

# JOHN MOWAT

## (Kirkwall East) Vote SNP on 3rd May

I was born in Caithness, graduated from Edinburgh and Aberdeen Universities and have lived in Kirkwall for the past 40 years. I taught Chemistry, Physics and Science at Kirkwall Grammar School, until retiring recently. As a teacher, I was an Orkney Islands Council Employee and know how Council works. I have been a kayaking coach for 40 years and have coached other sports also. I participate in walking, swimming, cycling, some 10 K runs and the annual Hoy Half Marathon. I am Secretary of Orkney Norway Friendship Association and Orkney SNP, Treasurer of Kirkwall Kayak Club, Orkney Tourist Guides Association, a member of STEM Orkney and OREF.

I have been actively involved in Orkney politics since 1974. I have been SNP candidate for Orkney, in Scottish Elections and for Orkney & Shetland, in UK Elections, several times. I have worked closely with SNP MSPs, and MEPs, attend Conferences and raise issues, on Orkney's behalf. The SNP won the Orkney List Vote (Highlands & Islands), in May 2011. The SNP occupies the middle ground, in Orkney and Scottish Politics, while caring for the under privileged, the elderly, those on lower incomes and supporting small businesses. This Election is about Kirkwall East voters electing a local committed representative to fight for our community and win for Orkney. SNP Councillors are uniquely placed to work with the wider team at Holyrood, the Scottish Government and the European Parliament.

The SNP have protected local services at times of severe cuts, frozen the Council Tax, saving families over £400 a year, backed over 1000 businesses with the Small Business Bonus scheme, kept higher education free from fee charging, backed more apprenticeships, supported better care for the elderly and supported employment in renewable energy, housing and transport projects, when in Government.

If elected, I will be part of an SNP team which works closely with the Scottish & Government and will:

- Support SNP plans to build a new hospital, in Kirkwall.
- Support continued investment in Orkney schools, College / UHI and the SNP's Schools Renewal projects.
- Support further improvements in bus, ferry and air services.
- Support the building of more Council and OHAL housing.
- Support further development in renewable energy and related infrastructure projects.
- Support Orkney's business sector in the creation of more employment opportunities.
- Support our traditional industries of farming, fishing and tourism.
- Fight for fairer funding for Orkney from the Scottish Government.
- Support calls for fairer fuel prices.

If elected, I will take part in regular surgeries, listen carefully to what the people say and do my best to deliver improvements.

By asking for your vote, I pledge to try to make a difference for you, your family, Kirkwall East and Orkney.

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