

**IN TYNWALD**

July 2021

**To the Honorable Members of the Tynwald Court****The humble petition of:**

David Buttery. *[Address redacted following inspection by  
the Standing Orders Committee of Tynwald]*

**Sheweth that:**

The public footpaths, bridleways & green lanes on the Island are an important and well used asset, contributing to the health, fitness and general well being of the population. They are also, along with the TT and the Heritage Railways, a primary driver of tourism and as such bring in much needed external revenue. Many sections of the network of Public Rights of Way are poorly maintained, badly signposted and in many places dangerous and impassible. Currently the network falls under the administration of: DOI, DEFRA, Manx Utilities and some local authorities. These agencies have differing priorities and agendas, resulting in inconsistent levels of maintenance on the PRoW.

**Wherefor your petitioner seeks that:**

A single Government agency is created with sole responsibility for all the Islands public rights of way.

*[Signature of David Buttery redacted]*