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St. Brelade

Welcome to the Constituency Newsletter for St. Brelade residents. Inside, you'll find updates from your representatives as well as their contact details and the schedule of upcoming drop-in sessions.

DEPUTY DROP-INS

Saturday 3 May Monday 5 May Monday 12 May Wednesday 14 May

Tuesday 27 May

Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June Saturday 7 June Monday 9 June Wednesday 11 June

Tuesday 24 June

Friday 27 June

Deputy Montfort Tadier Deputy Montfort Tadier Deputy Moz Scott **Deputies Helen Miles** and Jonathan Renouf **Deputies Helen Miles** and Jonathan Renouf **Deputies Helen Miles** and Jonathan Renouf **Deputy Montfort Tadier Deputy Montfort Tadier** Deputy Moz Scott **Deputies Helen Miles** and Jonathan Renouf **Deputies Helen Miles** and Jonathan Renouf **Deputies Helen Miles** and Jonathan Renouf

12:00pm to 1:00pm	Boathouse, St Aubin
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Communicare Café
10:30am to 11:30am	Communicare Library
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Communicare Library
6:00pm to 7:00pm	St Brelade Parish Hall
1.00	Maitraga Café
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Waitrose Café
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Communicare Café
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1:00pm to 2:00pm

Waitrose Café

For more information on drop-in sessions, including which Deputies are attending the dates above, please scan the QR code or visit our website, statesassembly.je/dropins



The Connétable of St. Brelade is available to meet parishioners, both within and outside of normal working hours. To arrange please contact the Connétable directly or call the Parish Hall on 01534 741141.



St. Brelade



Deputy Helen Miles

It has been a busy term of office so far for me as a Parish Deputy. In addition to my parish responsibilities, I also hold several states wide duties. I am currently serving as the Chair of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel and as a member of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Panel. Both of these provide great opportunities for examining government policies in more depth through focused questioning and evidence gathering.

Of particular interest is the Online Harms Review which is both interesting and timely. It offers a crucial opportunity to better understand the impact of the inappropriate use of technology on children and young people. For anyone who has viewed the recent Netflix drama – 'Adolescence', they will realise the complex challenges that parents and teachers face in safeguarding our children from modern risks. As a parent with adult children, it has been a sobering experience to hear from younger parents of teenagers and the struggles they have with navigating the challenges of online safety, which simply did not exist when my children were young. We are asking searching questions of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning about his views on the current policies for mobile phone use in school and whether these need to change in response to concern from parents.

If you would like to learn more about this review or make a submission, please go to '<u>States Assembly</u> <u>What protection do children in Jersey have from online</u> <u>harms</u>' or get in touch with me in the usual way.

I hold three parish drop-in sessions each month, and I am also happy to meet parishioners outside of those times to discuss any concerns at a parish and at an Island level. Deputy Jonathan Renouf



One of the most rewarding parts of my job is tackling the issues and solving the problems raised by parishioners. Whether it is helping someone left homeless over Christmas due to a sewage backup in their home, taking up the concerns of parents regarding the use of smartphones in schools, or campaigning against the expansion of the Nude Food restaurant at La Pulente, I have tried to respond effectively to the concerns of parishioners.

There are, however, a couple of parish issues which I am involved with currently.

At Les Creux, the Government has invited expressions of interest for the building formerly used by the Bowls Club. With the fields within the Country Park no longer wanted for farming, the opportunity exists to re-imagine the whole area as a community hub, with nature at the forefront. I (and Deputy Miles) have been having discussions with the Minister for Infrastructure to move this vision forward, including improving the pump track. Meanwhile, I've been working with a group of environmentalists who have imagined how the Country Park could be turned into a haven for wildlife and community uses (see www.thegoodjerseylife. business/lescreux). I'd love to hear from anyone who wants to get involved in shaping the future of Les Creux.

I have also been pushing for improvements to the La Sergenté crossing on the Railway Walk, and the nearby section of Mont de la Pulente. These improvements are long overdue, and following discussions with the Minister, I am hopeful we'll see progress.

My wider States role has included scrutinising the work of the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Minister for Treasury and Resources, and the Chief Minister. I also continue to support the development of a Jersey wind farm - a project I initiated when I was Minister for the Environment.





