

“I have known Matt for 12 years and served with him in the States for two terms between 2008 and 2016. I am also honoured to be able to call him a very close friend. He is scrupulously honest, hard-working and totally dedicated to working for the good of the whole community across all aspects of Island life, as demonstrated over the past 12 years. His fellow deputies have always respected his ability – even those who disagree with him from time to time. His qualities are best witnessed by those who have had the pleasure of working alongside him and those same qualities have earned him a reputation for getting things done no matter how difficult that might be. He is supportive of his political colleagues, often helping them to achieve their aims in government and I speak from personal experience. His work for individuals is also well known in the community. His dedication to this Island is only matched by his dedication to Nikki and their 3 children - two school age children and one toddler - just sometimes I think he might get the balance of his time wrong with the community coming off best.”

*Andrew Le Lievre – States’ Member, 2008-16*

“Matt is one of the hardest-working and most knowledgeable deputies with whom it has been my pleasure to work. Utterly committed to the welfare of our Island and its population, he has a mastery of the detail of policy and States’ procedures which few can match. That knowledge he unfailingly brings to bear for the benefit of his constituents on whose behalf he expends enormous energy coupled with unflagging loyalty and determination. He is simply one of the finest public servants of our generation.”

*Professor Richard Conder, former Chief Executive, GTA University Centre*

“Matt is broadly liberal and socially inclusive. Having worked with Matt on the Home Department I was always impressed by his thoroughness. He read everything and was always prepared and open to discussion. He has the ability to apply the principles of critical analysis and form an independent opinion. He does not shy away from taking responsibility and does not allow

himself to be drawn into the dysfunctional elements of the political arena. I support his candidature at this election.”

*Andrew Ozanne OBE – businessman and leader in the charitable sector*

“Matt was a valued member of our Committee for much of this political term. I always found him a clear thinker who was very good at cutting through all the complications and fog to get to the nub of the issue, either at Committee level or in the Assembly. His clarity of thought is why he is so good at brokering solutions when progress is in danger of stalling. He shows genuine commitment to constituent cases that often lead to much-needed changes in policy. He places a high degree of importance on the needs of those less fortunate in society and is genuine in his passion for equality for all. He has remained true to his principles and is genuine and passionate about the issues he chooses to prioritise. He does not take the populist route. I wish Matt every success in this election. I know he has much unfinished business that he wants to complete in the next term. Please give him your vote.”

*Deputy Michelle Le Clerc – President, Committee for Employment & Social Security, 2016-20*

“It gives me pleasure to endorse Matt Fallaize's nomination to continue to serve our Island as a Deputy. I was President of Education for 11 years. I know at first hand the pressures of such a responsibility. In such a position, whatever policies you strive to achieve, naturally there will be those who support and those who object. Often a Committee President has a most viable position. One cannot please all the people all of the time. Throughout the long-lasting debate on the future of secondary education, I have been struck by Matt’s calm and measured response and his sincere wish to do only the best for our children. This present States have been unbelievably divided on just about everything that they have discussed, sometimes with a great deal of acrimony. But Matt has always remained polite and respectful to all

his fellow members. He is in my mind a hard-working and diligent Deputy. Please vote for Matt Fallaize on your voting paper."

*Martin Ozanne – President, Education Council, 1997-2008, and Member of the then Advisory & Finance Committee*

"Matt and I share a passion for sport and ensuring that all children have a positive experience of physical activity in school which will enable them to go on to join clubs and sporting organisations out of school. Under Matt's leadership, the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture has been incredibly supportive of the excellent work being undertaken by the Guernsey Sports Commission in Bailiwick primary schools. Through a shared vision and commitment, the Sports Commission is now delivering over 6,000 hours of sport from reception to year 6. The Committee has a considerable workload but Matt and his team have always found time to meet with us and have constructive conversations about the future of the partnership. I am delighted that they have extended their support for our work in primary schools for a further five years. In successfully leading the Active 8 Plan for Sport through the States, Matt has also ensured that sport continues to be on a secure footing with strong political support and exciting times ahead. While Matt and I may not agree on everything, I have always found him to be diligent, hard-working and committed to serving Guernsey and its people."

*Jon Ravenscroft – Chairman, Guernsey Sports Commission, and businessman*

"I met with Matt in the hope that he may have been able to help in getting assistance for other sufferers of this disease. I have to say he has been most helpful in this matter, including getting his motion for support approved by the States. Since then, Matt has been in contact with me to check on my welfare, for which I thank him very much. I hope Matt is successful in his endeavour to remain in local politics as Guernsey needs people like Matt who fight for the right causes and not for themselves."

