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1. Foreword From The Chairman

The Isle of Man is a small island situated in the Irish Sea between the Isles of Great Britain and Ireland. It is a Crown Dependency of the British Islands. It has a population of 80,000 people. Its climate is moderate: it’s never too hot, never too cold.

Sport plays an active part in life on the Isle of Man with the Government committed to providing adequate facilities and therefore the ability for anyone to participate in sports and to go on to fulfil their potential.

We have been given the honour of being the first small nation to be awarded the hosting of the Commonwealth Youth Games and we extend a warm welcome to all 71 nations of the Commonwealth to come to our Island from the 7th to the 13th September 2011.

Our Organising Committee is already working hard to produce quality Games which will be focused on the athletes. Athletes up to the age of 18 will be competing across seven disciplines at a variety of the island's top quality sporting locations.

In terms of scale, it will obviously be much smaller than the previous Games in India but every bit as competitive. Our aim is simple: to host a memorable Commonwealth Youth Games respectful of the environment.

We look forward to welcoming YOU to the beautiful Isle of Man.

Geoff Karran
Chairman of the Organising Committee
April, 26 2011

Commonwealth Youth Games: competition has already started!

**The Manx Green Council puts out a challenge to all islanders!**

The Manx Green Council is a local association formed last month by a group of Manx volunteers. The aim of the association is to minimise the environmental impact of the Games on a local scale and to raise awareness of the importance of environmental care.

Brian Robinson, Head of the Manx Green Council, declared “We are a group of inhabitants conscious of the negative environmental footprints that Games of this stature leave behind. We want to do our best to reduce such negative footprints. Our island is small so the impact of the Games will be immediate.”

He added: “That’s why we invite all islanders to take part in a Green Competition. They have to think of green projects that can be easy to implement in the short-term, relevant to the specific situation of our island and beneficial to the whole community. All projects must be addressed to the Manx Green Council. We will do our best to carry out all green initiatives put forward by the inhabitants. Achim Steiner, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director, will vote for the best local green project. The selected project will be widely advertised during the Games and carried forward as a legacy for the Isle of Man.”

Achim Steiner said: “The Commonwealth Games, like the Olympic Games and the FIFA World Cup, represent an excellent opportunity to pilot innovative ideas and transformational policies able to deliver a low carbon, resource efficient Green Economy. UNEP acts as an advisor to local communities for promoting environmental awareness and ensuring a green sporting event.”

I strongly encourage all inhabitants to take part in this Green Competition and I hope to see many initiatives on issues such as waste management, sustainable transport, public awareness and mobilisation on environmental matters.
Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots is an educative programme for young people. In the UK, Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots groups work in hundreds of schools inspiring young people to take action for the environment.

**Environmental Photographic Exhibition**

Manx school children are invited to take part in the Green Competition by submitting photographs on the theme “Making a Difference”. It echoes the urgent call to preserve our environment and to conserve the diversity of life on our planet. A world without biodiversity is a very bleak prospect.

The exhibition is organised by Dr Goodall, renowned primatologist, environmentalist and humanitarian. Her firm belief is that 'young people, when informed and empowered, when they realise that what they do truly makes a difference, can indeed change the world'.

The exhibition will show beautiful photographs and descriptions of the landscapes, as well as endangered plants and animals. The objective of the event is to spread public awareness about the adverse impact on the environment in the guise of ‘progress’ and to show what people can do to help preserve the environment. The exhibition will be very inspiring for the visitors. It will remind them they have to take great care of nature and animals.

Some photos have already been sent and they are quite powerful: "When you see a deer with a piece of plastic in its mouth, you really start thinking about your own responsibility towards the waste we generate."

Visitors will feel more inclined to respect the environment as children are the spokespersons for hope, optimism and a brighter future.

Dr Goodall says: 'This powerful message of hope inspires us all. Our programme - dedicated to inspiring tomorrow's leaders today - not only motivates young people to learn about pertinent issues facing our local and global communities, but helps them actually design, lead and implement their own projects as a means of solving them."

