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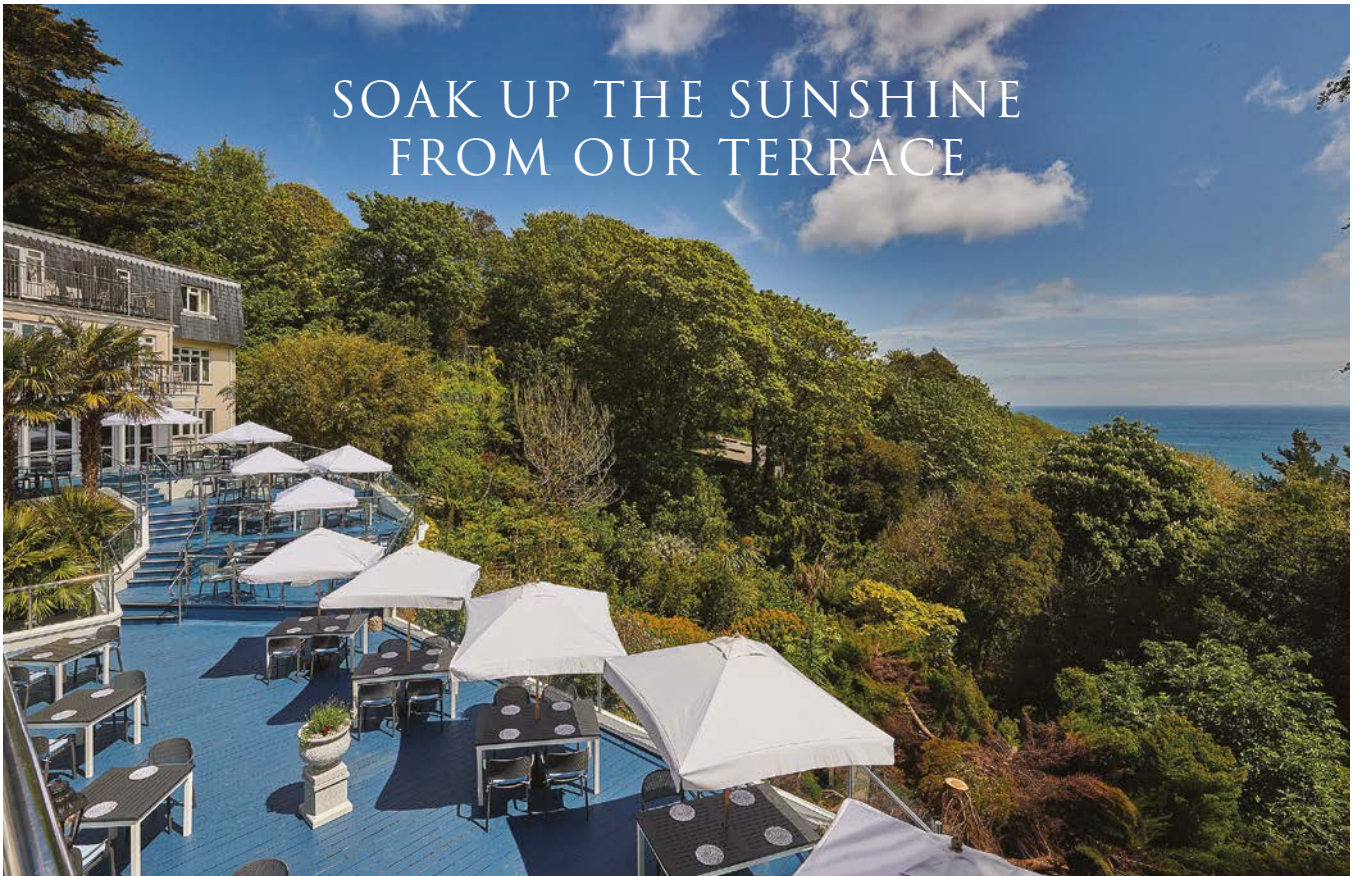


