

House Organ - near Douglas



Gt: 8,8,4,2²/₃,2, Sw: 8,8,4,2,1¹/₃,1, Ped: 16,8,4,2.

This instrument was built by Peter Jones in 1993, and incorporates pipes from Castletown Parish Church (Keats), St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Hewitt) some new pipework, keys from Chester Cathedral, case parts from Castletown P.C. and a swell-pedal made from timber found at St. Alban's Cathedral! The pedalboard and bench were originally from one of the many ill-fated electronics at Jurby Parish Church. A truly eclectic instrument.

The mechanism is all new, and the case and console were constructed, as per the owner's

request, to hark back to Victorian times, though the builder allowed himself some licence in the details of the case front.

The stops are derived from 3 basic ranks and there is also a Merula (bird call) Calcant (blower switch) and, for the unwary, a 'Noli Me Tangere' (Do Not Touch Me) stop - an organ-builder's joke on the organist. Anyone drawing this stop finds that it comes away, drawing a nasty surprise behind it, from the console!

An original instrument, primarily for serious music, but with a sense of humour!

