

There's a boat in the morning! We now have the means through ownership of the Steam Packet to boost visitor numbers significantly with incentivised off-peak holiday travel. The SPC should be used as a way of boosting local businesses and creating jobs, and not just of bolstering Treasury income. More affordable fares could also encourage our youth to stay here!

Looking after those who have looked after us! Pensioners should get pay rises before politicians. Lower paid key workers should get a fair wage. Every resident should have a place in a decent government care home if needed - state funded.

The forgotten constituency! When property developers were given the green light for massive developments in Peel and the South, who challenged them to consider, and pay for the traffic problems we now face daily in Middle? No one! Common sense and accountability are needed!

We need to wake up, and woke down! We must be able to discuss and debate difficult topics freely, reasonably and compassionately, without the constant fear of a creeping political correctness or the 'woke army' trying to shut us up. We are getting too close to Orwell's dystopian future where expressing an opinion can have you arrested.

I won't forget you! How many times in the last government has a Middle MHK asked for your opinion? Not even once for me! I'll host regular informal meetings in the constituency with you, and post regular videos and blogs on social media! I'm trying hard to visit every householder in Middle, but if I've missed you and you would welcome a visit, please contact me and I'll come to see you at a convenient time.

Thanks for reading, and feel free to email me with any questions or concerns: stupeters@manx.net or call me on **491138**

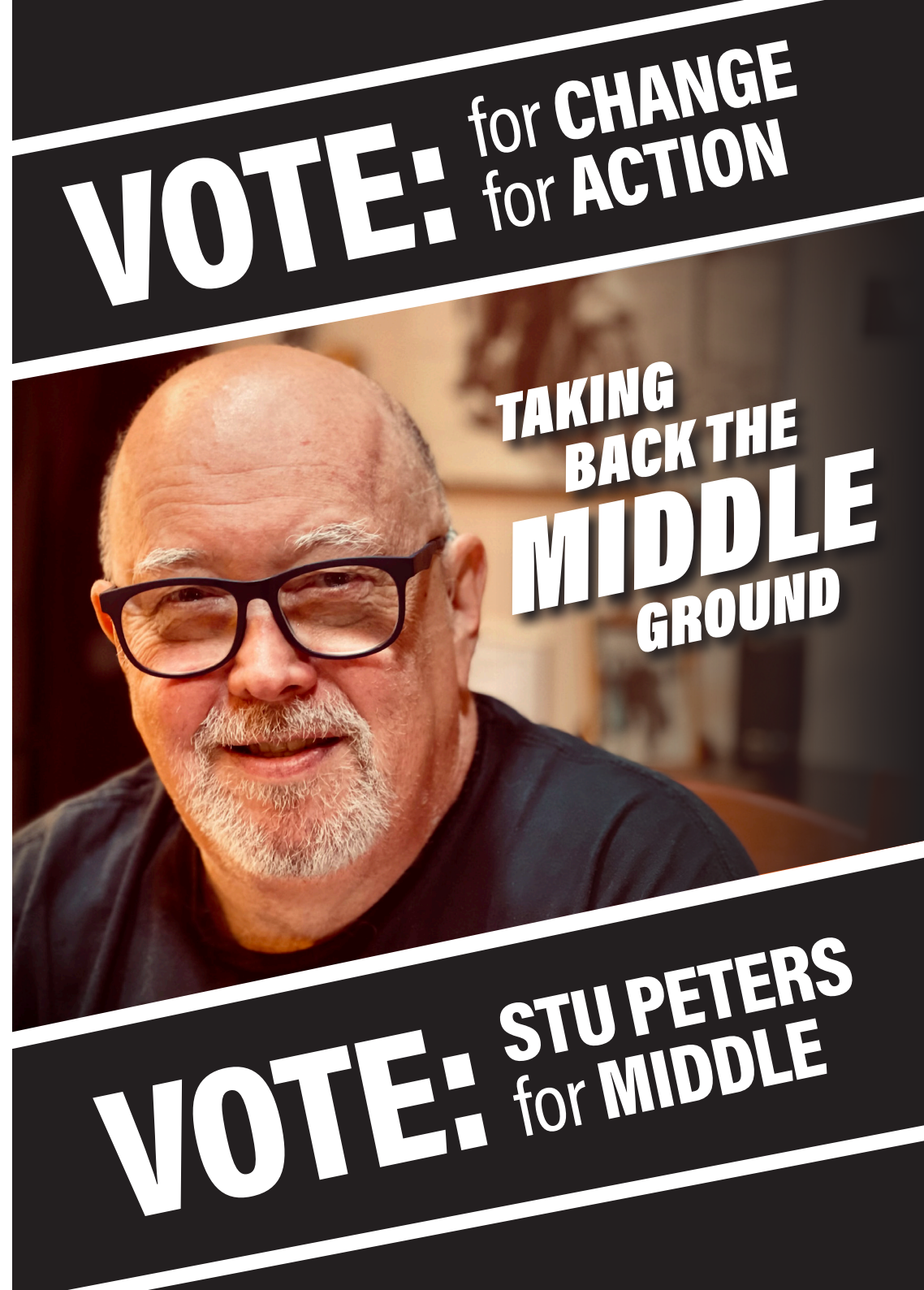
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 **Stu Peters for Middle**