We hope this photo exhibition on green issues will serve as an eye opener for Manx inhabitants and all visitors to be more concerned about environmental protection. Each one of us should do our part to preserve the environment, not only for the sake of our present generation but also for the coming generations as well.

**How to enter the exhibition:**

1. This contest is open to all school children on the Isle of Man.
2. Each entrant may submit only one photograph.
3. All photographs submitted must have been taken on the Isle of Man over the last year.
4. Each photograph must have a caption.
Hi, this is Poppipop, an experienced dressmaker and staunch environmentalist. I read an article this morning in our local newspaper *Isle of Man Examiner* about the Green Competition. I think this is a wonderful initiative and it gave me an idea.

You must be aware that we all throw a lot of clothing away. The production, transportation and disposal of our clothes all use valuable resources. Re-using textiles and clothes is a much better idea! So here is what I thought about:

Couldn’t we make reusable bags for this special occasion? These bags have the potential to eliminate thousands of plastic bags that would be used otherwise during the Commonwealth Youth Games. We could sew the Isle of Man logo on each bag as well.

We all have so many t-shirts that we don’t wear, why don’t we make some tote bags out of them? Cotton knit t-shirts are great to use because raw edges don’t unravel so you don’t have to worry about finishing the edges. And they make strong and pretty large bags. You can carry lots of heavy stuff without worrying about the bottom ripping out like a plastic bag would. On top of that, it is fairly easy even for a sewing novice.

You can also turn an old pair of jeans or a denim skirt into a bag. This will require more expertise with the sewing machine. The legs of old jeans can be cut off and the bottom sewn up to form the bag. The pockets on the jeans can remain, as they will be handy to keep wallets and keys. Use your imagination and creative skills to make each bag unique and a wonderful souvenir for the visitors to take back home.

If we are to make a bag for each visitor, I need help from all of you to replace plastic bags with funky bags!! Remember that each high quality reusable bag we make has the potential to eliminate an average of 1,000 plastic bags over its lifetime.

The Commonwealth Youth Games are a wonderful opportunity to show what an army of crafty hands is capable of doing for the community of the Isle of Man and more generally for the preservation of our environment. Attached are photos of some of the bags I have created.
Welcome to the spring edition of the newsletter of Manx Organic Association. Highlights include the assembly report, the Green Competition, news of another certified Manx organic farm, and a sensational tomato soup recipe. Enjoy!

**Assembly Report**

The association now has a total of more than 500 local association members including consumers, smallholders, gardeners, farmers and retailers. Our aim remains unchanged: to help increase the availability of Manx organic produce. Following our assembly in February, it was decided to work on the following objectives:

- promoting Manx organic farmers and growers by encouraging consumers to buy locally produced organic food.
- developing an identifiable Manx Organic brand.
- encouraging more people to grow their own produce without the use of pesticides or artificial fertilisers.

Thank you for your continuing support which is absolutely vital to our success.

******* Breaking news *******

Manx Organic Association has decided to take part in the Green Competition and to launch the name of its brand on this special occasion. As a tribute to the Commonwealth Youth Games, it was agreed to call our organic brand *Manx CommonHealth*.

Our association is playing a key role in promoting the benefits of organically produced food and sustainable agriculture on the Isle of Man. We want to supply the Commonwealth Games with as much local organic food as possible. In this way we will considerably reduce the carbon footprint of the event and promote quality food.

Today, much of our food, conventional and organic alike, travels literally thousands of miles from farm to fork. Along the way, the food loses its nutritional value, burns fossil fuels and contributes to global warming. Local organic foods provide exceptional taste and freshness, strengthen our local economy and support endangered family farms.

This is an excellent opportunity to teach sporty youngsters about food and nutrition. They need to be taught the effects of poor quality food. Food affects behaviour, and good food will have wider social and cultural benefits. We also want to draw consumers' attention to how each purchasing decision can lead to a safer, greener, and more equitable society. Millions of green-minded consumers around the world can break the influence of big chains, the power of corporate agribusiness, by supporting organic and locally produced foodstuff. It is time for these individuals to come together as a single voice to show their concern and determination.