

VOTE



YOUTH & EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY MANIFESTO



PLEASE GIVE ME ONE OF YOUR VOTES ON 27TH APRIL 2016

Dear Vale voter

My name is Matt Fallaize. I have been a member of the States as one of your representatives since 2008. Thank you for the generous support you have offered me – it is a privilege to serve you. I respectfully request that you consider casting one of your votes for me when the Vale goes to the polls on 27th April.

You will already have received my full manifesto in which I outline my record as a Vale deputy and explain the principles and policies I wish to pursue over the next four years if you re-elect me.

This leaflet is a brief summary of my full manifesto. I am walking the parish to deliver it by hand so that I can meet as many parishioners as possible.

If you were out when I called earlier, or if we spoke then and you wish to continue our discussion, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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My approach to politics is not defensive – trying so hard not to upset anyone that nothing ever gets done. I doubt there is a single elector who hasn't disagreed with something I have said or done. And I certainly don't claim to have got everything right – refusing ever to admit to one's shortcomings and errors is a sign not of strength but of weakness.

I believe that Vale voters want their deputies to be determined and forthright. I also believe they want them to be positive and constructive and I have worked hard to build consensus with colleagues across the political spectrum because no deputy can ever achieve anything alone.

Populist rhetoric and dogma of the left or right are of little use in Guernsey politics. What matters is getting things done for our parish and our island and that demands co-operation and pragmatic, inclusive leadership.

I am the youngest member of the States but I have learned a great deal from serving two terms as your deputy. If re-elected, I will put my energy and experience to good use advancing policies which promote: prosperity and stability; social protection; opportunity and inclusion; and a strong community.

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I was born just off the Bridge. We moved to the Vale when I was six and I have lived in this parish ever since. I was educated at Vale School and Elizabeth College. I am 34. Nikki and I have been married for 11 years. We have two children – Joshua (9) and Amelia (6) – who are at Vale Primary School. Nikki works in IT at Elizabeth College.

Serving the Vale

AFTER years of wrangling, the issue of how much golf clubs should pay to use L'Ancrese Common has finally been resolved.

Thanks to the diplomatic skills of Deputy Matt Fallaize and other Vale deputies the two sides have been persuaded to come to an agreement.

It is no doubt helped concentrate the minds of all

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It was a privilege to lead a small group of Vale deputies in bringing together good people from both the Vale Commons Council and the two golf clubs. It is a fair deal which promotes sport, protects public use of the Commons and secures the maintenance of the Commons for the next 25 years.

I aim to be an approachable and responsive Vale deputy. I have pursued personal cases for many parishioners on matters as diverse as planning applications, school admissions, road safety, social housing and the operation of the tip at Mont Cuet. If re-elected, I will continue to make available as much time as necessary for local duties to Vale parishioners. An early task would be to press for the action necessary to improve water quality at Pembroke.

If re-elected I will promote...

Prosperity and stability

- ✓ sustainable growth, stable inflation and low unemployment
- ✓ a balanced approach to the deficit – raising additional revenue and restraining public spending

Social protection

- ✓ resolving demographic challenges while defending the values of our compassionate society
- ✓ directing allowances and benefits to those in most need

Opportunity and inclusion

- ✓ education built on equality of opportunity and excellence for every child as a right and not a privilege
- ✓ universal pre-school education

A strong community

- ✓ further integration of law enforcement and of emergency services
- ✓ containing population growth without damaging prosperity

Reform of the States & IWV

At the 2012 election I said: "Above all I am asking for your support to allow me to lead reform of the States." You were good enough to support me and, working with colleagues, I did lead reform of the States.

A new senior committee – the Policy & Resources Committee – will bring together the co-ordination of policy and resources and external relations. There will be fewer committees with broader responsibilities. Scrutiny will be strengthened. The trading bodies will have a more commercial focus. The number of deputies will be reduced by 15%, saving the taxpayer around £1 million in the next States' term. Senior officers will be more accountable to the committees they serve. These reforms come into effect on 1st May.

In the next States I would like to continue to make the case for a referendum on island-wide voting. I don't mean another consultation exercise. I mean you – the people of Guernsey – determining your electoral system for 2020. If re-elected, I will seek a position from which I can work with like-minded colleagues to deliver a well-organised, binding referendum.