VOTE: for **CHANGE**
for **ACTION**

**TAKING
BACK THE
MIDDLE
GROUND**

VOTE: **STU PETERS**
for **MIDDLE**



Stu Peters MANIFESTO

“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

Every five years people say “this has been the worst government in Manx history and it’s time for a change”. In the 2016 election half of the House of Keys was replaced by brand-new members. Many of whom were quickly given jobs as departmental members or ministers thereby boosting their salaries but subjecting themselves to the establishment whip. Let’s hope that the changes brought in by the Lisvane Report to strengthen scrutiny mean the intake of 2021 doesn’t abandon the voter quite so quickly.

What am I standing for? Simple!

COMMON SENSE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Let’s face it, the civil service runs the Isle of Man and the politicians are just a temporary annoyance to them. Political members given departmental roles are little more than milk monitors. Even ministers seem unable to take on the establishment mandarins and hold people accountable for lacklustre schemes, massive overspends and shoddy work.

Our public sector salary bill is enormous – the civil service structure seems modelled on the UK’s (with sixty seven million people!), so we have too many people on big salaries with too little to do. Let’s bring in some targets for our public servants, rather than let them set their own. And if they fail to achieve them we need to take action. Many people who deal with government officials tell me it’s like wading in treacle. Calls aren’t acknowledged or returned; costly delays in dealing with the simplest of requests are commonplace.

The Isle of Man is small enough to be fleet of foot, to have an executive keen to encourage new ideas to boost the economy. Instead we have too many jobsworths protecting their fiefdoms – and all at OUR expense. We need fewer people telling us why we CAN’T do things and more people committed to making the buzz phrases like ‘Freedom to Flourish’ and ‘Isle of Man – where you can’ a reality, rather than spiffy words that sound great but are meaningless in practice.

Making YOUR vote for Middle heard

I gave up a 21-year career as a radio broadcaster to stand for MHK, so there’s no safety net in this endeavour for me. And I live in the constituency, which I think is important.

Patronage, not patronising! I seek to represent the huge number of people in Middle who are tired of being glibly patronised by the people we employ to serve us.

Commonality, not extremism! There are too many shouty, disagreeable extremist groups intent on dividing society rather than uniting us in the cause of the common good.

No empty promises! Any candidate promising significant change is kidding themselves and you. There are 24 Members of the House of Keys, most in departmental roles meaning the Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers have the ‘block vote’.

Scrutiny, not ‘screw you!’ If elected I will not seek a departmental role. I believe we need more robust fully-independent scrutiny of an out-of-control executive and civil service.

Runaway train! Smaller government and a more efficient public sector are key, but it will take more than me to derail the gravy train or make people who have wasted tens of millions more accountable. But I’ll try, at every opportunity.

Vanity for fools! I’m happy to go along with good government policy but question ruinous schemes like Douglas Promenade, Richmond Hill, NSC slides and the new Liverpool Ferry Terminal.

An honest vote! My personal politics are pretty centrist in that I believe in a meritocracy regardless of race, age or gender. I can see good and bad on both sides of the political spectrum and would vote according to my conscience, and not because I’m under partisan instructions.

Call them out! I want to expose ‘virtue signalling’ where politicians seek to attach themselves to every passing ‘cause célèbre’. For instance, the ‘Active Travel Strategy’ is a waste of time and money unless we want to bulldoze the Island flat and can guarantee good weather!

I’m no climatologist, but... Climate change, whether you believe it’s a natural occurrence or man-made, needs action – but common sense action that helps us, the people, adapt and change – like grants and support for reducing household and transport emissions! We don’t need expensive experts, consultations or reports for that!