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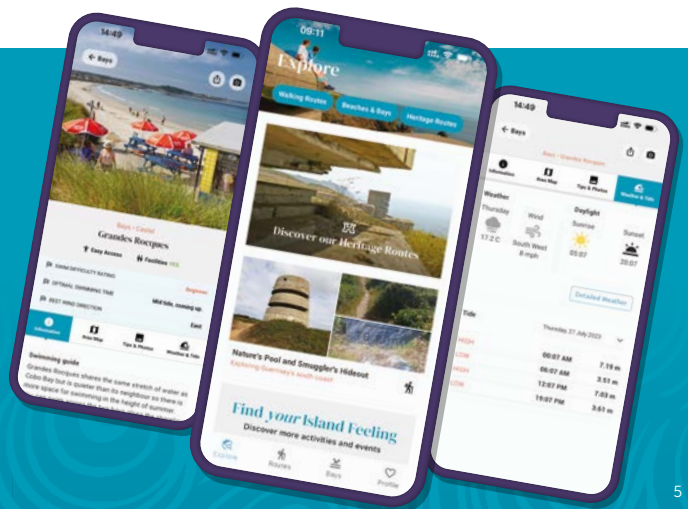
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## GREETING FROM AURIGNY CEO NICO BEZUIDENHOUT

Welcome to Aurigny!

On behalf of our team I would like to welcome you on board this flight, whether you are heading off on a late summer escape, travelling to begin your university journey or coming home from a globe-trotting adventure.

As summer turns to autumn, we're hoping for long sunny days to explore and soak up the best of the season. In this inflight magazine, you'll find all the details on events taking place in Guernsey, local food highlights and heritage to explore; as well as inspiration for destinations in the UK and beyond.

For a break close to home, a trip to the UK has much to offer at this time of year. Discover the delights of Yorkshire on page 50, home to the charming town of Harrogate with its Turkish Baths, elegant buildings and boutique shops; as well as the quaint Ilkley and bustling Leeds. For those looking for history, walking and festivals galore, consider a visit to Edinburgh (page 61).

The Scottish capital can be reached with our direct flights in just over 2 hours, letting you explore magnificent castles, lochs and mountains. We can also recommend a break to South Wales via Bristol (page 44) perfect

for those seeking stunning beaches, coastal walks and picturesque harbours.

For a weekend adventure, take a look at our guide to Kent (page 52), the garden of England. From a base in Canterbury you can explore castles, museums, beaches and bohemian shops in 48 hours. If you're looking for a break further afield, Cape Verde (page 56) on the coast of Africa could be the perfect autumn or winter holiday. With options for island hopping, hiking, watersports and vibrant culture, Cape Verde is fast becoming the discerning traveller's destination of choice.

Wherever you choose to travel, we hope you have a wonderful time. So now sit back, relax and enjoy this flight with us. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please feel free to ask a member of our friendly and experienced cabin crew, who will be happy to help.

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*Nico*



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BY BRONWEN DUDLEY-OWEN OF GUERNSEY MEDISPA

Are you ready to unlock the secrets to radiant, youthful skin? At Guernsey Medispa, we believe that getting to know you is the first step to achieving your beauty goals

Our approach is not 'one-size fits all'. Everybody is unique and that means your treatment plan will be different to someone else's. That's why we begin each treatment plan with a personalised consultation.

With over 23 years of experience in medical dermal aesthetics, Senior Aesthetician Jeanne-Marie Eloff offers a unique 'Getting to Know You' consultation that kicks off your personalised skin revision journey. During this personal consultation, you will experience seeing your skin up close using our Meicet skin analysis machine. This cutting-edge technology gives a deep scan of your face, uncovering hidden issues like sun damage, pigmentation, underlying redness and fine lines that you might not even see. This helps us create a super tailored treatment plan just for you.

'Everyone's skin is unique, and understanding its specific needs is key to effective treatment,' says Jean-Marie. 'The Meicet machine helps us find the exact concerns and craft a plan that addresses them perfectly.'

But that's not all. Our 'Getting to Know You' consultation also includes taking your medical history, lifestyle, and wellness into account. This means we can formulate a programme that is specific to you and plan it around your lifestyle, to ensure you look your very best at special occasions, events and holidays.

Jean-Marie's extensive experience working in the well-known Dr Riekie Smit Clinic in Pretoria, South Africa, means her passion for advanced medical-grade skincare ensures every client gets a custom approach.

The consultation is just the beginning of a six- to nine-month journey to transform your skin. Based on the scan results, Jean-Marie will design a customised regime that might include in-clinic treatments and home-care products. From chemical peels and laser therapy to microneedling and tailored skincare routines, everything is chosen to boost your skin's health and look.