<mark>Deputy</mark> Moz Scott

The value of your voice and of the pound in your pocket are important to me. I have had to consider complex matters while finding ways to accelerate improvements in public services.

I supported the reinstatement of Senators to provide you with a greater say over who should be in the States Assembly. I am working on proposals to address district representation imbalance by 2030.

I have continued to push for improvements in pensioner benefits, housing availability in the Parish, public road and toilet maintenance, and pedestrian safety measures.

Lack of government funding is a hurdle. Accordingly, I did not support Deputy Tadier's amendment to the 2025-2028 government Budget to divert funding towards Arts, Heritage & Culture of £3.37million on top of its proposed RPI-linked £11.5-12 million per annum.

In my Assistant Ministerial role, I am seeking to improve the handling of complaints against public service providers – including utility companies, governmentfunded agencies, regulatory authorities and charities – with the help of your experiences and views.

Please complete the public survey form by 6th May. Online readers can access the form here. Paper copies are available in Parish Halls, library branches and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Who should consider standing for election in June 2026... why... and how? Could one of the quality candidates needed to improve public services, the value of your voice and the pound in your pocket be you? More on this subject online (see below).

It remains an honour to serve as one of your Deputies.



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Last September, I visited my old primary school, La Moye, for Democracy Week, with another St Brelade colleague, Deputy Renouf. As always, the pupils asked excellent questions. 'What made you get into politics?' was one of them. It's a fair question - one we are frequently asked! I told them 'There are generally two types of politicians: those who want to change things and those who want to keep things the same. I went into politics because there were things I thought needed changing.' And I still do.

Of course, things are a bit more nuanced than that. As politicians we always need to ask: does it work, can it be improved, and if so, how?

In Jersey, there are many positives: It's very safe with a great community spirit, short commutes to work, and beautiful walks, beaches and countryside. These are all things that make Jersey a great place to live. Things we still need to work on include, improving healthcare, shortening waiting lists, creating more opportunities for young people, providing better support for older people and addressing the high cost of living.

Jersey is becoming a more expensive place to live. Electricity and gas prices soared by nearly 20% in 2024 - 2025, while incomes for workers and pensioners have not kept pace. The Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel, which I chair, is considering energy pricing as one potential area for review. If you have thoughts on this, you can contact the Panel at scrutiny@gov.je or by calling 01534 441020.

As always, I would be pleased to hear from you about any other issues that are important to you, so please drop me a line, give me call, or come and see me at one of my drop-in sessions. Keep in touch with all the latest news and events at states assembly.je. On this page is a taste of what you'll find:

Upcoming Debates

Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-

Lodged by: Minister for Housing Debate date: 13 May 2025

Reference: P.45/2025

Draft Elections (Electoral Registers) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-

Lodged by: Privileges and Procedures Committee Debate date: 13 May 2025 Reference: P.27/2025

Draft Income Support (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-

Lodged by: Minister for Social Security Debate date: 3 June 2025 Reference: P.30/2025

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You can share your feedback by scanning the QR code or by visiting:

smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ConstituencyNewsletter

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If you have any questions, or would prefer to send feedback by email, you're welcome to contact us at: constituencysupport@gov.je



What's On

States Meeting	Tuesday
9:30am to 5:30pm	13 May
States Chamber	2025
Royal Court and States Chamber Tour 10:00am to 12:00pm Royal Square, St Helier	Saturday 31 May 2025

Votes

Re-instatement of Senators (P.2-2025)

Outcome:	Adopted
Vote date:	20 March 2025
Reference:	P.2/2025
Proposition:	Re-instatement of Senators
Lodged by:	Elaine Millar

Draft Elections (Appointed Day)

(Jersey) Act 202- (P.17-2025)		
	Outcome:	Adopted
	Vote date:	1 April 2025
	Reference:	P.17/2025
	Proposition:	Draft Elections (Appointed
		Day) (Jersey) Act 202-
	Lodged by:	Privileges and Procedures
		Committee

A National Day for Jersey (P.6-2025)

Outcome:	Adopted
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Vote date:	21 March 2025
Reference:	P.6/2025
Proposition:	A National Day for Jersey
Lodged by:	Minister for International
	Development

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