

UNCONTESTED LOCAL ELECTION

NEW BOARD

5 candidates were nominated for the Board of Braddan Commissioners in the recent Local General Election, meaning the election was uncontested. The two new members are Mel Jansen and Dan Stevenson, with Andrew Jessopp, Neal Mellon & Peter Scott retaining their seats. The new term of office starts from 1st May 2025 and runs for 4 years.

The Board wish to express their gratitude to the two outgoing members, John Quaye and Andy Morgan who have served since May 2012 and May 2021 respectively, for their hard work and diligence during some challenging times.

Contact details for the new board can be found on our website or by contacting the Commissioners' Office.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

These are some of the challenges that the new Board will be dealing with over the next 12 months:-

- Improving Public Engagement
- Condition of Braddan's social housing and funding for improvements
- Vision for The Roundhouse- maximising capacity and income
- Building relationships with businesses in the Parish
- Environmental responsibility (Climate Change)
- Potential Development at Camlork

Tasks for the new Board:

- Amending Standing Orders
- Consider reintroduction of Civic Sunday/secular gathering for parishioners
- Planning – including their participation in the review of the Island's Strategic Plan
- The implications for the authority of the Hartford Homes development at Ballafletcher

ENGAGE WITH US

With the recent election being uncontested, how can we engage more with residents and businesses?

For example:-

- More political surgeries/drop ins to raise issues with the Board and/or MHKs
- Online streaming of Commissioners' meetings
- Full agendas published online
- Holding more family orientated events

Contact us on info@braddan.im, tel: 852808, via our social media channels or in person at the Commissioners' Office; 9am – 5pm, Mon to Fri

Joint Political Surgery – Saturday 3 May 2025 – 2-4pm in the Therapy Room at The Roundhouse

Raise any issues or concerns at our next political surgery with Middle MHKs Jane Poole-Wilson, Stu Peters and representatives from the Commissioners.

ISLE DANCE EVENT



We have hosted two spectacular Isle Dance Events at The Roundhouse – we are looking forward to welcoming them back over the weekend of 12 & 13 July for an even bigger event. Both previous competitions sold out with hundreds of entries from dance studios across the island.

REFUSE & RECYCLING

Please take advantage of the kerbside recycling service to reduce the weight of waste being sent to the EfW Plant, particularly glass, which is a heavy component in wheelie bins.

RECYCLING CALENDAR

The new Recycling Calendar for 2025/2026 is available to view on both our website under "Refuse Collection and Recycling" & Recycle Collect's website under "Help & Information".

Paper copies will be available at our reception in The Roundhouse or by post upon request.

GREEN WASTE

Please do not dispose of grass cuttings/hedge trimmings etc in your wheelie bin – they should be taken to the Eastern Civic Amenity Site.

FINANCE/RATES

RATES INCREASE FOR 2025/2026

The rates for the current year rose by 6p or 1.7% to 357p in the £. The domestic refuse charge rose to £92.

RATE ARREARS

Unlike most local authorities we collect our own rates. This means our arrears are kept to a minimum, currently standing at £5,734, out of a rates income of £2,030,500 for 2024/2025. Summonses have been issued to recover the debts from the owners of these 16 properties.

WHAT ARE THE RATES BEING SPENT ON THIS YEAR?

- Increased Refuse Disposal costs – 5.2% increase in the cost per tonne for refuse disposal at the Energy from Waste Plant
- External audit fees - dictated by the Tynwald Auditor General's current tender process
- Insurance – predicted
- Predicted staff pay increases
- Upgrading the Rate System software
- Public Lighting
- HR Consultancy
- H&S Consultancy
- Vehicle branding
- Creation of a sinking fund for future maintenance of The Roundhouse
- Wider Community*
 - Increased budget for street sweeping & gulley emptying
 - Budget for community celebrations at The Roundhouse and seasonal events for families
 - Works to the Braddan War Memorial
 - Creation of wildlife strip around the perimeter of the walking track at The Roundhouse
 - Arborist to review the condition of trees on Commissioners' land.

