

People's Manifesto

ST. DAVID

You. Me. Us Shaping the
Next Five years



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



*"St. David has made progress —
but our greatest chapter is still
ahead.*

*And with this plan, shaped by the
people of St. David, we are ready
to build the parish we know is
possible."*

HON. DICKON MITCHELL
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR ST. DAVID



Dear residents of St David,

This manifesto began with you.

Across twenty community sessions, I sat with residents throughout St. David to listen. We spoke about what has improved, what still needs attention, and most importantly, the kind of parish you want St. David to become.

You spoke honestly about what matters most to your communities and the future you want to build. You also came with ideas, solutions and a willingness to be part of the work ahead.

Those conversations shaped this manifesto.

As we listened, we also took stock of how far St. David has come. Roads from Perdmontemps to Windsor Forest and Vincennes, Mardi Gras Farm Road, the Stones and Close Rock in Westerhall, and Marlmount Bay Road have been rebuilt. Community centres have reopened, schools have been upgraded, and through the WASH programme, families have received improved sanitation and housing support. Solar lights now brighten communities across the constituency, farmers have benefited from spice replanting, ADAPT and recovery support, and public officers have received pensions and greater job security.

These consultations also helped us focus clearly on what must come next.

I heard from families who struggled to access an ambulance when it was needed, from residents still dealing with poor road access, from a mechanic willing to teach young people for free if the Skills Centre could reopen, and from elderly residents who still face difficulty accessing basic government services.

These experiences made one thing clear: St. David has moved forward, but there is still much more to do.

We still do not have a true town centre, a bank, a fire truck or ambulance of our own. Our Skills Training Centre remains closed. Too many roads still need attention, and too much of what we grow leaves the parish without being processed here in St. David.

You were equally clear about the future you want to see.

A St. David with greater opportunity, stronger communities and more of the services and opportunities our people need available right here at home.

That shared ambition is at the heart of this manifesto — and so is your willingness to help build THAT future.

Residents offered land, teaching hours, computers, community labour and support for the elderly. Again and again, the message was consistent: government has a responsibility, and the progress we want for St. David will be strongest when it is built in partnership with its people.

This plan is therefore more than a list of projects. It reflects your lived experiences, your priorities and what we can build together.

You. Me. Us. Ready for More. Ready to continue the progress, address what remains unfinished and build the next chapter of St. David together.

My commitment is to remain present, accessible and accountable as we do that work together.

I remain, yours in service,

Hon. Dickon Mitchell

Member of Parliament for St. David



**A PARISH EQUIPPED TO
GROW — WITH A TOWN
CENTRE, SKILLED PEOPLE
AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES
AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH**

OUR VISION FOR ST. DAVID

A parish equipped to grow — with a town centre, skilled people and essential services close to home.

St. David has the people, land, coastline, agricultural strength and natural resources to support a much stronger local economy. What it needs is the infrastructure and services to turn that potential into everyday opportunity.

A proper town centre can become the heart of the parish, bringing together banking, government services, transport, commerce and a modern market in one place. Stronger health and emergency services can ensure residents get help when they need it. A renewed skills centre can prepare more young people for work and help experienced tradespeople gain formal certification.

At the same time, greater investment in agriculture, fishing, agro-processing and local enterprise can create more value from what St. David already produces and keep more of that value within the parish.

The vision is a St. David where people can work, do business, access essential services and build their future without having to leave the parish to do it.



PILLAR 1

HELP THAT ARRIVES

Access to reliable healthcare should not depend on where you live. All families in St. David deserve timely emergency care and dependable medical services close to home.

Here is how we will strengthen emergency response, expand healthcare and make essential services easier to reach across the parish.

WE WILL

YEAR 1-2	Station a fire truck permanently in St. David.
YEAR 1-2	Train and hire paramedics, and provide small emergency vehicles capable of reaching areas that an ambulance cannot access.
YEAR 1-2	Put mental-health counsellors and patient advocates into our community medical stations.
YEAR 1	Publish a named district medical doctor for the parish, reachable at night, and community nurses stationed in the villages.
YEAR 1	Deliver chronic medication to housebound seniors, and provide transport to the medical stations on doctor days.
YEAR 1-2	Place fire hydrants in major villages and station appropriately sized water trucks that can navigate narrow village roads.
YEAR 1-2	Extend the opening hours of the St.David Health Centre, Perdmontemps and Westerhall medical stations
YEAR 2-3	Decentralise the eye clinic and specialist services to the parish, and build a rehabilitation centre for addiction and recovery.