But it doesn't stop at the first consultation. Regular complimentary follow-ups and scans with the Meicet machine will track your progress, making sure your treatment plan evolves with your skin's needs. This dynamic approach ensures you see real results which keep improving over time.

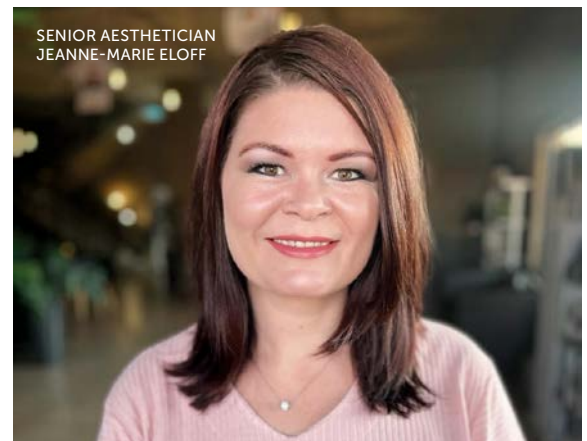
Join the countless clients who have trusted Jean-Marie with their skin and seen amazing transformations. Book your free 'Getting to Know You' consultation with the code 'En Voyage' by the end of September and start your journey to uncover the best version of your skin.

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# OUR FLEET

Aurigny currently has a fleet of six aircraft serving the network.

The newest additions are the ATR 72-600 aircraft which Aurigny took delivery of at the end of 2019.

Each came fitted with a contemporary cabin design which introduced the latest standards of comfort, offering more space for luggage in overhead bins and providing passengers with 18" wide seats.

We took delivery of our second New Generation Dornier 228 in 2017, to serve the Alderney routes.



## ATR 72-600

**NUMBER IN FLEET** 4

**BUILT** Toulouse, France

**ENGINES**

2 x Pratt & Whitney PW-127 M Turboprops

**MAXIMUM SPEED** 276 knots (318 mph)

**PASSENGERS CARRIED** 72

**RANGE** 1,023 miles (1,646 km)



## Dornier 228NG

**NUMBER IN FLEET** 2

**BUILT** Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany

**ENGINES**

2 x Garrett TPE331-10 Turboprops

**MAXIMUM SPEED** 223 knots (257 mph)

**PASSENGERS CARRIED** 19

**RANGE** 350 miles (563 km)



**1968**  
Founded



**17 MILLION**  
Aurigny has carried over 17 million passengers since it was founded



**MORE ROUTES IN 2024**

Aurigny will be operating to more destinations than ever before in 2024 while continuing to operate its scheduled services



**HOLIDAY FLIGHTS IN 2020**

Aurigny was one of the only airlines in the world to offer isolation-free holidays in 2020 with travel corridors between Alderney, Guernsey and the Isle of Man



**2019**  
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**6**  
Aircraft



**1977**  
First airline in the world to ban smoking on all services



**1**  
In-flight marriage



**1**  
FA Cup  
Flown to Guernsey on 19th August 2016



**300**  
Staff



**1**  
Birth on board  
Between Alderney and Guernsey



**2019**  
Ranked best short-haul airline by Which?



**NEW ROUTES ADDED**

# AURIGNY

## GUERNSEY'S AIRLINE

OK, it's not the easiest of names – pronounced **Or-ree-nee** – but it's certainly one that islanders are proud of. 'Aurigny' is the Norman name for Alderney, the northern island in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, where Aurigny Air Services was launched in 1968.

Aurigny has been serving the Channel Islands for over 50 years and is owned by the States of Guernsey.

## OUR DESTINATIONS

### FROM GUERNSEY

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- LONDON CITY
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- LONDON STANSTED
- MANCHESTER
- MENORCA†
- MAJORCA†
- NEWQUAY†
- PARIS
- SOUTHAMPTON

### FROM ALDERNEY

- GUERNSEY
- SOUTHAMPTON

Look out for additional destinations for week-long holidays and short breaks being added throughout 2024.

Direct flights to Alicante, Biarritz, A Coruña, Bilbao, Porto and Valencia are already on sale.

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† Seasonal route

# SAFETY FIRST

## HAND BAGGAGE

Once you've boarded and located your seat, please ensure your hand baggage is stowed safely. Small bags can be placed underneath the seat in front of you, unless you are seated in an emergency exit row.