*Ian Goodwin – mesothelioma sufferer and campaigner*

“In the Covid recovery era, Guernsey will require politicians who work tirelessly to challenge the status quo; who are prepared to propose and argue the case for substantial change; who engage in respectful debate on the issues, rather than resort to personal insults; who respect the eventual majority democratic vote in the States’ chamber and never sulk passively on the back benches; and who engage actively in a wide range of policy issues, rather than on a narrow single-issue pet crusade. Matt has demonstrated all these attributes and should therefore be one of our deputies in the next States.”

*John Hollis – Member, States’ Trading Supervisory Board*

“Matt has always been a consistent, honest politician with a robust moral compass. He is a personal inspiration to me and with him as one of our Island’s leaders my faith in our government remains. When Matt feels strongly about an issue, he takes a stand for what he believes is right for the Island while also taking into account the opinions of our citizens. A vote for Matt is a vote for the continued improvement of our society.”

*Tillie Green – campaigner for equality and social justice*

“I have been involved in education for well over 60 years, mostly in Guernsey, and in those years I have witnessed enormous changes that have promoted social mobility and the quality of education for all. Change is never easy and usually succeeds in the face of considerable opposition, frequently caused by fear of the unknown. Three recent and important reports by relevant specialists advise that if we wish to maintain our prosperity with full employment during the next three decades we must continue the process of change and that education will be a key element in what is becoming a

knowledge-based economy. I have no hesitation in supporting Matt as a deputy in this election and to continue his work leading the Education Service forward to face the challenges ahead. In the past two-and-a-half years, as recently confirmed by Professor Staite, he and his committee have displayed vision, sheer hard work and determination. I should add – from my own experience – courage and integrity, all at no little cost to themselves. I can think of no other person who can combine the knowledge of both the Island and his subject and who has the skill and sensitivity to provide each and every one of our children and grandchildren with the education they will need.”

*Dick Taylor – Former Deputy Director of Education*

“Matt has always been a full supporter of The Guernsey Institute and its move forward to providing an excellent future for the professional and technical education of our young – our future workforce. He has always been clear about the vision to provide demand-led education to these students and tireless in his work to achieve the changes required to provide this with shared responsibility between the States and industry. I fully support his work and the enormous good that his passion and intellect can bring to Guernsey as a whole.”

*Julian Winser – Chairman, Shadow Board of The Guernsey Institute*

“As one of Guernsey’s senior politicians with over 12 years of political experience, it’s quite remarkable that Matt is still a young family man at heart. With an accepted encyclopaedic knowledge of the Island’s parliamentary history and systems, plus his deep knowledge of processes as well as policies, he is always well-briefed and informed on all matters before the States. Hard work and research underpin Deputy Fallaize’s own beliefs with a self-analysed workload of thirds - a third of his time assisting parishioners on personal matters; a third of his time dealing with Committee work; and a third of his time preparing for and participating proactively in meetings of the States Assembly. Matt reads well, listens well and speaks well - and of

course he isn't always right, who would be - but he will pursue a cause with good intent by arguing its merits with passion. He has an open mind but with a resolute set of principles. His love of Guernsey and his young family guide his desire to serve in public service, aware of the responsibility that brings in representing the whole community."

*Paul Luxon – Chief Executive, Condor Ferries*

"I have always found Matt to be approachable, open and transparent. He is a dedicated and hard-working deputy. Notwithstanding the CÆSC's very busy agenda for education, Matt has also ensured support for the other areas of their mandate, notably sport, art, youth services and the Guernsey language, and he has been receptive to new ideas."

*Wayne Bulpitt – businessman and leader in the charitable sector*

"I have known Matt personally and professionally (via his role as President of the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture) for several years. In my experience he has huge commitment and a tireless work ethic; is keen to understand and resolve the complex issues that the Bailiwick faces, seeking expertise-based and evidence-informed decisions; acts to pursue policies that the Bailiwick needs rather than those that might be temporarily popular; is an advocate for inclusion, social justice and economic opportunity for all; has a clear empathetic approach in the many areas of his work as a deputy; and is committed to realising the potential of all members of our community. I believe that these are essential values for the deputies that represent us and the Assembly would be poorer for Matt's absence. I shall be voting for him at this election and wish him every success."

