party (or State Party or Government of a Party) as a party to the MARPOL Convention in relation to Guernsey ships and Guernsey waters,

(b) a reference to a Party (or State Party or Government of a Party) shall be taken to be a reference to the Board, to the extent that it means the Party (or State Party or Government of a Party) that is charged under the MARPOL Convention with its implementation in relation to Guernsey ships and Guernsey waters,

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[c] Order in Council No. XIII of 2004; this enactment has been amended.

(c) a reference to the Administration shall be taken to be a reference to the Board, to the extent that it means the Administration of a Party (or State Party), being the Administration charged under the MARPOL Convention with its implementation in relation to Guernsey ships and Guernsey waters,

(d) a reference to a function of the Administration shall be taken to be a reference to a function of the Board, to the extent that it means the Administration referred to in sub-paragraph (c),

(e) a reference to the Government of each Party (or to Governments of Parties) to the MARPOL Convention, or a reference to the Government, shall be taken to be a reference to the States of Guernsey,

(f) a reference to the competent authority, or the competent Port State Authority, of the Government of a Party to the MARPOL Convention shall, to the extent that it is or may be taken to be a reference to the competent authority of the States of Guernsey, be taken to be a reference to –

(i) the Harbourmaster,

(ii) a surveyor of ships, or

(iii) a designated officer.

(g) a reference to a function that is expressed to be that of the Government of each Party to the MARPOL

Convention shall be taken to be a reference to a function of the Board, to the extent that the reference to the Party is a reference to the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and

(h) a reference to an officer duly authorised by a Party shall be taken to be a reference to any of the persons mentioned in paragraph (f), to the extent that the reference to the Party is a reference to Guernsey.

Extent.

18. This Ordinance shall have effect throughout the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Citation.

19. This Ordinance may be cited as the Merchant Shipping) (MARPOL Convention) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance, 2026.

Commencement.

20. This Ordinance shall come into force on the date appointed for this purpose by an Order of the Board; and different dates may be appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.

ITEM 04

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report with Proposition to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

THE EDUCATION (SARK) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2026

After much consultation with parents in October 2024 and March 2025 and advice from specialists, the Education Committee produced an Information Report at Midsummer meeting of Chief Pleas, 3rd July 2024 regarding the plans for provision for Secondary education. Following this report, at the 2025 Easter meeting Chief Pleas agreed several propositions relating to funding for 13+ education and also agreed to instruct the Law Officers to make any changes necessary to the Education (Sark) Ordinance in order to implement these propositions.

The attached draft Ordinance updates the Education (Sark) Ordinance to that effect. Specifically, the draft Ordinance:

- Formalises the creation of an on island secondary offer for years 9-11 (ages 14-16) in a Sark School setting using an online provider.

- Clarifies that children living with off island with relatives, parents or guardians will not be eligible for Chief Pleas education funding.

- Clarifies that financial assistance to parents with children attending any approved school may include "tuition and exam fees, board and lodging costs and transport costs".

Proposition 1 –

That Chief Pleas approves the draft Ordinance entitled 'The Education (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance 2026'.

Conseiller Carol Cragoe
Deputy Chair, Education Committee

The Education (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 30th April, 2025, and in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 1 of the Education (Sark) Law, 2001[a], and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:-

Amendment of 2003 Ordinance.

1. (1) The Education (Sark) Ordinance, 2003[b] is amended as follows.

(2) For section 2(1)(a) and (b) substitute -

"(a) full-time education, including a school, ancillary facilities and equipment, suitable for children who will, during the relevant school term, have attained the age of five years up to and including children who will, during the relevant school year, have attained the age of thirteen years (hereinafter referred to as "**children aged 5-13**"),

(b) full-time online tuition, to be provided at a

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[a] Order in Council No. XIII of 2001; this enactment has been amended.

[b] Ordinance approved by Chief Pleas on 1st October 2003, this enactment has been amended.

school, suitable for children who will, during the relevant school year, have attained the age of fourteen years up to and including children who will, during the said school year, have attained the age of sixteen years (hereinafter referred to as "**senior school children**", and "**senior school child**" shall be construed accordingly), and

(c) such additional support, financial or otherwise, as the Committee thinks fit in respect of the provision of full-time education suitable for senior school children.".

(3) In section 2(3B)—

(a) in the text above paragraph (a), for "where" substitute "subject to subsection (3C), where", and

(b) in paragraph (a), for "tuition and exam fees," substitute "tuition and exam fees, board and lodging costs and transport costs,".

(4) After subsection (3B), insert the following –

"(3C) The Committee will not provide any financial assistance, or arrange board and lodging or transport as mentioned in subsection (3B) in respect of any senior school child's attendance at an approved school in Guernsey or the United Kingdom where, in the opinion of

the Committee, the child is living in Guernsey or the United Kingdom with a parent, guardian or relative.".

Extent.

2. This Ordinance has effect in the Island of Sark.

Citation.

3. This Ordinance may be cited as the Education (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026.

Commencement.

4. This Ordinance comes into force on the 20th April, 2026.

ITEM 05

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE

Report with Proposition to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2025

THE CUTTING OF HEDGES AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (SARK) ORDINANCE, 2026

At its 2025 Easter meeting, Chief Pleas considered a report from the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries (AESF) Committee relating to environmental considerations around the cutting of hedges. Specifically, the report proposed changing the timing of cuts to a single main cut in October, with a summer maintenance cut of verges in June, will lessen the impact on wildlife and tourism. Chief Pleas also agreed the below proposition:

That Chief Pleas directs the Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries Committee to speak with the Law Officers of the Crown to draft an amendment to 'The Cutting of Hedges (Sark) Ordinance, 2009' to bring about the change detailed in this Report.

The AESF Committee now brings to Chief Pleas the relevant draft Ordinance that would give effect to these changes.

As noted in the original report, the bird nesting season on Sark stretches from early February until the end of August and cutting trees and hedges during this period destroys nests and habitats. Late spring is also an important time for hedge flowers and the formation of fruit that sustains wildlife through the summer and early autumn. Moreover, the cutting of hedges in June presents an unattractive aspect along the lanes for visitors arriving in the summer. The very close cutting of banks and verges also damages the vegetation and encourages the growth of "thug" plants.

Research has shown that reduced mowing and selective cutting can significantly increase wildflower abundance, supporting bees, butterflies, and other pollinators crucial to the ecosystem. Sark's landscape, renowned for its natural beauty, can become a model for conservation practices that support local wildlife.

Guernsey has recently updated its verge cutting policies, reducing mowing frequency, and prioritising biodiversity. By aligning with these practices, Sark joins a growing movement across the British Isles to combat biodiversity loss. Sark's adoption of this policy reflects its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. These changes also ensure continued visibility and easy passage of vehicles along public roads while also allowing nature to thrive in less critical areas.