All other items should be placed inside an overhead locker. Please take care when opening the overhead lockers as items may have moved during flight and falling items may cause injury.

## YOUR SAFETY

We want to look after you on board and our main concern is for your safety and that of the Aurigny crew. Cabin crew are here primarily for your safety, so please pay attention to their instructions. Any feedback about the crew and flight is welcomed.

Life jackets are provided for use in the extremely unlikely event of an emergency. It is an offence to tamper with or remove them without authorisation and this may jeopardise the safety of others.

Both staff and passengers have the right to fly within a calm, safe and friendly environment. Aurigny has a zero-tolerance policy towards any violent, disruptive or offensive behaviour, and crew have been trained to deal with such incidents.

## SMOKING

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is not permitted on board, including within the toilets.

## FOOD ALLERGIES

Allergy information is available for all snacks – please see the packaging label or ask a member of the crew.

## TRAVELLING WITH INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Infants under the age of 2 need to be secured whenever the seatbelt sign is on, this can be achieved through the use of a seatbelt provided by the airline to secure the infant on an adult's lap. A child

over the age of 2 must be secured in their own seat to ensure their safety in the event of an emergency landing or turbulence.

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES\*

### HANDHELD DEVICES WITH A 'FLIGHT SAFE' MODE

Handheld devices, such as tablets, e-readers and mobile phones, may be used during all phases of the flight, provided the 'flight safe' mode is enabled before departure. Larger devices must be safely secured in hand luggage during taxi, take-off and landing, either in the overhead locker or under the seat in front of you. Any device that transmits or receives communications but does not have a flight safe mode must be switched off from doors closed to doors open.

### LAPTOPS, ULTRABOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS

Devices may be used during boarding but not for taxi, take-off and landing, when they must be safely stowed away in hand luggage. They may be used in flight, provided they are set to flight safe mode, with WiFi turned off. On the ATR Bluetooth may be used throughout the flight.

### DEVICES WITHOUT A 'FLIGHT SAFE' MODE

This will include items such as DVD players, electronic games and music players. Only small, handheld devices may be used during taxi, take-off and landing. Larger devices must be switched off and safely stowed away in hand luggage during taxi, take-off and landing.

### BLUETOOTH ACCESSORIES

All Bluetooth accessories (for example wireless keyboards, headphones etc.) may be used on the ATR.

### ARE THERE ANY TIMES I CANNOT USE MY HANDHELD DEVICES?

Under certain circumstances your flight or cabin crew will ask that all electronic devices be switched

off, for example, during refuel operations. This will be announced over the PA.

### CAN I USE MY HEADPHONES THROUGHOUT THE FLIGHT?

Personal headphones can be used for some stages of the flight and may be attached to your personal device. We ask that customers remove their headphones whenever the seat belt signs are illuminated during the taxi, take-off and landing phases and during the safety demonstration.

### CAN I USE A REMOTE POWER PACK?

Aurigny does not allow passengers to charge their devices while on board our aircraft.

**Please ask a member of cabin crew if you have any queries.**

\*Electronic devices can only be used on the ATR aircraft. Unfortunately they cannot be used on the Dornier.

## BAGGAGE ADVICE FOR PASSENGERS



Always secure a tag onto your baggage containing key contact details, including where you will be staying.



Insert a sheet of paper into your bag with key personal details, such as your name, contact details, flight numbers and address of where you will be staying.



Carry any essential items, such as money and medication, with you on the flight.



Customise the look of your bag to make it easier to identify.



Immediately report the loss of checked-in luggage if it does not arrive at your destination. Do this before leaving the airport.



ON BOARD

# PASSENGER AWARENESS

## Welcome on board!

We hope that you will enjoy your flight and of course allow others to enjoy theirs. All passengers have the right to safe, secure and comfortable travel on board our aircraft. Unruly or disruptive behaviour would ruin this experience and could also be traumatic for passengers or crew.

### UNRULY BEHAVIOUR PRIOR TO FLIGHT:

If unruly or disruptive behaviour is noticed prior to the flight, please be aware that transport may be denied.

