

GREEN HUSTING

On Monday 30th May @ 18.00 hrs held at the Zoo

My name is Barbara Ward and I am standing as a candidate for Deputy of St Clement. I came to Jersey in 1979 and have lived in St Clement Parish for the past 33 years. I am a General and Mental Health trained nurse plus an MSc in Health care. I progressed to Matron then Senior Nurse Manager in HSS. Since 2011 I have worked as the front of House Duty Manager at the Jersey Opera House and as a Bank Staff Nurse in the Elderly Mental Health Area, In 2020 I transferred to the Covid Vaccination Team at Fort Regent. The vaccination team demonstrated the best of what a professional team can do under pressure for the Island. It really felt like 'Team Jersey'.

I and many others are concerned about climate change and its worldwide impact. Initiatives must be explored and implemented so we can slow down these changes to improve life now and for future generations.

The States have set out a Carbon Neutral Strategy in 2019, which was hoped to be developed but was slowed due to the Pandemic situation.

A Greener Jersey is all our business if we together work together no matter how small we can make a difference and achieve.

1, Education for all - especially teaching and awareness with our children - the younger we start the more they will make the difference and teach us the adults what we need to.

2. The transport sector is the largest emissions source in Jersey, representing 51% of total greenhouse gas emissions according to the latest available statistics. This needs to be addressed now especially with the frequent transport user: buses, delivery Lorries etc.

3. Heating is the second largest emissions source in Jersey, representing over 30% of total greenhouse gas emissions according to the latest (2017) statistics. The need to look at Greener energy sources: Solar panels on all new builds - especially States owned buildings. As Jersey has one of the highest tides in the world we need to look very seriously at Tide power generating turbines - these initiatives will go a long way for Jersey to be more energy self-reliant in due course.

4. On-Island sequestration is something we can do NOW. St Clement has already started to plant more trees, which we can only build on and work in partnership with Jersey Trees for Life in their aim to plant 7,000 trees.

If we all pull together, individuals, companies, The States underpinned with the appropriate legislation we could achieve Jersey's aim to become the first carbon neutral jurisdiction in the British Isles but there is a lot to do. Small steps can become big strides.