

THE ELECTORAL REGISTER – NOTICE

As the Returning Officer for Sark I write to current and future members of the electorate of Sark with a request to ask current members of the electorate, whose names appear on the Register, to check the details held against their name with the Greffier and bring their details up to date where necessary. For anyone who is not registered to vote I would urge you to do so at the earliest opportunity, if you are not on the Register then you cannot vote at any parliamentary elections on Sark.

The reason why I am writing to the electorate now results from the recent By-Election, held on the 4th December 2013, when each team (4 x teams) of three pollsters commented to me at the end of their two-hour shift as to how many errors there were in the Register. Whilst it is the responsibility of the Greffier (the Electoral Officer) to maintain the Register he can only do so as and when people apply to go on the Register or when a person notifies him of a change in their recorded details, such as a change of name by marriage or a change of address etc.

The Greffier maintains a rolling Register which means that the Register is only closed during periods of parliamentary elections, dates as notified by Ordinance, changes to and entry onto the Register may be made at all other times by application to the Greffier.

Residents of Sark may apply to be entered onto the Register if they are (See 'The Reform (Sark) Law, 2008, as amended'):

- a. Of age 17 years or over, provided that a person shall not vote at any election before he attains the age of 18 years.
- b. Is ordinarily resident in Sark.
- c. Will have been ordinarily resident in Sark throughout the 24 months immediately preceding his application for his name to be so inscribed.
- d. Is not (age apart) subject to any legal disability.
- e. Has applied to have his name so inscribed and has complied with such provisions in that regard as are prescribed by any Ordinance made by the Chief Pleas.

The Greffier will update the Register to cater for the death of electors and when notified in writing as to when a person or persons are no longer eligible to be included in the Register. When the Greffier makes changes to the Register a person may make application to the Seneschal's Court within 28 days of such notification challenging the inclusion or removal of such persons.

I urge qualified residents to apply to be entered upon the Register and members of the electorate currently on the Register to check their details with the Greffier.

Lt. Col. RJ Guille MBE
President of Chief Pleas and Returning Officer for Sark

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