The attached draft Ordinance implements these changes and includes an updated map illustrating the roads to which the Ordinance applies. The AESF Committee therefore recommends that Chief Pleas adopts the attached draft Ordinance.

<u>Proposition</u> –

That Chief Pleas approves the attached draft Ordinance entitled The Cutting of Hedges and Vegetation Management (Sark) Ordinance, 2026

Conseiller Helen Plummer
Chair, Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries Committee

The Cutting of Hedges and Vegetation Management (Sark) Ordinance, 2026

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 30th day of April, 2025, and in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 37 of the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008[a], and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:-

Cutting of hedges adjacent to public roads.

1. Every owner or occupier of land bordering a road marked in red on the Schedule must –

(a) at least once during the period beginning on the 15th day and ending on the 30th day of October in each year, cut away any parts of a hedge or tree on the land that overhangs the road, to a height of not less than 12 feet, and

(b) remove the cut material from the road immediately.

Maintenance of banks and verges adjacent to public roads.

2. Every owner or occupier of land bordering a road marked in red on the Schedule must –

(a) at least once during the period beginning on the 1st day of June and ending on the 25th day of June in each year

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[a] Order in Council No. V of 2008. This enactment has been amended.

trim any banks and verges on the land that are adjacent to the public road, to a length of –

(i) approximately 2 inches (5 centimetres) for the bottom 12 inches (30 centimetres) of each bank or verge, in order to maintain a clear gutter, and

(ii) not less than 4 inches (10 centimetres) for the remainder of the bank or verge, and

(b) remove the trimmed material from the public road immediately.

Seasonal restriction on cutting or trimming trees and hedges.

3. A person must not cut or trim a hedge or tree bordering a road marked in red on the Schedule during the period beginning on the 1st day of February and ending on the 31st day of August in any year, unless –

(a) parts of the hedge or tree overhang the road, and the cutting or trimming is necessary to avoid impeding the flow of traffic, or

(b) the cutting or trimming is necessary to avoid or reduce the risk of property damage to any building or structure, or for safety reasons.

Exclusion by Resolution.

4. (1) The Chief Pleas may determine, by Resolution, that any obligation under this Ordinance does not apply to –

(a) a road or type of road marked in red on the Schedule,

(b) a type of tree or hedge.

(2) A Resolution made under subsection (1) takes effect on the day specified in the Resolution or, if no date is specified, on the date the Resolution is made.

Offence.

5. A person who does anything prohibited by this Ordinance, or who fails to do anything required by this Ordinance, is guilty of an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding level 2 on the uniform scale.

Interpretation.

6. In this Ordinance –

"**owner**" includes the holder of a long leasehold interest as defined in subsection 1(2) of the Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007[b],

"**uniform scale**" means the uniform scale of fines being in force, at the time the offence occurs, under the Uniform Scale of Fines (Sark) Law, 1989[c].

Repeal of 2009 Ordinance.

7. The Cutting of Hedges (Sark) Ordinance, 2009[d] is repealed.

Citation.

8. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cutting of Hedges and Vegetation Management (Sark) Ordinance, 2026.

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[b] Order in Council No. VI of 2008. This enactment has been amended.

[c] Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXI, p. 320. This enactment has been amended.

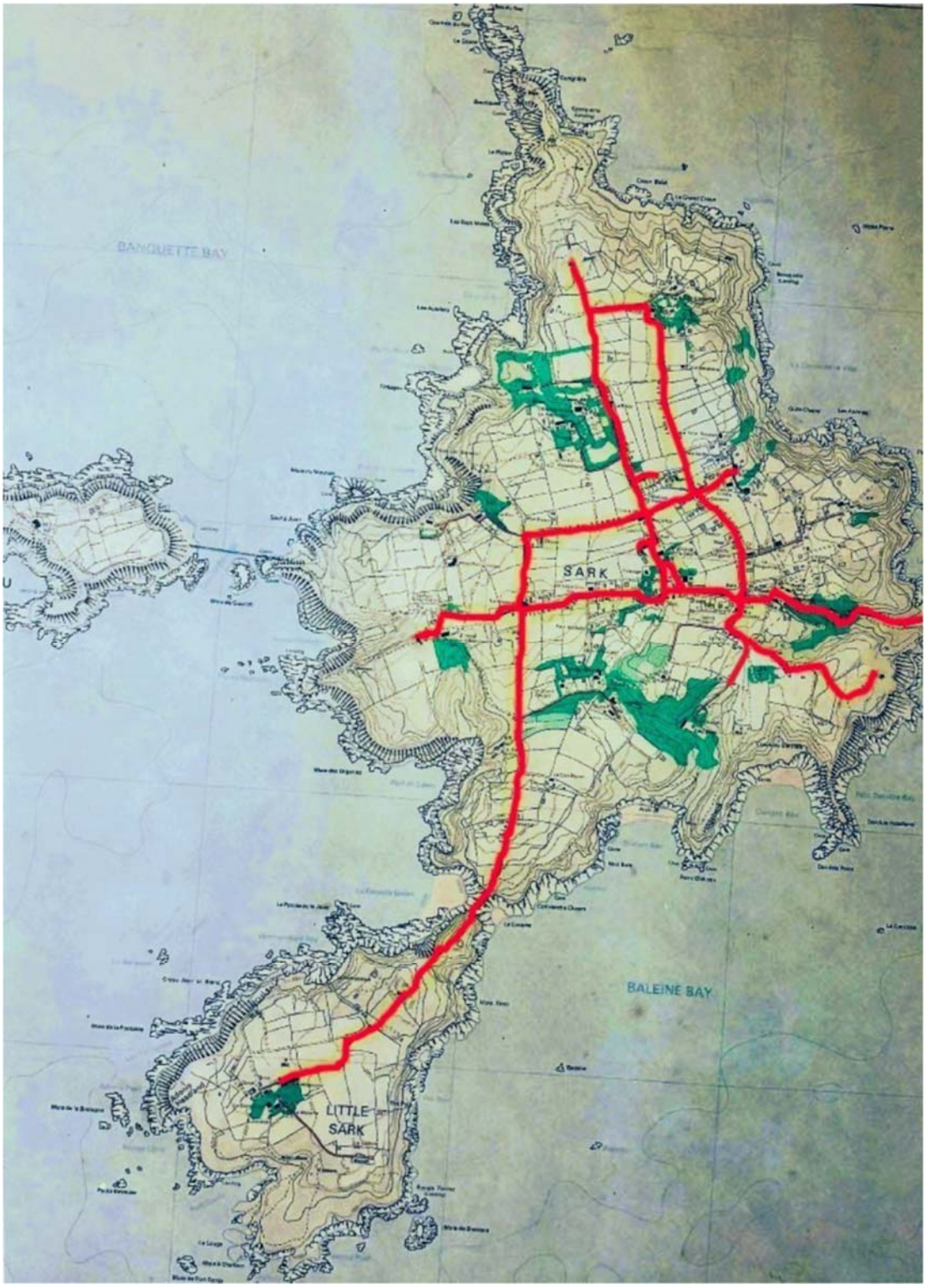
[d] Order in Council No. V of 2008. This enactment has been amended.