### UNRULY BEHAVIOUR DURING THE FLIGHT:

If such behaviour is demonstrated during the flight, please be aware that there may be serious consequences to these actions. The aircraft may divert and make an unscheduled landing, authorities may meet the flight, and the person responsible for the unruly or disruptive behaviour may be arrested, fined, charged and/or prosecuted.

It is for this reason that we ask all passengers to always:

1. Follow crew member instructions promptly
2. Respect crew members and fellow passengers
3. Behave in a safe and appropriate manner
4. Refrain from endangering the safety of the aircraft or its occupants

### OFFENCES AND OTHER ACTS COMMITTED ON BOARD AIRCRAFT:

Under the Air Navigation Order (A.N.O) and Aviation & Maritime Security Act the following are considered as unacceptable behaviours on board:

1. Assault and other acts of interference against a crew member on board a civil aircraft
2. Assault and other acts endangering safety or jeopardising good order and discipline on board a civil aircraft
3. Other offences committed on board a civil aircraft

### OFFENCES TO AVOID:



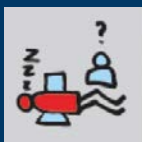
Assaulting, intimidating, threatening a crew member or passenger



Refusing to follow instructions from the crew



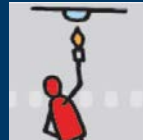
Intoxicated or disorderly conduct or consuming alcohol which was not provided by crew members



Engaging in or displaying any indecent or lewd behaviour



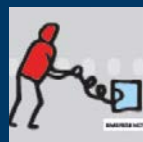
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## GUERNSEY

# Beach Guide

Guernsey has a beach and a bay for everyone. Here we discover Grandes Rocques.

## GRANDES ROCQUES

Along the coast from Cobo, Grandes Rocques is another extremely popular beach, home to rock pools, vast amounts of sand and decent on-site facilities.

Grass-covered dunes sweep down to the sand, much of which is invitingly soft, though there is more than enough hard stuff further down to reward prospective cricket players and sandcastle builders. To the south lie exquisite views of Cobo Village and the verdure-clad hills above.

Once upon a time the adjacent road was lined with greenhouses and carrot fields, and while in recent years these have been replaced by a cluster of houses, a hotel and a car park, there remains a tangible sense that much of the island's history is locked inside this area's sandy soils.

The northern end of the bay is dominated by two potent reminders of Guernsey's militarised past: a German bunker of dark concrete skulls beneath the rather less forbidding structure of Fort Grandes Rocques. A mile out to

sea, meanwhile, is the Grosse Rocque, a natural granite monolith that looks a lot like a fortification, upon which flies a proud Guernsey flag as a permanent reminder of that momentous day in 1945 when the Occupation was ended and the islands regained their freedom.

*Taken from Guernsey Beach Guide*

**Optimum Tide:** Mid, coming up

**Best Feature:** If it's soft sand you're looking for, then look no further



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WEST COAST

### WHAT'S THERE ?



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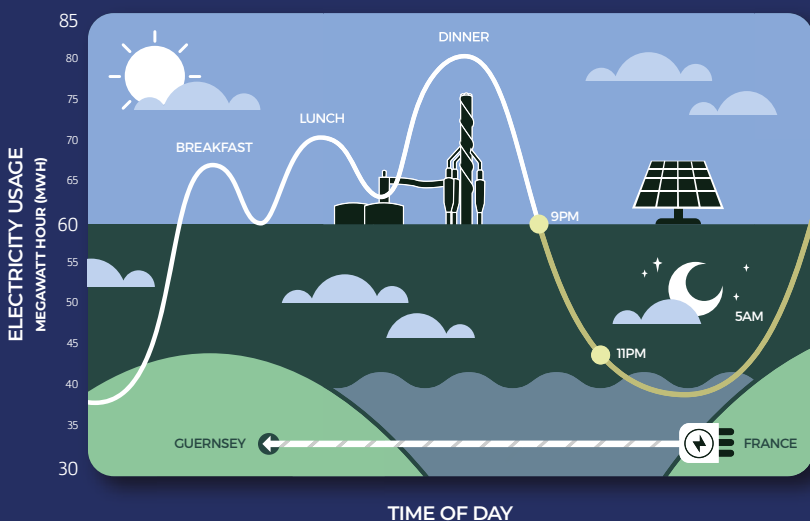


**DOGS ON BEACHES**

See [gov.gg/dogsonbeaches](http://gov.gg/dogsonbeaches) for up-to-date information.