PILLAR 2

A TOWN OF OUR OWN

It is time that St. David has a town where residents can access essential services, conduct business and take part in the local economy, without leaving the parish.

Here is how we will build a stronger civic and commercial centre for St. David:

WE WILL

YEAR 1	Commission a study to identify possible sites for the St.David Town Centre— market, bus terminal, utility payment services and a government service outpost.
YEAR 1	Open a vendors' and farmers' market on the land at La Sagesse.
YEAR 1-2	Bring banking services into the parish, alongside a one-stop digital government counter.
YEAR 1-2	Establish St.David's first government child development and day-care centre, providing accessible early childhood care closer to home for families across the parish.
YEAR 1-2	Complete land tenure regularisation in St. David: audit crown lands, ownership and occupancy, and issue proper documentation.
YEAR 1-4	Work with the private sector and private investors to reactivate the stalled parish projects — Bacolet Development, Petite Trou and Point Marquis — to create local employment.
YEAR 2-3	Relocate the district revenue office to an accessible site, and guarantee wheelchair access at every government building and health clinic in St. David.



PILLAR 3

A SKILLED ST DAVID

Access to skills training is a powerful way to empower people — giving residents of all ages the knowledge, certification and confidence to earn and create opportunities.

Here is what we will do to expand practical training and open more pathways to employment and entrepreneurship:

WE WILL

YEAR 1	Provide training and certification in priority trades identified through community consultations, including plumbing, electrical work, masonry, carpentry, mechanics, solar installation, garment construction, nail technology and hairdressing.
YEAR 1	Offer adult literacy and numeracy classes in every community centre, staffed by volunteers and our own retired teachers.
YEAR 1	Create a St. David scholarship and business start-up window, with the criteria and deadlines published openly.
YEAR 1-2	Certify the skills we already have through assessment and certification for working tradespeople, including roadside mechanics, so their work is recognised and insurable.
YEAR 1-2	Launch a monthly “Skills Day” at schools, where tradespeople and retirees volunteer to teach, alongside school staff, on one day a month.
YEAR 2	Build a Youth Innovation Lab in the parish — coding, robotics and enterprise.
YEAR 2-3	Re-open the St. David Skills Training Centre — either on terms agreed with the Anglican Church, in partnership with NEWLO and TAMCC, on the original site, or on an alternative site.



PILLAR 4

LAND, SEA AND SPICE THAT PAYS

Our land and ocean hold enormous potential to produce more food, create more jobs and build stronger local industries. Farmers and fisherfolk need better access, stronger markets and more opportunities to turn what they produce into greater value.

Here is what we will do to unlock more opportunity from both land and sea:

WE WILL

YEAR 1	Open a land-tax amnesty, then acquire or lease idle land to youth farming co-operatives with water access.
YEAR 1	Combat praedial larceny with the use of farm cameras, livestock and produce tracking, and stronger enforcement to protect farmers and their livelihoods.
YEAR 1	Contract St. David farmers to supply St David schools through the School Feeding Programme.
YEAR 1–2	Work with the owners of the La Sagesse agro-processing plant and build a St. David Food-Processing Hub for mango, breadfruit, cassava, nectar and juices.
YEAR 1–2	Build the farm roads residents prioritised — Badia, Pomme Rose mountain, Baillies Bacolet to Windsor Forest, Ashenden, Dudmar, Belle Vue and Requin.
YEAR 1–3	Develop the full spice value chain at Laura Herb and Spice Garden — finished products, not raw export — with local farmers brought into the process.
YEAR 2	Zone suitable land for livestock, open access to quality breeding stock, and establish a shared farm-equipment and tools co-operative.
YEAR 2–3	Build a fishing port with a jetty and lockers at La Cheauseur, register a fisherfolk cooperative, and restore fish smoking, preserving and marine training.



PILLAR 5

INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SERVES

St. David has seen important improvements to its main roads, but further work is needed on byroads, drains, street lighting and public transport to make daily life easier across the parish.

Here is what we will do to complete the connections and improve access across the parish.

WE WILL

YEAR 1

Develop and publish a Last Mile Schedule — identify every unfinished byroad in St. David and publish a clear timeline for when each will be repaired or rebuild.

YEAR 1

Make school zones safer - install crossings, traffic mirrors and signs at all schools.

YEAR 1

Build bus shelters at La Calome, Berrotte, Requin, Apsley Hill and other areas across the constituency where they are needed.

YEAR 1

Light the Laura and Belle Vue playing fields.