Commencement.

9. This Ordinance comes into force on the day it is approved by the Chief Pleas of Sark.

SCHEDULE

Section 1, 2 and 3



ITEM 06

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report with Proposition to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (GENERAL PROVISIONS) (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2026

This Projet amends Section 7 of *The Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1972* to empower the States of Guernsey's Committee for Home Affairs to grant concessions to permit - for specified periods and subject to specified conditions, restrictions and requirements - the loading and unloading of goods and the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers at ports other than at 'Approved Ports'. The legislation effectively formalises concessions that are already in place and these concessions will only be applied to good and passengers arriving from within the Common Travel Area.

The Policy Development Group was previously consulted on this topic in March 2025. Attached is the Project de Loi giving effect to these proposals.

Proposition 1 -

That Chief Pleas approves the Projet de Loi entitled 'The Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026'.

Conseiller John Guille
Chairman, Policy and Finance Committee

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

PROJET DE LOI

Entitled

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (GENERAL PROVISIONS) (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2026

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether they are of the opinion to approve the draft Projet de Loi entitled "The Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026", and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to His Majesty praying for His Royal Sanction thereto.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under section 7 (appointment of ports, airports, boarding stations, etc.) of the Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1972 ("the Law"), the Committee for Home Affairs ("CfHA") may by order appoint ports and airports within the Bailiwick for the purposes of customs and excise, and may approve places within such "approved ports" for the loading and unloading of goods and the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers. This Projet amends section 7 of the Law to empower the CfHA to grant concessions to permit, for specified periods and subject to specified conditions, restrictions and requirements, the un/loading of goods and the dis/embarkation of passengers at ports and airports other than approved ports. The inserted provisions provide that such concessions must specify the bodies and persons authorised under them, and make associated supplementary provision including empowering the CfHA to make regulations specifying the fee that may be charged on the granting of a concession and making provision in relation to the variation and revocation of granted concessions. Under the amended provisions the CfHA is required to publish all concessions it grants, together with related guidance, on the States' website. The Projet also makes consequential amendments to the enforcement provisions in subsections (6) and (7) of section 7 of the Law.

PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

The Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 2nd May, 2025[a], have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Amendment of the 1972 Law.

1. (1) Section 7 (appointment of ports, airports, boarding stations, etc.) of the Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1972[b] is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (5A), insert –

"(5B) The Committee may from time to time grant concessions in writing permitting the loading and unloading of goods, and the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, at a port or airport other than a port or airport appointed under subsection (1) or (2) (as the case may be).

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[a] Article XX of Billet d'État No. IX of 2025.

[b] Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXIII, p. 573. This enactment has been amended.

(5C) Concessions shall specify on their face the bodies and persons authorised thereunder, and shall be in such form, have effect for such a period, and specify such conditions, restrictions and requirements as the Committee thinks fit in each case; and for the avoidance of doubt, a concession may provide that the Committee may (without prejudice to subsections (6) and (7)) revoke it if satisfied that a condition, restriction or requirement specified on its face has been breached or not met.

(5D) For the avoidance of doubt, and without prejudice to the generality of subsection (5C), a concession may (amongst other requirements and provisions) –

(a) require that only the personal effects of passengers may be loaded or unloaded at the specified port or airport,

(b) require that only passengers brought to the specified port or airport directly from the United Kingdom, the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland may disembark,

(c) provide that an officer of Customs and Excise may, notwithstanding the other terms of the concession and at that officer's discretion, instruct the master or commander of a vessel or aircraft arriving at the specified port or airport to proceed directly to a port or airport appointed under subsection (1) or (2) (as the case may be).

(5E) A fee in such sum as may be specified in regulations

made by the Committee may be charged on the grant of a concession.

(5F) Regulations under subsection (5E) may make provision in relation to the variation and revocation of concessions, and related matters.

(5G) Concessions shall be published on the States of Guernsey website.

(5H) The Committee shall from time to time publish guidance on the States of Guernsey website in respect of –

(a) the circumstances in which it shall give consideration to granting a concession,

(b) conditions, restrictions and requirements that it may impose when granting a concession, and

(c) any related and supplementary matters it considers relevant.

(5I) For the avoidance of doubt, references to a "concession" and "concessions" in subsections (5C) to (5H), (6A) and (7) are to a concession or concessions granted under subsection (5B).".

(3) For subsection (6), substitute –

"(6) If any goods are landed in the Island other than in accordance with subsection (6A), the goods shall be forfeited for the account of the General Revenue except to the extent that the Policy & Resources Committee directs forfeiture otherwise (for example, for the account of the

States of Alderney), and the master of the ship or commander of the aircraft (as the case may be) from which the goods are landed shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the uniform scale.

(6A) Goods are landed in the Island in accordance with this subsection if they are landed –

(a) at a port or airport appointed under subsection (1) or (2) (as the case may be), or

(b) at a port or airport specified in, and in accordance with the terms of, a concession.".

(4) In subsection (7), after "the provisions of this section", insert "or with a condition, restriction or requirement specified on the face of a concession,".

Citation.

2. This Law may be cited as the Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026.

ITEM 07

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report with Propositions to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

THE DIRECT TAXES (SARK) (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2026

At its Midsummer Meeting in 2024, Chief Pleas agreed to several propositions to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to draft legislation amending the *Direct Taxes (Sark) Law, 2002* to clarify tax arrangements. We now bring the legislation to Chief Pleas for approval.

The propositions from Michaelmas 2024 we are addressing in the legislation are:

Proposition: 'That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare the necessary legislation to define a dwelling as subject to tax unless it has remained derelict since August 1976.'

The legislation re-defines a dwelling as subject to tax if it has been constructed as a dwelling and used as such for one month or longer since 1st August 1976.

Proposition: 'That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare the necessary legislation to empower Chief Pleas to set a minimum number of quarters on which the Forfait is to be calculated.'

The legislation now allows for an ordinance to be set annually, in which Chief Pleas can agree the number of minimum of quarters. This is to prevent people in small dwellings who pay the Forfait to pay less than the minimum rate of tax.

The Policy & Finance Committee are working closely with the Law Officers on how best to implement the additional propositions from the 2024 Midsummer Meeting. The Committee will present these at a subsequent Chief Pleas meeting.