The latest audited accounts and other useful financial information is available to view online at: <https://braddan.im/services/rates-and-finance/>

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

INCREASE IN FLY TIPPING

Sadly fly tipping has increased by 130% since 2022, with disposal costs impacting the rates. It is a criminal offence punishable by prosecution and we investigate every reported case.

Unfortunately Marine Drive is a favoured site for dumping waste, which can impact wildlife and may become a permanent feature if it is not possible to retrieve it safely.

DOG FOULING AND LITTERING

Please pick up after your dog and take your litter home. Our staff carry out regular patrols and we take a zero tolerance approach to dog fouling and littering.

Please note dogs are not permitted either in The Roundhouse or its grounds.

Please report any instances of the above to info@braddan.im

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Commissioners' staff deal with approximately 50 abandoned vehicles per year. Please be aware that if you are the registered owner of a vehicle that has been abandoned, you will be responsible for removal, storage & disposal costs.

PUBLIC TOILETS IN BRADDAN

With the construction of The Roundhouse, we have 12 public toilets, 5 of which are accessible for wheelchair users and have baby changing facilities. Thanks to donations, some have free period products available – look for the sticker on the doors.

HOUSING

CORONATION & JUBILEE TERRACES

A capital scheme for re-roofing and replacement of windows & external doors in 18 older properties at the Strang is due to start in 2025. These terraces date from the 1930s and the roofs are now beyond their expected life span.

PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

Regular inspections of our properties by staff helps us to identify future capital schemes for our housing stock, making the best use of funds available. These inspections will continue through the rest of the year.

THE ROUNDHOUSE

Over the past 16 months we have worked hard to build up a roster of regular clubs using the Sports Hall throughout the week – this has exceeded expectations in our first year, despite a delayed start and is even more promising as we enter our second year.

Year one has been about bringing as many groups through our doors as possible to showcase The Roundhouse's superb facilities.

We are now home to a diverse range of sports clubs, groups and events including:

- Various football clubs, including St Georges, Corinthians AFC and Laxey FC. Lets Play providing after school training & football camps in the holidays
- Isle of Man Badminton Association & Ellan Vannin Pickleball Club
- IOM Basketball
- IOM Olympic Handball Association
- Volleyball IOM
- Gal Skate (skateboarding for girls)
- Claire Kinrade Pilates & Esther Jones Yoga
- Paracise with Donna
- Singing Jo & Co for babies and toddlers
- We are the only venue offering competitive pickleball drop ins where you can pit your skills against players of a similar standard. Wednesdays 10am-12pm, Thursdays 12-2pm & Fridays 11am-1pm
- Manx Academies of Arms, Armour & Defensive Arts
- Short mat bowls
- Isle Dance – held 2 spectacular dance events which sold out with hundreds of children taking part.
- Many charities make use of our facilities including Manx Mencap, Alzheimer's Society, Manx Heart Foundation and Without Wings.
- We are proud to have provided a space for much needed free ante-natal classes funded by Standard Bank.
- We have worked with Manx Care on many events over the past year including "Dads in Touch" in July, Allied Health Professional drop in event for Manx Care staff in October, The Starlight Walk around the walking track to launch Baby Loss Certificates on the island in November and Healthy Mums, Healthy Baby Week in January this year.
- To mark World Diabetes Day in November, we hosted Diabetes IOM for a whole day of free events.
- We also hosted Hospice Isle of Man's Christmas Market in November.
- For a limited time in January this year, we provided free after school soft play sessions for children as part of More People Moving More.



FACILITIES FOR HIRE AT THE ROUNDHOUSE

- **Rotunda** for business/training/events/parties at £30/hour inc VAT, fitness classes from £25/hour. All day hire from £200.
- **Therapy Room** - ideal for casual meetings, small classes, talking and holistic therapies. Registered with DEFA for acupuncture, tattooing, body piercing, electrolysis and microblading - £15/hour
- **Small Meeting room** - for business/charities/training etc - £15/hour inc VAT.
- **Welcome Area** - ideal for public information/advertising or charity use.
- **Soft play** - hire the whole space for private parties. Party packages are available for the rotunda and sports hall. Contact us for more details.
- We also have discounted rates for charities – all details can be found on The Roundhouse website under *Price List*.