YEAR 1-2

Put drainage on roads where water is entering people's homes.

YEAR 1-2

Concrete the back road from Coals Gap to La Sagesse, and open the Cottage Road and Dusty-to-Captain links as emergency alternative routes.

YEAR 1-2

Clear derelict vehicles through a fee-based removal system, name our streets and number our houses, and sign the parish boundaries.

YEAR 1-3

Widen the bridges and install safety railing— Lambert, Syracuse, Perdmontemps, Corinth, and the La Tante and Crochu river crossings.

YEAR 1-3

Review and improve bus routes - Red Gate to Perdmontemps, Syracuse to Corinth, Syracuse to Apres Tout, Vincennes to Thebaide, Belle Vue to Marlmount to facilitate students attending the St. David's Catholic Secondary School in Marlmount; and enforce standards on reckless driving, noise and passenger treatment.

YEAR 1-5

Continue installing solar lighting on all roads.



PILLAR 6

EVERY YOUNG PERSON ENGAGED

St. David has the talent. What is needed are the facilities, programmes and opportunities to help our young people develop their full potential.

Here is what we will do to strengthen sports, recreation and after-school opportunities across the parish.

WE WILL

YEAR 1	Bring extracurricular activities into every child's school experience.
YEAR 1-2	Expand sports facilities — build a half-court at every primary school, a full court at both secondary schools, and restart the St. David basketball and netball leagues.
YEAR 1-2	Install lighting and upgrade community playing fields— Laura, Belle Vue, Vole, Westerhall, Berrotte, Mardi Gras, Malmount and Belle Isle — and return their management to community sports boards.
YEAR 1-2	Open a community library and learning hub with internet and a study space., staffed 3–6pm and Saturday mornings, with homework support from retired teachers.
YEAR 1-2	Reinstate school bus programmes, and return music, home economics and woodwork to our schools.
YEAR 1-3	Develop the La Sagesse playing field into a mini sports complex — seating, lighting and facilities for multiple disciplines from athletics and javelin to cricket and football.
YEAR 2-3	Establish a high performance training base for St. David athletes, with equipment, storage facilities and athletes stipends - and provide opportunities for our champions to mentor young talent.

PILLAR 7

VILLAGES THAT RUN THEMSELVES

St. David's greatest strength is its people — their skills, knowledge, time and willingness to contribute.

Our plan is to create the structures that make it easier for communities to take action, contribute directly and help build the parish together.

WE WILL

YEAR 1

Establish a management board for every community centre — residents, churches, youth and sporting groups - publishing an annual calendar and keeping the doors open all year.

YEAR 1

Hold monthly village representative sessions and rotating town halls, with a standing MP office day in La Tante or Requin so residents stop travelling to Perdmontemps.

YEAR 1

Continue the WASH programme and the housing repair list, with proper supervision of contractors.

YEAR 1

Support neighbourhood watch groups, regular welfare checks for older residents, and community-led hurricane teams that help vulnerable residents get to safety before a storm.

YEAR 1-2

Begin implementing local government through village councils in St.David.

YEAR 1-2

Build and staff public washrooms at La Tante, Requin and Beaton, where residents wait for buses.

YEAR 1-3

Fund the culture that holds us together — develop a cultural centre, support steel pan and calypso, properly site and plaque the 1951 monument at La Tante, and document our historic sites.

YEAR 1-4

Build a geriatric home and a senior day-care facility, staffed by trained local caregivers.



TRACKING OUR PROGRESS

**A PLAN ONLY MATTERS IF
PEOPLE CAN SEE WHAT IS
BEING DELIVERED.**

The People's Manifesto will not end with its publication. It will be used as a working document to track the commitments we have made to you, our community, and to measure the progress we make together over the next five years.

We will review progress against the priorities identified in the Manifesto, with updates showing what has been completed, what is underway, and what still requires attention.

This will give residents a clear way to follow the work, see how priorities are advancing, and understand where progress is being made.

**YOU HELPED SHAPE THE PLAN. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE
ABLE TO SEE HOW IT IS BEING DELIVERED.**



Online Progress Tracker

A dedicated website will list the commitments in the manifesto and show the status of each one — including what has been completed, what is in progress, and what is still to come.



Annual Community Review

Each year, we will return to the community to review progress, discuss what has been delivered, and hear directly from residents on what still needs attention.



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ME. US THE NEXT YEARS



THIS MANIFESTO WAS BUILT WITH THE PEOPLE OF ST.DAVID.

Thank you for your voices - all seven hundred
and seventeen of them.

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