Proposition 1 -

That Chief Pleas approves defining a dwelling as subject to tax unless it has remained derelict since August 1976, as agreed at Midsummer 2024 Chief Pleas and as per the attached draft legislation, The Direct Taxes (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2026.

Proposition 2 -

That Chief Pleas approves empowering Chief Pleas to set a minimum number of quarters on which the Forfait is to be calculated, as agreed at Midsummer 2024 Chief Pleas and as per the draft attached legislation, The Direct Taxes (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2026.

Conseiller John Guille
Chairman, Policy & Finance Committee

PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

The Direct Taxes
(Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2026

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK, in pursuance of their Resolutions of the 3rd July, 2024 and the 15th April, 2026, have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Island of Sark.

Amendment to Direct Taxes (Sark) Law, 2002.

1. The Direct Taxes (Sark) Law, 2002[a] is amended as follows.

2. At the end of section 8, insert –

"(3) An Ordinance under subsection (2)(b) may specify a minimum number of quarters by reference to which the property tax attributable to the dwelling shall be calculated, regardless of the size, nature and other attributes of the specific dwelling in question.".

3. Delete the definition of "dwelling" in section 22(1), and after section 22(1) insert –

"(1A) Subject to subsection (1B), in this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, "**dwelling**" means premises that fall into either of the following

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[a] Order in Council No. VII of 2003; this enactment has been amended.

categories set out below –

(a) premises currently wholly or principally used for the purposes of human habitation,

(b) premises that are derelict, or otherwise not currently used for the purposes of human habitation as a result of dilapidation, in circumstances where those premises –

(i) were constructed as a dwelling, or were adapted for use as a dwelling after construction, and

(ii) have been used for the purposes of human habitation during any period of one month or longer since 1st August 1976.

(1B) Without prejudice to subsection (1A), in this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, "**dwelling**" includes a flat (which means separate and self-contained premises constructed as a dwelling and forming part of a building from some other part of which it is divided horizontally and/or vertically), but does not include any hotel, guest house, hostel or similar accommodation, nor any accommodation provided by an employer for a bona fide employee as part of the terms of that employee's employment (unless those terms provide for its termination by notice in excess of 90 days).".

Citation.

4. This Law may be cited as the Direct Taxes (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2026.

Commencement.

5. This Law shall come into force on the day appointed by Ordinance; and different dates may be appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.

ITEM 08

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report with Propositions to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

APPOINTMENT OF ISLE OF SARK SHIPPING NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Policy & Finance and Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committees have been working closely with the Management of Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited (IOSS) to appoint new Non-Executive Directors to the (IOSS) Board. Together with the company's management team, the Committees oversaw a professional, transparent and rigorous process, ensuring that every stage of assessment and evaluation met a high standard. This ensured that those ultimately recommended are not only strong individual candidates but also a well-balanced group able to provide effective oversight and meaningful strategic input.

Following this robust and comprehensive evaluation, the Committees and the management of IOSS agree that **Julie Mann**, **Jon Bond** and **Sean Petralia** were the candidates who most clearly met the criteria and collectively offered the strongest blend of expertise. The Policy & Finance Committee therefore recommends to Chief Pleas that these individuals be appointed as Non-Executive Directors of IOSS.

Once appointed, the new Non-Executive Directors will play a significant role in strengthening the strategic capacity of the company. Their combined experience will support IOSS in addressing key future priorities, enhancing long-term planning, and ensuring that the organisation remains resilient and well governed. With this strengthened Board structure in place, the company will be well positioned to focus on essential operational and strategic issues and to continue serving the island effectively in the years ahead.

Proposition 1 -

That Chief Pleas agrees to appoint Julie Mann as a Non-Executive Director of the Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited for a period of 3 years with immediate effect.

<u>Proposition 2</u> -

That Chief Pleas agrees to appoint Jon Bond as a Non-Executive Director of the Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited for a period of 3 years with immediate effect.

<u>Proposition 3</u> -

That Chief Pleas agrees to appoint Sean Petralia as a Non-Executive Director of the Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited for a period of 3 years with immediate effect.

Conseiller John Guille
Chairman, Policy and Finance Committee

ITEM 09

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Report with Proposition to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

REVISED MANDATE

The Development Control Committee proposes a revised mandate to increase the Committee members to six.

It has been deemed necessary to revise the mandate in order to provide extra capacity. The Committee feels that this change would allow all applications to be dealt with in a fair and timely manner.

If the proposition is approved the Committee would wish to fill the new vacancy immediately. The name of the proposed Conseiller will be presented at the meeting.

Proposition –

That Chief Pleas approve the Development Control Committee Mandate revised as attached to this Report.

Conseiller Chris Bateson
Deputy Chairman, Development Control Committee

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

MANDATE

CONSTITUTION:

- Six members who shall be sitting members of Chief Pleas, two of whom shall be selected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman by their fellow Committee Members.
- One of the members should have farming or other horticultural experience. (In the event of no member having farming of horticultural experience, the Committee may have such a person elected for advice as required).
- Up to 2 non-voting members who shall not be sitting members of Chief Pleas but who shall be elected by Chief Pleas.
- A quorum shall consist of three voting members.

MANDATE:

1. The Committee shall administer the following Laws and Ordinances.

LEGISLATION

See **Appendix 1**

Appendix 1

- The Caravans (Sark) Law, 1957
- The Development Control (Sark) Law, 1991
- The Development Control (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2008

- The Sewerage (Sark) Law, 1978

Ordinances

- The Development Control (Sark) Ordinance, 1992
- The Development Control (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2000, 2009 & 2011
- The Development Control (Signs) (Sark) Ordinance, 2014 (No.11112014)

Conventions

Agreements

15th April 2026

ITEM 10

DOUZAINE

Information Report to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

CONSTABLE REPORT

Traditionally, at the changeover of the Constable, the outgoing Constable would prepare a report to be presented to Chief Pleas, outlining the work that had been carried out in the previous year. While the process of appointing the new Constables has changed, the Constables still wish to bring an annual report to Chief Pleas. The Constable Report for 5th October 2024 – March 2026 is attached to this report.

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Chair, Douzaine

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CONSTABLES REPORT 5th October 2024 – March 2026

The Following incidents required the Constables' involvement. (Investigation, Mediation or Assistance.)

