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FUTURE SARK

You are warmly invited to a public presentation on Monday 16th March at Island Hall, where **His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey** will attend to reflect on an important island conversation.

What is Future Sark?

Future Sark will be a community conversation about the island's long term future, held over the Spring and Summer. It will be an opportunity for islanders of all ages to help shape a clear, shared direction for Sark, grounded in what matters most to the people who live here. This meeting is a chance to find out more before the work gets going.

Sark has seen many reports and ideas over the years. Future Sark is different. This work begins by listening. It will gather views openly and fairly and turn them into a practical framework that can help Chief Pleas make confident decisions in the years ahead. The aim is not to impose solutions, but to build something shaped directly by islanders themselves.

Residents will also hear from Steve Skelton of Question Factory about what Future Sark will involve, how people can take part, and how their ideas will be taken on board. Steve and his team have been appointed to facilitate the work and will draw on experience from other community-led planning exercises they have undertaken in the Channel Islands, including the Future Jersey process. They are helping us deliver simple and accessible ways to have your say, designed specifically for Sark.

This is a chance to listen, ask questions, and help shape the conversation from the very beginning. Islanders that can't attend on the 16th will have all the same opportunities to engage when the work gets underway.

Everyone is welcome and every voice helps build a stronger, clearer future for Sark.

Have your say about our Future Sark

Future Sark is a community conversation about our island, and we want to hear from people of all ages and experiences. Young people's views are especially important, as they will live longest with the choices we make today.

The Future Sark process will bring islanders together to share ideas about what we value, what we want to protect, and what we could improve over time.

This will create a shared picture of what matters most to islanders, which Chief Pleas can consider when making decisions and that all islanders can use to understand how well the island is doing.

In this way, Future Sark will help us all think ahead with clarity and confidence.

How can I take part?

There are several easy ways to join in:

- share and contribute your ideas
- attend community workshops
- complete a short survey
- follow updates along the way

Do I need expertise to contribute?

Future Sark is about islanders' experiences and views of the future, not technical knowledge. Everyone who lives in Sark has a valuable perspective – whether you have lived here all your life or arrived more recently.

What happens to the ideas people share?

The main themes will be discussed in workshops and islanders will get a final say before Chief Pleas consider the work in September.

Will Future Sark change our laws?

No, Future Sark isn't about new laws or making fundamental changes – that's the role of Chief Pleas. But Future Sark can inform those decisions by showing us what matters most to islanders. It's a map for the future, not a set of rules.

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Shaping our island together

Hear more from the Lieutenant Governor and others at the Island Hall 5pm, Monday 16th March