*Jane St Pier – Chair, Guernsey Youth Commission*

“Matt has an unusually sound grasp of governance issues and is thoroughly committed to democratic principles. Authentic and articulate yet always approachable, his political maturity is readily evidenced by his ability to bargain and to compromise in order to achieve better outcomes for our community. Grounded in Guernsey values, Matt has proven himself able to build and to master a complicated policy brief and he has the economic acumen to understand when and why dearly-held ideals must be tempered by financial reality. A clear and capable communicator, Matt is quick-witted and versatile in debate. He is resolute and responsive without becoming fickle. Extremely hard working individually but very much a team player, his balanced approach has earned him the respect of political colleagues of all shades and thereby enabled him to play an effective parliamentary role in the evolution, formulation and delivery of policy and legislation closely tailored to Guernsey's requirements. Matt is a balanced and critical thinker and these attributes are complemented by his inclusiveness and his preparedness to stand up and be counted on behalf of others in matters of central importance to our electorate. His unique combination of ability, experience and an unusually comprehensive understanding of our system of government makes him exactly the kind of representative our community needs to retain in these challenging times.”

*Sean McManus – teachers' union representative*

“As constable of the Vale Parish I have been fortunate to be able to consult with Matt on many occasions, as has my wife who is involved with social care and parish improvements. Matt has always been available, a good listener and true to his word and has always responded or followed up where possible, and where not possible he has signposted appropriately. I have valued his input and advice greatly.”

*Bill Cohu – Vale Constable*

“The 2020 election will see the people of Guernsey somehow having to use up to 38 votes from 100 or so candidates. It is highly unlikely that anyone will

be able to identify 38 candidates whose views align completely with their own. Therefore, in addition to scrutinising the detail of the policies a candidate is actually committing to, the key will be identifying those people who have the qualities that a Deputy must possess – commitment, integrity, (intellectual) ability and a good understanding of the challenges faced by islanders from all walks of life. Having known Matt since childhood, I can vouch for the fact he has all of those qualities by the bucket load not to mention his vast experience within the States of Guernsey which is another asset that must not be ignored. Matt’s insightful approach to politics and his decision making with a true social conscience will make him a crucial member of the next States.”

*Advocate Liam Roffey*

“Matt and I come from different points of the political compass on several issues but I have much enjoyed a productive working partnership with him these past few years. I shall vote for him on 7th October because our future government will need his integrity, intelligence and huge capacity for hard work.”

*Richard Graham MBE LVO – Former ADC to H E Lieutenant-Governor and States’ Member, 2016-20*

“I first met Matt Fallaize when he was researching Island issues before his first election. At the time I was the Principal of the College of FE and Matt came to see me as part of his research into education. I remember being struck by the depth of his knowledge regarding education, as well as other issues of importance to the Island at that time. More recently, as Chair of the Arts Commission, I have met with Matt on several occasions and always found him to be intelligent, articulate and willing to listen to the issues surrounding the arts in Guernsey. In my dealings with Matt, I have found him to be a man of integrity, a man who listens carefully to others’ points of view, but someone who is prepared to challenge those views in order for him to

reach his own conclusions. I believe he spends considerable time in researching, in depth, the matters he has to deal with, and his knowledge of local issues and politics is huge. Matt is now an experienced politician, and his skills, knowledge and work ethic will be an asset to the future States."

*Trevor Wakefield – Chairman, Guernsey Arts Commission, and former Principal, College of Further Education*

"It has been a joy to work alongside Matt for the past four years. Matt is smart, compassionate, and unfailingly generous with his time and his skills, towards his colleagues and towards his parishioners. He is a champion for Islanders who have experienced hardship: without him, the States would have done nothing to address the suffering of people who are dying from asbestos-related diseases. In this and many other ways, he has stood up for ordinary people and tried to create a fairer community for us all. He sets an example for the rest of the States with his personal dedication, with the quality of his work, and with his willingness to take on the toughest of challenges."

*Deputy Emilie McSwiggan – States' Member, 2016-20*

"I have known Matt for many years – latterly when I was a Douzenier for the Vale. I was immensely impressed with how he always made time for local-level parish politics and parishioner issues, even though on a macro scale he was dealing with far wider issues of significant island-wide importance. Matt is never too busy to listen to others for their views, as well as forming opinions and thoughts thorough evaluation of facts from multiple sources."