Air Traffic	**3**	Missing child	**1**
Animal welfare (incl dog attacks)	**9**	Personal disputes	**8**
Assault	**4**	Road traffic complaints	**27**
Boats	**2**	Safeguarding	**28**
B&E*	**2**	Sexual assault	**2**
Customs	**3**	Sunday tractor permissions	**17**
Drunk & Disorderly	**6**	Theft (incl bike theft)	**14**
Domestic Violence	**9**	Underage drinking	**2**
Guns	**17**	Welfare checks	**19**
Missing persons	**2**		

Figures relating to arrests and the use of prison facilities have been removed in order to comply with GDPR and data protection requirements.
**Breaking and Entering*

Licenses Issued.
Tractors: 95
Tractor Drivers: 202
Carriage Drivers: 23
Bicycles: 743 bikes (including hire bikes)
Horses: 22
Dogs: 85
Invalid Cars: 31
Gun licenses: 49

It is important to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of those who work tirelessly to support the island community. Despite Sark's small size, there are still issues and responsibilities that require attention and cooperation. The Constables, Assistants and other team members, especially the committee office play an essential role in helping to maintain a safe and supportive environment for everyone who lives on or visits the island. Their dedication contributes greatly to preserving the character, community spirit and charm that make Sark such a unique place.

The Constables continue to operate in accordance with The Police Powers and Criminal Evidence (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2003 where appropriate; together with the Special Constables they undertake annual personal safety training from the Guernsey Police. A new model for annual mandatory training has now been implemented, combining Personal Protection and Safety Training (PPST) with essential classroom-based learning. With the support of SOO William Spooner and the cooperation of the Douzaine Committee members, we have also been able to acquire additional equipment to support operational duties. This includes two new tablets fitted with secure software and four new body-worn cameras. Once the relevant data protection policies have been finalised and implemented, with guidance from Guernsey Police, this equipment will be brought fully into operational use.

The Constables continue their routine work – carriage and tractor tests, attending meetings, and monitoring the Summer Saturday evening boat to avoid drink related incidents. The Constables have undertaken unscheduled Patrols in the day to monitor and act on drink-related incidents which cause concerns to residents and visitors to our Island.

The working relationship between the Sark Constables and Guernsey Police continues to play an important role in ensuring that investigations are carried out appropriately and in line with legal requirements. The experience and guidance provided by our colleagues in Guernsey are invaluable, particularly when dealing with more complex matters where specialist knowledge may be required. Their ongoing support enables us to approach our responsibilities with greater confidence and helps ensure that our work is conducted to a high professional standard. We are grateful for their continued assistance and cooperation, which contributes significantly to the effectiveness of policing on the island. Although we operate within different jurisdictions, the close collaboration between our two services strengthens our shared commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for the community of Sark.

Particular thanks goes to the Special Constables who turn up day or night when requested, they are an integral part of our Law Enforcement on the Island. We however need to put more effort into recruitment of our Special Constables as unfortunately the numbers are severely depleted. It is also important to note that the role of Constable secretary has now changed, licenses now will go directly through the Committee Offices rather than Constables. I would like to commend Ali Bateson for all her hard work throughout the role, you were integral to the continued success of the Constables and we cannot thank you enough for all your hard work.

Thanks must also go to our Tourism Officers who have the role of manning the Lost/found property department on Sark through the Tourist Information Centre. Many lost items have been returned to their rightful owners by their efforts.

As highlighted previously, the number of occasions on which assistance from Guernsey Police has been required on the island continues to increase. This ongoing trend remains a significant concern and suggests that the underlying causes have yet to be adequately addressed. While we remain grateful for the continued support provided by our colleagues in Guernsey, the current level of reliance is not sustainable in the longer term. It is important that serious consideration is given to measures that may help reduce this growing demand, including the introduction of more robust regulatory procedures and improved screening processes such as strengthened work permit requirements and DBS checks where appropriate. In addition, the provision of a suitable and legally compliant detention facility on the island is now both essential and necessary in order to support the effective management of incidents when they arise. This is also required to ensure compliance with the Police Powers and Criminal Evidence (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2003 (PPACE) and its associated Codes of Practice governing the detention, treatment, and custody of individuals. In the absence of such a facility on the island, there is a clear risk of non-compliance with these legal requirements. Proposals for a practical and cost-effective solution have already been submitted, and it is hoped that this facility will be in place or be well on its way to completion by mid-summer 2026. We believe that addressing these issues proactively will be essential in helping to prevent further escalation. The safety and wellbeing of the Sark community must remain a priority, and meaningful action will be required if we are to manage these challenges effectively in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report, it has been a privilege to serve the Community of Sark as Constable.

Charlotte Turner and Paul Burgess
Sark Constables

ITEM 11

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Information Report to Easter Chief Pleas, 15th April 2026

PROGRESS REPORT

Since being populated at Christmas Chief Pleas, 21st January 2026, the Committee has met twice, thoroughly reviewed the terms of reference and elected both Chair and Deputy Chair. Though the recruitment process for the various roles initially commenced on 3rd February 2026, further recruitment adverts have been placed and a house to house has been sent out.

The recruitment process for the roles of 2 non-Chief Pleas members and up to 12 Scrutiny Panel Pool members (in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference) commenced on the 3rd February 2026. Adverts were placed on the Chief Pleas website, Chief Pleas Facebook page and on the Guernsey Government website. At the time of writing this report (19.03.26) and after two such recruitment drives the Committee has received just 6 applications in total and has extended the application deadline again to Friday 27th March.

The Committee will be interviewing prospective applicants before any appointments are brought to Chief Pleas.

The Committee also invite suggestions for possible areas of scrutiny to be undertaken once membership recruitment is completed.

Conseiller Chris Bateson
Chairman, Scrutiny Management Committee

ITEM 12

DOUZAINE

Information Report to the Easter Chief Pleas Meeting, 15th April 2026

Amendments to Regulations

At the Christmas Chief Pleas meeting on 21st January 2026, Chief Pleas approved the amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Sark) Regulations, 2014 to specify how tractors are measured and to update the application forms and tractor licencing codes attached to the Regulations.

Also at the Christmas Chief Pleas meeting, Chief Pleas approved the amendment to the Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) Regulations, 2014 to add La Coupée to the list of public roads where it is an offence to drive at a speed exceeding 5 miles per hour and to restrict the speed of all motor vehicles on public roads, rather than just tractors.

When drafting the Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to make the above amendments, the Law Office recommended incorporating the 'Seasonal Regulation No. 2' which puts in place the one-way system for tractors from 1st April to 30th September every year. The Law Office also recommended replacing the 'Seasonal Regulation No. 4' which puts in place the one-way system for horse-drawn vehicles from 1st April to 30th September with 'The Road Traffic (Horse-Drawn Vehicles) Regulations, 2026. This means that the one-way systems for tractors and horse-drawn vehicles will apply every year, without having to be brought back to Chief Pleas.

The Douzaine signed the Regulations at their meeting on 19th March to come into force on 1st April 2026 and now lay them before Chief Pleas as required. As there is no provision in the Law that requires the Road Traffic (Horse-Drawn Vehicles) Regulations, 2026 to be laid before Chief Pleas, they are attached to this report.

