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CORNWALL COUNCIL

Hayle South Ward

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Message to Postal Voters

... Working Hard for Hayle



DEAR HAYLE SOUTH POSTAL VOTER:

Many important and complex issues are faced by Hayle and its residents today. In the coming years our town will require **strong, experienced and confident representation** at Cornwall Council.

Now is not the time for party politics or simplistic views of the serious challenges facing Hayle. Over the last four years I have worked hard as your Independent district councillor – and **I have the experience required** to deal with these challenges. **Please give me your vote to represent Hayle South Ward in the new council.**

●●●KEY ISSUES

Busy people may not have time to read this entire leaflet, but I know the issues listed below are important to us all:

- Jobs, jobs jobs
- Affordable housing for local people
- Hayle Harbour
- Fire station in Hayle
- Services and support for seniors
- Hospital services
- Environment
- Schools and higher education
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Policing
- Play areas, sports and youth projects
- Protection of Angarrack and rural areas

●●●GETTING THE JOB DONE

In 2004 my slogan was **‘For thoughtful development of the Harbour.’** Since then I have worked hard:

- to understand the many, complicated issues that the harbour development raises;
- to negotiate as many benefits for Hayle residents as possible while minimising disadvantages – like traffic congestion.

On standing for Penwith District Council I also promised **heritage-led regeneration**. I have worked on – or supported – numerous initiatives, including:

- restoration of the old cinema building;
- renovation of Foundry Square;
- ongoing restoration of the Passmore Edwards Institute;
- Harvey’s Foundry restoration;
- projects in planning for Loggans Mill and Copperhouse.



**I have delivered on my promises
and I will continue to do so.**

●●●SPEAKING OF JOBS

Without local jobs we are condemning our young people to leave Hayle or struggle to survive.

●I have supported projects like the science park development at Loggans Mill that would produce 800 quality jobs.

●I have supported the Wave Hub Renewables Park that would provide Hayle-based spinoffs from the Wave Hub project.

●Major aims include the creation of more live-work units and the encouragement of larger projects such as a Marine Science facility on the South Quay.

●I will insist on Convergence Funding being spent in Hayle to improve our employment prospects.

●●●AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing provision has become too centralised. Top-down targets imposed on authorities lack sensitivity to local delivery.

●I support affordable housing for purchase, part-ownership and rent for those **with a local connection**. However, we do not want to become a dormitory town by being the only location in Penwith that builds affordable homes.

●I proposed at Penwith that we require a contribution to affordable housing for all developments, whatever the number of properties.

●●●HAYLE HARBOUR

●Along with other independent-minded councillors, I fought for major changes in ING's position on its harbour proposals.

●The agreement to bring forward repairs on South Quay (which might not have happened for 10 years, or not at all) followed from the amendments I proposed at town council and at district council.

●●●SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

Hayle has an excellent Day Care Centre that is struggling following recent government funding cuts. This facility provides meals, baths and social interaction for seniors.

●I will not allow the Day Care Centre to suffer further cuts and I will strive for additional funding.

●●●GYPSIES & TRAVELLERS

Provision for Gypsies and Travellers should be based on research supported by facts and without impacting the settled communities. Proper consultations must be conducted prior to any allocation of land for these sites. No need has been demonstrated in Hayle, and I support the position taken by HeYlp.

●●●FIRE STATION

Hayle needs a fire station, or at least a Hayle-based appliance, for local emergencies. In the summer it will take far too long for an appliance to reach the centre of Hayle from Camborne.

- I have asked the Fire Brigade for a copy of their detailed computer projections of response times, while I continue to insist on a fire station in Hayle.

●●●HOSPITAL SERVICES

- I will fight to continue the progress made after the Hayle hospital march and insist that specialist services remain in Cornwall unless there is a proper review.

●●●PLAY AREAS & SPORTS

We have areas in Hayle where government standards for open spaces and play areas are woefully unmet.

- One underserved community is the area north of Water Lane including Ash Drive. Speed bumps and signage are essential for keeping safe children who are forced to play in the roads. I will try to remedy this situation as a priority.

- I am a keen supporter of sports facilities in Hayle and have been behind grants to Hayle cricket, football and other clubs.

●●●ANGARRACK & RURAL HAYLE

Issues of concern to areas outside the town of Hayle include:

- Planning** – Consistent and fair management of rural planning and enforcement.

- Traffic** – Review of traffic and parking issues. The Tolroy Junction and mandatory routes for heavy vehicles would help.

- Mess** – Town-based pedestrian litter pickers cannot patrol country lanes. Fly tipping and litter dropping is a serious rural problem.

- Farming** – Encourage sustainable and environmentally friendly practices.

- A safe footpath on **Grist Lane** is needed. I will seek planning gains from developers at Marsh Lane to pay for this.

- Preservation of the **independent character of Angarrack**. I will fight to ensure that there is no encroachment upon Angarrack in the areas protected by Local Plan Policy TV2.

●●●COMMUNICATIONS

- I was the only councillor in Penwith to provide a regularly updated web site (www.hayle.net) specifically for constituents.

- I send out email news alerts to those who have registered.

- I advertise in the Hayle Pump and I place information on major Hayle issues in my display case next to Martin's.

- I can be easily reached by phone and mobile.

●●●FIGHTING HARD FOR HAYLE

Having served as a district and town councillor over the last four years, **I know the issues facing Hayle**. I also have a clear understanding of how local government works – and how it has failed to work in some areas in the past.

●If elected, **I can start fighting for Hayle from Day One**, as I already have experience of planning, licensing, fire service, schooling, roads and more.

●My **business and technical experience** allows me to deal with consultants, legal teams and government officers, all of whom have points of view that may not be in Hayle's best interest.

●I know how to **negotiate and argue for Hayle** – the Hawkins site and the Harbour development attest to this.

●In short, **I can hit the ground running** and deal with the complex issues that will arise within the new Council on behalf of **YOU**, the voter.

If you agree with my manifesto and believe that my experience is relevant, please give me your vote on election day.



If dogs could vote!

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●●●WHY VOTE FOR ME?

- Politically independent – Hayle First! There is no role for political parties in Hayle’s future.
- Actively involved with town groups such as Hayle Harbour Advisory Committee, Passmore Edwards Institute, Harvey’s Foundry Trust, Hayle in Bloom, Police Neighbourhood Panel, Hayle Chamber of Commerce, Governor Penpol School, Hayle Area Plan Management Team and others.
- Proven track record of achievements including: funding for day care, Hawkins site, harbour development improvements, hospital march, Marks & Spencer, wave hub benefits and more.
- Wide district-council-level experience in planning, licensing, affordable housing and environment.
- Strong technical and business background. Professional engineer with broad experience in international project management.
- Hayle Deputy Mayor since 2007.

‘There can be no one working harder for the Hayle cause than John Bennett. His meticulous attention to detail and wealth of experience never fails to impress. We fully endorse John’s candidacy for Hayle South Ward and wish him well.’

– *Bob Amos for HeYlp*
campaigning – appealing – helping

‘John is a member of the community who has the skills, knowledge, passion and integrity to represent the electorate independent of any political masters.’

– *David W. Raymer*
Retired Hayle Community Police Officer

My full manifesto and more information can be found online at www.hayle.net or in my display case outside Martin’s newsagent.

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