
FOREWORD

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Welcome to a unique place in the world

You must be thinking about coming to live here. Welcome to a unique place in the world. There is no doubt that Sark is visually appealing, arguably the most beautiful of all the Channel Islands. There is no doubt that its light-touch jurisdiction and low tax regime, especially for businesses, are attractive particularly to those seeking more personal freedoms. The community is built on values which others left behind many years ago. It sounds idyllic and undoubtedly for the right person it is.



There are two things you need. You need to know the facts, and you need the experience. This document provides you with the facts. There is no other single source of this information. It has been put together by someone who has lived here for many years and has taken the time to research it, so you do not have to. It is an excellent tool in understanding Sark and gives you a comprehensive view of the objective.

Just knowing the facts is not enough on its own. You need to take a view of the subjective and this is something that takes time. It is often said that you need to stay on Sark for at least two winters before you know whether it is the place for you. Whilst the facts will stay the same, your view of the community, how you can fit into it and take part in it, is yours alone. No one else can tell you that.

However, the first step is learning. Without knowledge of the rules, regulations, services, and facilities you will not know if Sark sounds like the sort of place for you. Once you have absorbed the facts and decided that it is, you should plan to visit, to experience for yourself how the facts you read here translate into reality. I commend this to you; it is essential reading. Should you choose to follow it up I look forward to seeing you here in the future.

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