Conseiller Mike Locke
Chair, Douzaine

SARK STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2026 No. 2

The Road Traffic (Horse-Drawn Vehicles) Regulations, 2026

Made	*19th March, 2026*
Coming into operation	*1st April, 2026*
Laid before the States	*, 2026*

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK DOUZAINE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 16A of the Road Traffic (Horse-Drawn Vehicles) (Sark) Ordinance, 1968[a], and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Seasonal restrictions on the Avenue.

1. Beginning on 1st April and ending on 30th September of each year, a person must not, during the time from 11:00am to 5:00pm daily –

(a) drive a horse-drawn vehicle in a westbound direction on the Avenue, or

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[a] Sark Ordinance No. 29; this enactment has been amended.

(b) stop a horse-drawn vehicle on the Avenue for the purpose of procuring, boarding, or disembarking passengers.

Seasonal parking restrictions.

2. Beginning on 1st April and ending on 30th September of each year, a person must not, without the permission of the Constable –

(a) park a horse-drawn vehicle, or procure or board passengers for it, on a public road, other than –

(i) in the La Collinette lay-by, or

(ii) if there is no space in the La Collinette lay-by, on the roadway opposite the old NatWest Bank, or

(b) park a horse-drawn vehicle on the roadway across the old NatWest Bank with the vehicle facing any direction other than north.

Daily parking restriction at La Collinette.

3. A person must not park a horse-drawn vehicle at La Collinette before 9:00am on any day unless it is for the pre-arranged pickup of a passenger at an agreed time.

No left turn at Visitors' Centre.

4. A person driving a horse-drawn vehicle southbound on Mill Lane must not turn left at the Visitor Centre towards the Avenue.

Walking pace required in certain areas.

5. A person must not drive a horse-drawn vehicle faster than a walking pace –

(a) on La Coupee, between the top of the hill on either side and the flat concrete surface in the middle,

(b) between St. Peter's Church and La Collinette, via the Avenue,

(c) when navigating any of the following crossroads –

(i) La Collinette,

(ii) Le Carrefour,

(iii) Clos à Jaôn, or

(iv) La Vauroque, or

(d) when navigating any of the following blind corners, in either direction –

(i) Maison Pommier to La Grand Fort turning area, and

(ii) Rosebud Hill to La Collinette.

Control of horses when parked.

6. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person in control of a horse-drawn vehicle must, when the vehicle is parked –

(a) sit on the vehicle and hold the reins of any horse attached to it, or

(b) stand within arm's reach of each horse's head.

(2) A person in control of a horse-drawn vehicle may leave the vehicle unattended for a period of no more than 10 minutes if any horse attached to it is under the control of an adult who is capable of controlling the horse and who is not in charge of any other horse or horse-drawn vehicle at the same time.

Provisional licence holder to be supervised.

7. A person who holds a provisional horse-drawn vehicle driving licence must not drive a horse-drawn vehicle on a public road unless the person is accompanied and supervised by a person who has held a full horse-drawn vehicle driving licence for at least 12 months.

Restriction on dogs.

8. A person must not be in charge of an off-lead dog while driving a horse-drawn vehicle.

Interpretation.

9. (1) In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise -

"**drive**", in respect of a horse-drawn vehicle, includes being in actual physical control of the vehicle, and "**driving**" is to be construed accordingly,

"**horse-drawn vehicle**" includes a vehicle drawn by a pony, a donkey or a mule,

"**public road**" means any road, street, lane or place which is public or to which the public has right of access, and

"**the Avenue**" means the stretch of road from the junction outside the Sark Post Office to La Collinette Junction.

Seasonal Regulation N° 4 – 2025 repealed to the extent it has legal effect.

10. To the extent it has legal effect, Seasonal Regulation N° 4 – 2025, referred to as the "Regulation Made Pursuant to Section 16A of the Road Traffic (Horse-Drawn Vehicles) (Sark) Ordinance, 1968 (As Amended)", passed by the Chief Pleas of Sark Douzaine on 22nd January, 2025, is repealed.

Citation.

11. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Horse-Drawn Vehicles) (Sark) Regulations, 2026.

Commencement.

12. These Regulations come into force on 1st April, 2026.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2026

MIKE LOCKE

Chair of the Chief Pleas of Sark Douzaine

For and on behalf of the Douzaine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions regarding the driving and parking of horse-drawn vehicles.

A seasonal directional traffic and parking restriction takes effect on 1st April of each year and expires on 30th September. In addition, a permanent early-morning parking restriction is imposed on La Collinette and unsafe left turns from Mill Lane are prohibited. In areas frequented with pedestrian traffic, horse-drawn vehicles must move at a walking pace only.

The Regulations also impose a requirement for horse-drawn vehicle drivers to supervise their horses and to not be in charge of an off-lead dog while having control of a horse-drawn vehicle. Drivers holding a provisional licence must be supervised.

The Regulations repeal an informal regulation on these issues previously passed by the Douzaine, to the extent that the informal regulation has legal effect.

These Regulations come into force on 1st April, 2026.

SARK STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2026 No. 4

The Motor Vehicles (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Made	*19th March, 2026*
Coming into operation	*1st April, 2026*
Laid before the Chief Pleas	*, 2026*

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK DOUZAINE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 3 to 6, 9, 13, 17, 20 to 22, 24, 27 and 29 to 31 of the Motor Vehicles (Sark) Law, 2013[a], and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

2014 Regulations amended.

1. (1) The Motor Vehicles (Sark) Regulations, 2014[b] ("**the Principal Regulations**") are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4 (maximum size of tractors), for subparagraphs (a) to (c), substitute –

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a Order in Council No. XVI of 2013; this enactment has been amended.

b Sark Statutory Instrument No. I of 2014; this enactment has been amended.

"(a) a length of 3.6 metres, measured from the rear of the back tyre to whichever of the following is furthest to the front –

(i) the front of the front tire, or

(ii) the front of the bonnet, not including the bumper or any attachments,

(b) a width of 2 metres, measured at the widest part of the tractor, and

(c) a height of 2.56 metres, measured from the ground to the highest part of the tractor.".

(3) In regulation 12 (construction vehicles), in paragraph (1), for "an applicant for a construction vehicle licence and an applicant to renew a construction vehicle licence" substitute "an applicant for a construction vehicle import or operating licence or the renewal of such a licence".

(4) In regulation 13 (tractor import licences) –

(a) renumber the existing provision as paragraph (1), and

(b) after the renumbered paragraph (1), insert the following -

"(2) There is no fee for a tractor import licence. But, for the avoidance of doubt, a person importing a tractor must pay the tractor tax prescribed by regulation 2 if the tractor is to be used on a public road.".

