



# STATES OF ALDERNEY

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**From the President's Office**

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The Editor, The Journal  
The Editor, Alderney Press

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the people of Alderney, not least my sponsors Jurat G W Baron OBE and Marje Bohan, for the continued trust they have shown in me. It is a trust that I will endeavour to maintain, and it is one I am honoured to accept. It is easy to be proud of Alderney and its people and a privilege to represent them. It is my sincere wish that together with the new States we can steer Alderney confidently, competently, and assuredly, through the next four years.

Elections for new States Members will be taking place soon. Many generations of our forbears made sacrifices that we could enjoy the right to vote. I think it is of the utmost importance that everyone uses their vote. This is the ultimate sanction for the people of Alderney with regard to their government. One hears criticism of the States and their representation of the people, not all from the vociferous minority. The other side of the coin is that a certain amount of culpability for our government must lie with those who fail to, or put our government in power. Some extremely important decisions for Alderney need to be taken in the next few years. I urge you to think carefully about who is going to represent you, and above all use your vote.

Yours faithfully

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PRESIDENT