

Jersey Liberal Conservatives



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**DAVID  
BENN**

for Deputy of St Mary St Ouen St Peter

“Working Together  
for Jersey”

in coalition with:

**Progress**  
THE PROGRESS PARTY



I feel honoured to be standing in the forthcoming Elections as a Jersey Liberal Conservative candidate in the Western Parish area of St Ouen, St Peter and St Mary. I have, through my long experience in agriculture and honorary services drawn on my communication skills and experience for bridging the gap between the Politicians, Civil Servants, Industry and the public.

I am Jersey born and went to local schools followed by a three-year course at Pershore College of Horticulture, where I was Vice President of the Student's Union during my first year and President during my third. It was an excellent start to committee and political life.

Returning to Jersey I spent three years at La Hougue Farm, St Peter, as a manager before starting my own farm in St John.

Early in my farming career I was elected to the Potato Committee, of the Jersey Farmers Union (JFU), eventually becoming Vice-Chairman and Chairman of that Committee and thus a member of the JFU Council. I served as both a member and Chairman of other Committees associated with the industry. During the eighties and nineties I worked with the Civil Service, the English Potato Marketing Board and the Politicians of the day for the Potato Industry. I was a grower director for the Jersey Producers and Merchants Organisation, a position I held for eighteen years.

I was elected as a Constables Officer in the St Ouen Honorary Police in the eighties, a position I enjoyed immensely, and when I moved to St John I became a member of the St John's Honorary Police for a number of years, again a very rewarding experience.

I am a strong supporter of the Honorary and Parish system.

I have been a part of the Mustard Seed

team, collecting, packing, loading and driving Humanitarian Aid to Romania for many years. In all I drove some fifteen trips. In these latter years I have been involved when problems occur using my communication skills to find a solution. The involvement has given me a direct view of the suffering of the least well off members of society and the hands-on, and often diplomatic, approach that is required to help alleviate their situation and have witnessed the positive results of the hard work put in by the team.

I am fluent in French and have lived and worked a number of years in France where I was involved in the building industry, coordinating and negotiating between clients, suppliers, artisans and planning authorities. This role involved strong diplomatic communication and understanding to facilitate successful outcomes.

I have been back in the Island for several years. During this time, I have seen and heard the frustrations about the way in which this wonderful Island is being governed. To burden our young with a future of unimaginable debt, impossible housing prices and an environment heading quickly in the wrong direction is something that I cannot contemplate without doing something about it. It is for current and the next generations that I offer my skills of communication, clear-thinking, hands-on common-sense approach with compassion, to be elected to the House and get this, our incredible Island, back onto a solid footing.

Why stand as a member of a Party?

Because as an individual one can achieve changes but as a member of a Party the changes can be greater and faster. The values of the JLC correspond to mine and so we will achieve so much more as a combined force. And change is what this Island needs now...

# The Jersey Liberal Conservatives and The Progress Party pledge to:

- **Restore Confidence in Government**

by restoring political responsibility, good governance and the accountability of the civil service to Ministers, by being prudent with our finances, and by making Jersey's government more effective, open, and responsive to the needs of Jersey people.

- **Reinvigorate the Economy**

by ensuring that all policy decisions support a thriving business community and sustainable economic growth. We will promote innovation and encourage digital business start-ups.

- **Manage Population Growth**

by developing policies to limit population growth, with the aim of having a stable working population in a balanced economy.

- **Protect the Environment**

by conserving the stunning beauty of Jersey's natural assets, by managing sensibly the challenges of climate change, and by restoring the Island's biodiversity.

- **Create Housing Solutions**

by providing more affordable homes to rent, by getting more people on the housing ladder through additional shared equity schemes, and by creating greater awareness of tenancy rights and obligations.

- **Create the Best Health Service**

which Jersey can afford, by focusing on the importance and value of frontline staff, by improving access to primary care, and by building a new hospital in the right place at the right cost.

- **Make Education a High Priority**

by investing in it and ensuring that all young people, regardless of background, can develop their talents to the full and enjoy fulfilling lives.

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