For online bookings please see theroundhouse.im – “Book a Session or Book a Space”



EVENTS 2025

- **12 May** - Manx Care Day hosted by Braddan Commissioners – coinciding with the first day of Mental Health Week and marking 5 years since the start of COVID. This event is to support Manx Care staff ahead of what will be another busy TT Week.

Free sessions for Manx Care staff will be donated by wellbeing therapists & various sessions will be available through the day. More information will be released soon.

- **23 June** - The Great Big Twins & Multiples Picnic – with bouncy castles & outdoor play opportunities
- **12/13 July** - Isle Dance Weekend – Isle Dance are taking over the Sports Hall for a weekend of competition
- **3 August** - Community Day at The Roundhouse – An opportunity for business to showcase what they do and for families to see what we can offer, with taster sessions and much more – more details to follow closer to the time. Get in touch to be involved – tel: 498662

We will be repeating our successful discos again this winter:

- **26 October** - Hop Tu Naa disco
- Free turnip/pumpkin carving event – in October - date TBC
- **22 November** – Hospice Christmas Market – We are delighted to welcome Hospice back for a second year
- **7 December** - Christmas Disco
- **December** – Santa's Grotto – dates to follow
- **31 December** - New Year's Eve family event - details to be revealed nearer the time.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Is there anything you would like to see happening either in Braddan or at The Roundhouse? We would love to hear from you with ideas for community events for all ages
- Do you represent a charity that would like to hold an event or raise public awareness? We have discounted rates for charities and different areas for hire that can accommodate one event or several over the course of a day
- Are you a business that would like to use our sports hall for your staff, or need a conference venue?

We are open to all suggestions, please email:
info@theroundhouse.im

ROUNDHOUSE BUSINESSES

Caffee Roundhouse
Regent Dental Care
Little Cherubs Nature Nursery
The Lifestyle Hub (gym)
Aalid Feie Beauty Studio
The Sensory Hub
heARTspace Art Therapy Services
Coming Soon – Pharmacy

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

- Social sessions for adults – **Wednesdays** – 10am to 1pm – drop in with games and crafts- £3 donation to cover refreshments. We hope to build on this event with more visits from Bibliotherapy and other things in the pipeline for the future.
- From May 2025 – Regular drop-in sessions from the Eastern Neighbourhood Policing Team – Thursday mornings in the Welcome Area – Dates TBC.
- The Mobile Library visits the Roundhouse every other Wednesday at 9.45am. Other stops include Strang Close, Ballamillaghyn and Ashlar Drive.
See familylibrary.im for more details.
- 500m track – walk, run or scooter! Free umbrellas available to borrow if raining, kindly provided by Standard Bank – open to everyone 24/7 – FREE (please note dogs are not permitted on The Roundhouse grounds, building or café).
- 2 outdoor play areas with sunny patio + picnic tables - FREE.
- Soft play – open from 08.30 every day - £3/hour per child - last session 6.30pm daily.
- Coming soon – The Hospital Youth Service (Manx Care) in partnership with Bridge the Gap is launching a new Youth Club in April for young people with health conditions. Sessions will take place every Wednesday at The Roundhouse between 5pm -7pm. The aim is to provide a safe space to make friends, relax & have some enrichment. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ben Melling, Hospital Youth Coordinator at hospitalyouthservice@gov.im or call 07624 212606.

Find out more via our new "What's On" feature on theroundhouse.im website or The Roundhouse Facebook Page.

VOLUNTEERING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

We have a variety of opportunities, please get in touch
info@theroundhouse.im

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We have built a community centre for all ages and sponsorship of events allows us to do more fun things for everyone.

Contributions of all sizes are gratefully received.

To register your interest please email:
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