

NOTICE

Sark General Election 2014

I would like to thank all those public spirited residents who had offered their services to assist me in the running of the General Election, Polling and Count, that was to be held on the 10th December 2014. As many residents will be aware an election is not required due to only sixteen nominations being returned to fill sixteen vacancies, this despite approximately 30 nomination forms being given out by the Greffier and myself.

Many residents are disappointed that an election is not to take place but I would wish to point out that there are some 415 persons on the electoral register and only sixteen persons were prepared to offer their services to help govern this jurisdiction. However, it is not the first occasion that an election has not been required to be held to fill vacancies in Chief Pleas due to insufficient candidates being nominated. I look forward to the next General Election, to be held in December 2016, being a contested election.

The sixteen Candidates whilst not having been afforded an opportunity to gain a public mandate are no less legitimate under the provisions of The Reform (Sark) Law, 2008, as amended. It is not their fault that other members of the electorate chose not to stand for whatever reason they might have had.

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President of Chief Pleas and Returning Officer of Sark

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