*Stuart Le Maitre – Industrial Disputes Officer and former Vale Douzenier*

“Change is one of the most significant challenges which affects life and Guernsey is no exception – indeed many would argue this applies in Guernsey even more so. Education is a service that has been subject to some of the greatest change in both Great Britain and the Channel Islands in recent years and has been one of the most divisive. In Guernsey, debate has raged since 2001 when an amendment was made during the famous 11+ debate and division seems likely to persist unless the new Assembly can bite the bullet early in its life. Even so the service will have been left in limbo, and therefore our children and students similarly, for a total of a quarter of a century. I state this to highlight the statesmanship Matt has shown in the past two-and-a-half years, coupled with his earlier work on the States’ Assembly & Constitution Committee, which he led; and last and by no means least his leadership of Sport and Culture as well as Education – his current responsibilities. For a long period the Island has been divided and successive Education Committees grappled and in some cases went under as our selective system required significant re-structuring in terms of infrastructure and buildings but more importantly staff, governance and human resources. As President of the Committee, Matt has set about his task of re-structuring in a way which at all times highlighted that children and students are the number one priority and the Bailiwick’s future. He has not been frightened to shake up some processes and people. His parliamentary knowledge, understanding of procedures, regulations and laws makes him a senior and leading figure in our government. The way he has handled the bruising dialogue and challenge of a change in direction is to be respected. Matt has not resorted to the tribalism which in some ways has been the hallmark of this current Assembly. It is vital that everybody elected is focused on what is required for Guernsey in these unprecedented times – albeit this will have taken 25 years and affected generations of our youth.”

*Mick Fooks – Dean of the Castel Douzaine*

I first met Matt following his election as President of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture in early 2018 when he agreed to meet up to discuss Guernesiais. Subsequently Matt was prepared to pick up the perhaps ‘unpopulist’ language-support legacy, and following further consultation,

during August 2020 his committee won the overwhelming support of the States to financially support Guernesiais. During communications with Matt I have found him to be respectful of others' opinions, sympathetic, considered and, in the above instance as President of a major States' Committee, a successful language policy-maker. Should Matt be re-elected, I look forward to his continued support for and involvement with Guernesiais.

*Yan Marquis – campaigner for our Guernsey language*

"I have had contact with deputies many times over the years and Matt Fallaize is one who will always respond. I haven't always agreed with everything he has said, but correspondence with him is always courteous and respectful and his knowledge of subjects and politics (local and national) is evident. He has had a tough term, but not once has he shied away from his duty. His integrity, honesty and the hours he puts into the role make him an ideal deputy. His love for the Island and its people always shines through for me. He is passionate, but also practical. He has my vote."

*Lisa Vahey – Women in Public Life*

"I admit that historically Matt wasn't one of the deputies I rated highly. However, after serving with him on the Committee for Employment & Social Security, my opinion changed dramatically. Seeing him in action, my respect for him grew. His integrity, diligence and sheer hard work are exemplary. Whilst some people may not agree with some of his policies he brings to the States much-needed balance and thoughtful insights and the States would be the poorer should he not retain his seat."

*Mike Brown – retired businessman and Member, Committee for Employment & Social Security*

"I am proud to say that I have worked with Matt for several years on the Vale Primary School Committee and his dedication to the wellbeing of our pupils has been exemplary. I wish him every success in the forthcoming election and look forward to working with him again as a deputy in the future."

*Dave Bradshaw – Chairman, Vale Primary School Committee*

"I have known Matt for many years - from his involvement in local football to his current role as a deputy. Matt works extremely diligently for the benefit of Guernsey. He does not take a 'populist' view and therefore makes tough decisions with the sole aim of benefitting the Island. Matt has a level of integrity second to none. I have no hesitation in stating that, with Matt in the Assembly, the States are far stronger and far better equipped to deal with the tough times ahead. Economically, Matt has the knowledge needed to help Guernsey come through these unprecedented times. This was proven when discussing Policy & Resources' proposals to borrow to invest in the economy. Matt's speech was the highlight of the debate where he showed his understanding of the matter and why we must invest into our economy. Matt has been leading the way in supporting local sport and culture, which is very important, and I know he will continue to do this. In my professional capacity, we work with Guernsey College of Further Education, part of The Guernsey Institute, of which Matt has been a significant supporter. Sadly, this has not always been the case with some other deputies and civil servants. I am delighted that investment in this superb institution is now moving forward, meaning that finally it could be the bride instead of always the bridesmaid. Matt has rightly driven the formation of The Guernsey Institute and I am sure lecturers, staff and students are thankful for all his efforts. Matt has my full support and I urge you to vote for him."

*Pierre Blampied – businessman and sponsor of The College of Further Education / The Guernsey Institute*

