

## **Hon. Gillian Brooks**

### **Member of Legislative Council, St Helena Island**

Hon. Gillian Brooks, known as Gilly, was elected as a member of the St Helena Legislative Council in the General Election held in October 2021.

Gilly returned home to live in 2017 and worked as a Lay Advocate and within a managerial role with Health and Social Care.

She spent twenty-one years living and working in the UK. Her roles there covered working within London Heathrow, working on cruise liners with a refurbishment company based at Southampton and she spent the remaining years living and working in London, as a Secretary with a Financial Consultancy company and within the St Helena Government UK Representative's office.

Having a keen interest in mental health, Gilly undertook studies with Stonebridge College and successfully acquired Diplomas in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT), Depression Management and Counselling for the Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs.

Since been an elected member, Gilly is the District Representative for the Jamestown electoral area, is a member of the Highways Authority, sits on Select Committee 1 and is a Representative for St Helena on the British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Steering Committee. She has been appointed as a member of the Public Accounts Committee and recently, was elected as the Champion for 'Older Persons' on the island.

Gilly campaigned for development through people, processes, changes and opportunities. She believes the entire afore-mentioned are inter-linked and are important in what St Helena do moving forward; she continues to advocate for what will better enhance people's lives and encourage economical and social growth.