(5) For Schedules 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to the Principal Regulations, substitute Schedules 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the Schedule to these Regulations, respectively.

Citation.

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

Commencement.

3. These Regulations come into force on 1st April, 2026.

Dated this 19th day of March 2026

MIKE LOCKE

Chairperson of the Chief Pleas of Sark Douzaine Committee

For and on behalf of the Committee

SCHEDULE

Regulation 1(5)

"SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 1

Tractor Licence New Application Form Year 20_____

This form must be completed in full by any tractor owner applying for a new tractor licence. Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed annually. Failure to provide accurate information may result in refusal, suspension, or revocation of the licence.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email:_____

Section 2 – Tractor Details

Make/Model: _____

Dimensions of Tractor (in metres and centimetres):

a) Length _____ measured from the rear of the back tyre to the front of the front tyre or bonnet, whichever is longer,

b) width _____ measured at its widest part,

c) height _____ metres, measured from ground to highest point

Engine power of tractor: _____

Section 3 – Business Use Declaration

Please describe the business, trade, or occupation in connection with which this tractor is used:

☐ Agriculture (Code A) ☐ Building (Code B) ☐ Charitable Events (Code C)

☐ Emergency Services (Code E) ☐ Fishing (Commercial only) (Code F)

☐ General Carting (Code G) ☐ Other (please specify) (Code O):

Please use space below for any further information:

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Section 4 – Sunday Use

Permission must be requested from the Constable annually to drive on a Sunday.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DRIVE A TRACTOR ON A SUNDAY WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CONSTABLE

Section 5 – Harbour Use

Do you require permission to use the harbour with this tractor? ☐ Yes (Code H) ☐ No
If yes, please explain the purpose:

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Section 6 – Declaration

I declare that the information provided above is true and accurate. I understand that tractor licences are granted only for business, trade, or occupational use, and that personal/private use is not permitted. I understand that conditions may be attached to this licence, and that breach of such conditions may result in suspension or revocation.

Signed:_____

Date:_____

I enclose the fee for £300. ☐

Your data is held by the Committee Office on behalf of Chief Pleas and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. This may include the publication of government notices and communications. For further information on how your personal data may be processed, please see the Chief Pleas Data Protection Policy and Fair Processing Notices at https://sarkgov.co.uk/data-protection.

Tractor Licence Renewal Form for Year 20_____

This form must be completed in full by any tractor owner applying to renew a tractor licence. Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed annually. Failure to provide accurate information may result in refusal, suspension, or revocation of the licence.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email: _____

Section 2 – Tractor Details

Make/Model: _____

Number of current tractor licence: _____

Section 3 – Business Use Declaration

Please describe the business, trade, or occupation in connection with which this tractor is used:

☐ Agriculture (Code A) ☐ Building (Code B) ☐ Charitable Events (Code C)

☐ Emergency Services (Code E) ☐ Fishing (Commercial only) (Code F)

☐ General Carting (Code G) ☐ Other (please specify) (Code O):

Please use space below for any further information:

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Section 4 – Sunday Use

Permission must be requested from the Constable annually to drive on a Sunday.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DRIVE A TRACTOR ON A SUNDAY WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CONSTABLE

Section 5 – Harbour Use

Do you require permission to use the harbour with this tractor? ☐ Yes (Code H) ☐ No
If yes, please explain the purpose:

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Section 6 – Declaration

I declare that the information provided above is true and accurate. I understand that tractor licences are granted only for business, trade, or occupational use, and that personal/private use is not permitted. I understand that conditions may be attached to this licence, and that breach of such conditions may result in suspension or revocation.

Signed:_____

Date:_____

I enclose the fee for £300. ☐

Your data is held by the Committee Office on behalf of Chief Pleas and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. This may include the publication of government notices and communications. For further information on how your personal data may be processed, please see the Chief Pleas Data Protection Policy and Fair Processing Notices at https://sarkgov.co.uk/data-protection.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 6

Provisional Driving Licence Application Form

This form must be completed by any person applying for a provisional tractor licence. Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued. A new provisional licence must be purchased in January if you have not yet taken your test.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email:_____

Signed:_____ Date:_____

I enclose the fee of £20 ☐

Provisional Tractor Driving Licence issued by:_____

Licence Number:_____ Date issued:_____

Signed:_____

DRIVING TEST

Driving Test done by:_____ Role:_____

Test passed with:_____

Link box ☐ Trailer ☐

Signed:_____ Date:_____

Please take this form to your driving test to be completed by the tester and bring back to the Committee Office to get your full driving licence.

Your data is held by the Committee Office on behalf of Chief Pleas and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. This may include the publication of government notices and communications. For further information on how your personal data may be processed, please see the Chief Pleas Data Protection Policy and Fair Processing Notices at https://sarkgov.co.uk/data-protection.

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 9

Invalid Carriage Licence New Application Form

Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed annually.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email:_____

Section 2 – Description of Invalid Carriage

Make/Model: _____

Engine power of invalid carriage:_____

I enclose a copy of the certificate of insurance relating to the invalid carriage.

Signed:_____Date:_____

I enclose the fee of £20 ☐

Your data is held by the Committee Office on behalf of Chief Pleas and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. This may include the publication of government notices and communications. For further information on how your personal data may be processed, please see the Chief Pleas Data Protection Policy and Fair Processing Notices at https://sarkgov.co.uk/data-protection.

SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 9

Invalid Carriage Driving Licence New Application Form

Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed annually.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email:_____

Telephone:_____

I enclose:

a) a copy of a doctor's certificate relating to my need for an invalid carriage.

b) A copy of my invalid carriage driving competency test pass certificate.

Signed:_____ Date: _____

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SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 12

Construction Vehicle Import and Licence Application Form

This form must be completed in full by anyone applying to import and licence a new construction vehicle. Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed annually. Failure to provide accurate information may result in refusal, suspension, or revocation of the licence.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email:_____

Telephone:_____

Section 2 – Description of vehicle

Make/Model:_____

Dimensions of vehicle (in metres and centimetres):

a) Length_____ measured from the rear of the back tyre to the front of the front tyre or bonnet, whichever is longer

b) Width _____measured at its widest part

c) height _____metres, measured from ground to highest point

Engine power of vehicle:_____

Section 3 – Business Use Declaration

Please describe the business, trade, or occupation in connection with which this construction vehicle will be used:

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Section 4 – Sunday Use

Permission must be requested from the Constable annually to drive on a Sunday.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DRIVE A CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE ON THE ROAD ON A SUNDAY WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CONSTABLE

Section 5 – Proposed Operators of the Vehicle

Please list below any people who will be operating the vehicle.

