



ISLE OF WIGHT CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY

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LABOUR ANNOUNCES GENERAL ELECTION 2015 PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE

The Isle of Wight Labour Party has selected Ventnor Town Councillor and well-known Island resident, Stewart Blackmore to be its candidate for the 2015 General Election.

Party members overwhelmingly chose Stewart at selection meetings held in Sandown and Newport last week.

Stewart is a hospitality and tourism professional on the Island and was a senior lecturer in hospitality, teaching BTEC and HND students. He has lived on the Island for over 28 years and is married to Margaret, a senior care worker. They have two grown up children, a son and a daughter.

Stewart is Chair of the Ventnor British Legion and a Vice President of Ventnor Rugby Football Club.

Following his selection Stewart said:

"I am very proud to have been chosen by my Labour Party colleagues and I look forward to campaigning over the next 15 months persuading Islanders to return an Isle of Wight Labour MP who will truly represent all Islanders' interests."


Chair of the Island Labour Party, Deborah Gardiner said:

"I am delighted that Stewart has been selected to be our candidate. He really understands Island issues such as the need for economic development, quality jobs, to support the most vulnerable through decent services and how essential it is to offer young people a reason to stay here. He has already demonstrated how much he has to offer the community and I am confident that he has the experience, commitment and vision to make an excellent Labour MP".


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