

What do Douzaines do?

The work of the Douzaine is mainly done by parish staff and the Constables.

A Douzenier's main responsibility is attending the monthly Douzaine meeting.

But Douzeniers can also volunteer for sub-committees and other duties to help support the Constables.

Rates

- Collecting and accounting for parish rates

Local services

- Refuse collection
- Street lights
- Hiring out the Douzaine Room

Parish property management

- Maintaining rectories
- Managing fields
- Cemetery management
- Recreation facilities
- Abreuteurs and troughs
- Seat placing and upkeep
- Floral displays
- Maintaining the Douzaine Room and its surroundings

Planning

- Granting bornements – permission to erect a building within 1.5m of a public road
- Reviewing plans for local developments

Community spirit

- Social and commemorative events for parishioners
- Hardship funds

Keeping the parish safe

- Inspections of hedges and streams
- Inspections of quarries and sea walls
- Reporting dangerous buildings
- Reporting noxious weeds
- Reporting dangerous roads
- Emergency planning

Communication

- Producing the parish notices and the parish magazine
- Updating the parish website and social media
- Placing articles in “Parish Matters” (Guernsey Press section)
- Handling questions from the media

Elections and commemorative occasions

- Organising parish elections
- Providing polling stations for general elections
- Electing Jurats
- Representing the parish on Liberation Day and other ceremonial occasions
- Attending Chief Pleas (Constable)

Schools

- Sitting on school committees
- Raising funds for school libraries

Licences

- Liquor licences
- Salle Publique inspections
- Crown and Anchor permissions
- Managing moorings
- Dog tax collection

Policy

- Reviewing States Billets
- Meeting with parish Deputies
- Holding parish surgeries

Liaison

- With States Committees through the Douzaine Liaison Group
- With other Douzeniers through the Douzaine Council
- With other Constables