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Section 6 – Declaration

I declare that the information provided above is true and accurate. I understand that conditions may be attached to this licence, and that breach of such conditions may result in suspension or revocation.

Signed:_____

Date:_____

I enclose the fee of £300 ☐

Your data is held by the Committee Office on behalf of Chief Pleas and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. This may include the publication of government notices and communications. For further information on how your personal data may be processed, please see the Chief Pleas Data Protection Policy and Fair Processing Notices at https://sarkgov.co.uk/data-protection.

Construction Vehicle Licence Renewal Form

This form must be completed in full by anyone applying to renew a construction vehicle licence. Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed annually. Failure to provide accurate information may result in refusal, suspension, or revocation of the licence.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email:_____

Section 2 – Description of vehicle

Make/Model:_____

Number of current licence:_____

Section 3 – Business Use Declaration

Please describe the business, trade, or occupation in connection with which this construction vehicle will be used:

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Section 4 – Sunday Use

Permission must be requested from the Constable annually to drive on a Sunday.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DRIVE A CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE ON THE ROAD ON A SUNDAY WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CONSTABLE

Section 5 – Proposed Operators of the Vehicle

Please list below any people who will be operating the vehicle.

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Section 6 – Declaration

I declare that the information provided above is true and accurate. I understand that conditions may be attached to this licence, and that breach of such conditions may result in suspension or revocation.

Signed:_____ Date:_____

I enclose the fee of £300 ☐

Your data is held by the Committee Office on behalf of Chief Pleas and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. This may include the publication of government notices and communications. For further information on how your personal data may be processed, please see the Chief Pleas Data Protection Policy and Fair Processing Notices at https://sarkgov.co.uk/data-protection.

SCHEDULE 7

Regulation 13

Tractor Import and New Licence Application Form

This form must be completed in full by anyone applying to import and licence a new tractor. Licences are valid until 31st December of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed annually. Failure to provide accurate information may result in refusal, suspension, or revocation of the licence.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

Full Name:_____

Address:_____

Please give your email if you consent to Chief Pleas and the Committee Office contacting you by email for official business:

Email:_____

Telephone:_____

Section 2 – Description of vehicle

Make/Model:_____

Dimensions of tractor (in metres and centimetres):

a) Length _____ measured from the rear of the back tyre to the front of the front tyre or bonnet, whichever is longer

b) width _____ measured at its widest part

c) height _____ metres, measured from ground to highest point

Engine power of tractor: _____

Section 3 – Business Use Declaration

Please describe the business, trade, or occupation in connection with which this tractor is used:

☐ Agriculture (Code A) ☐ Building (Code B) ☐ Charitable Events (Code C)

☐ Emergency Services (Code E) ☐ Fishing (Commercial only) (Code F)

☐ General Carting (Code G) ☐ Other (please specify) (Code O):

Please use space below for any further information:

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Section 4 – Sunday Use

Permission must be requested from the Constable annually to drive on a Sunday.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO DRIVE A CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE ON THE ROAD ON A SUNDAY WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CONSTABLE

Section 5 – Harbour Use

Do you require permission to use the harbour with this tractor? ☐ Yes (Code H) ☐ No
If yes, please explain the purpose:

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Section 6 – Declaration

I declare that the information provided above is true and accurate. I understand that conditions may be attached to this licence, and that breach of such conditions may result in suspension or revocation.

Signed:_____

Date: _____

I enclose the fee of £300 ☐

Your data is held by the Committee Office on behalf of Chief Pleas and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. This may include the publication of government notices and communications. For further information on how your personal data may be processed, please see the Chief Pleas Data Protection Policy and Fair Processing Notices at https://sarkgov.co.uk/data-protection.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Sark) Regulations, 2014 to –

- clarify how the maximum dimensions of a tractor are to be determined for registration purposes,

- clarify the obligations regarding tractor licences and construction vehicle licences, and

- replace some of the existing prescribed forms with a new updated set of forms.

These Regulations come into force on 1st April, 2026.

SARK STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2026 No. 3

The Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Made	*19th March, 2026*
Coming into operation	*1st April, 2026*
Laid before the Chief Pleas	*, 2026*

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK DOUZAINE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 14, 15 and 23A of the Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) Law, 2013[a], and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Amendment of 2014 Regulations.

1. (1) The Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) Regulations, 2014[b] are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (tractors: speed restrictions) –

(a) in subparagraph (b), at the end delete "and",

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a Order in Council No. XVI of 2013; this enactment has been amended.

b Sark Statutory Instrument No. 2 of 2014; this enactment has been amended.

(b) in subparagraph (c), at the end insert ", and", and

(c) after subparagraph (c), insert –

"(d) the southern and northern boundaries of La Coupée.".

(3) After regulation 3 (tractors: one-way streets) add –

"**Seasonal road closure.**

3A. (1) The following roads are closed to motor vehicle traffic, other than an invalid carriage, beginning on 1st April and ending on 30th September of each year, from 11:00am to 5:00pm daily –

(a) the Avenue, and

(b) the road between the Post Office and St. Peter's Church.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the road closures established by paragraph (1) do not apply to a tractor driven for the purpose of accessing –

(a) the home of the driver,

(b) premises on a closed road for the purpose of making a commercial delivery, or

(c) Gallery Stores, for the purpose of purchasing or collecting purchased goods the transport of which necessitates the use of a tractor.

(3) While the restriction in paragraph (1) is in effect, it is prohibited to drive a motor vehicle, other than invalid carriage, on the Avenue

in an eastbound direction, even if the motor vehicle is a tractor driven for a purpose permitted under subsection (2).".

(4) For regulation 4 (parking) substitute –

"**Seasonal parking restriction.**

4. Beginning on 1st April and ending on 30th September of each year, it is prohibited to park a motor vehicle, other than an invalid carriage, on any of the following roads, from 11:00am to 5:00pm daily –

(a) the Avenue, or

(b) the road between the Power Station and the Visitor's Centre.".

Seasonal Regulation N° 2 – 2021 repealed to the extent it has legal effect.

2. To the extent it has legal effect, Seasonal Regulation N° 2 – 2021, passed by the Chief Pleas of Sark Douzaine on 7th July, 2021, is repealed.

Citation.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

Commencement.

4. These Regulations come into force on 1st April, 2026.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2026

MIKE LOCKE

Chair of the Chief Pleas of Sark Douzaine

For and on behalf of the Douzaine

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) Regulations, 2014 to establish a speed limit of 5 miles per hour on La Coupée as well as seasonal road closures and parking restrictions on the island. The Regulations also repeal an informal regulation regarding seasonal road closures and parking restrictions previously passed by the Douzaine, to the extent that the informal regulation has legal effect.

These Regulations come into force on 1st April, 2026.