

Rupert Morris —Manifesto for St Peter Port Douzenier

Putting service, standards and community at the heart of our parish

I am standing for election as a Douzenier because I care deeply about St Peter Port and believe our parish deserves active, accountable and solutions-focused representation. I have lived and worked in Guernsey for 19 years and I am proud to call St Peter Port my home. As a Guernsey Advocate and partner at an international law firm, I lead a team, solve complex problems, and appear regularly before our courts and in public speaking engagements. I want to bring that same diligence, integrity and energy to serving our parish.

About me

I am a British, English and Guernsey-qualified lawyer with two decades' experience advising individuals, families, fiduciaries and public bodies. I head a private client and trusts practice across the Channel Islands and am recognised both locally and globally in my field. I have extensive court experience in both civil and criminal matters and have worked closely with a wide range of community stakeholders. I am a former Chair of STEP Guernsey, where I led diversity and inclusion initiatives, steered the branch successfully through the challenges of the pandemic, and helped deliver a full programme of professional education for our local community as well as a former Deputy Chair of GAT, the Guernsey Association of Trustees. I speak French, with additional German and Japanese, and I value respectful, clear communication with everyone I serve.

My priorities for St Peter Port

St Peter Port is the island's civic and cultural heart. It should be clean, welcoming and well-run; a place where residents feel heard, businesses can thrive, young people feel invested, and visitors experience our best. If elected, I will focus on the following:

- Clean, cared-for streets and spaces. I will support coordinated parish action to address neglected corners, weeds, damaged street furniture and out-of-date signage, including practical community clean-ups and clear maintenance standards. Small, consistent improvements make a big difference to how our town looks and feels.
- Pride in place and heritage. From Candie Gardens to the waterfront and the Town Church, we should maintain our landmarks to a standard that reflects our history and hospitality. I will support the Floral Committee and heritage volunteers, ensure new initiatives are properly maintained, and encourage sponsorships to extend what the parish budget can achieve.
- Community engagement that listens and acts. I will be a visible, approachable Douzenier—present at parish meetings, Saturday drop-ins and community events. I will advocate for better communication about parish decisions, spending and

priorities, and for constructive, respectful dialogue on matters that affect residents day-to-day.

- Safer, more accessible streets. I will support practical measures that encourage considerate use of our shared spaces—balancing pedestrian safety, cycling compliance, accessibility for those with disabilities, and the needs of families and older residents.
- Support for local enterprise and culture. I will champion events and initiatives that enliven town life—Seafront Sundays, arts and music, markets and exhibitions—and help make better use of empty retail spaces (a particular bugbear of mine). A vibrant centre benefits residents, businesses and visitors alike.
- Inclusion, opportunity and youth involvement. Our parish is home to people from many backgrounds. I will promote inclusive representation and create opportunities for young people to participate in civic life, from volunteering to community projects that build skills and pride in town.
- Fairness, accountability and good governance. My professional life is grounded in responsibility, regulatory awareness and impartial decision-making. I will bring those standards to parish business—transparent processes, careful stewardship of funds, diligent inspections, and firm but fair enforcement where needed.

How I will work

I am practical and hands-on. I prepare thoroughly, listen carefully and act decisively. I will collaborate with fellow Douzeniers, Constables, parish staff, community groups and businesses to deliver results. Where issues require coordination with the States or other agencies, I will use my experience working across institutions to secure progress.

Why your vote matters

St Peter Port deserves a Douzenier who will show up, do the work, and set high standards for our public spaces and civic life. I offer proven leadership, calm judgement under pressure, and a commitment to service grounded in our community's values. With your support, I will work every day to keep St Peter Port clean, safe, welcoming and proudly ours.

I would be honoured to have your vote. Thank you.