POWER LIFE IN 'OFF PEAK' TO REDUCE ELECTRICITY BILLS AND LOCAL CARBON EMISSIONS



ON-ISLAND GENERATION  
LOW CARBON IMPORTATION

TIME OF DAY

# BEHAVIOUR: THE ECONOMICS BEHIND ELECTRICITY

ADVERTORIAL

Guernsey's commitment to meeting Net Zero by 2050 means we'll begin to see a very different energy picture to that of the previous decades.

Electricity will be the primary pathway for energy decarbonisation as we transition away from fossil-fuels (such as oil and gas) and by 2050, it is predicted that most heating systems and road vehicles (such as cars, vans, buses and light goods vehicles) will be electric.

This was the clear message which the States of Guernsey made when they passed the Electricity Strategy last year. Since then, Guernsey Electricity ('GEL') has been updating our corporate strategy and the detailed planning within this with a new '2035 Strategic Vision' which takes on board the predicted increase in electricity.

Electricity demand varies – throughout every day and with the seasons. There are 'peak demand' times when people are home and using electricity, generally around breakfast, lunch and dinner. Then there are other times when demand is much lower, usually overnight and in select daytime periods, known as 'off-peak'.

Modelling by independent experts Siemens estimated that 'peak demand' for electricity in Guernsey could reach around 157MegaWatts (MW) by 2050, almost a 70% increase on our highest peak reached so far at 94MW in January 2024.

Whilst 2050 may seem a long way off, without an infrastructure investment plan, Guernsey's journey to net zero could be at risk. We may be unable to provide the electricity needed to power the Island at 'peak times', or risk increasing the carbon intensity of our electricity by using more fossil-fuels for generation at the Vale power station.

At GEL, we're undertaking detailed planning to understand how we might significantly reduce Guernsey's predicted peak demand – potentially down to just 125MW from the predicted 157MW. This is likely to be through a combination of strategic investment in new and emerging technologies and by working with our customers to influence and incentivise the way they consume electricity.

## CONSUMPTION VERSUS DEMAND – AN INVESTMENT CONUNDRUM SOLVED BY TECHNOLOGY?

As an island we could risk increasing network (or 'grid') demand to unsuitable levels. This could happen if too many households install multiple electrical technologies, such as electric heating or an Electric Vehicle (EV) charger, in an unmanaged manner. To manage these increases, we would have to invest significantly more in the grid to maintain a reliable supply to customers and this would increase our costs.



But what we, and the wider electricity industry, are doing is aiming to provide customers with digital tools and solutions to manage their consumption when the Island is demanding more electricity.

The key is understanding the relationship between consumption and demand. The more Islanders consume energy at one time, the more electricity we must be able to supply to meet that total demand.

Let's consider your home as an example. If someone were to turn on all the electrical appliances simultaneously, the house would trip due to insufficient supply. The house's capacity isn't enough to meet the demand created by the combined electricity consumption of all the appliances together. However, if these appliances are operated one after the other, demand is managed, and the capacity needed would be available.

Let's expand the example into a residential street.

If everyone on that street charged their EV at the same time, the network may fail to meet that demand. However, if customers used a phone app to programme their EV to charge at a specific time overnight, GEL could remotely oversee a range of staggered charging times that allows all street residents to wake up to a fully charged EV.

We could balance electricity demand across the network whilst still allowing customers to consume

electricity in the way they're accustomed to.

The net benefit is that we're able to make smarter investments in our electricity grid, drive down infrastructure costs, and ultimately, help our island enjoy lower electricity bills.

This is just one example of the many areas (or 'pillars') which we are covered in our '2035 Strategic Vision' document. This document, which will be publicly available in September, sets out the various facets of electricity in Guernsey over the next 10 years with a view to preparing us as an island for 2050.

Want to learn more about our electricity network?

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# RENOIR TEA GARDEN

IMAGINE SITTING IN A TEA GARDEN, DRINKING IN THE VIEW THAT RENOIR FAMOUSLY PAINTED, SIPPING A CRAFT TEA AND INDULGING IN A SUPERB SALAD, SANDWICH OR SLICE OF CAKE.

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Head down to Moulin Huet bay and you can do just that at the delightful Renoir Tea Garden, situated in a secluded spot with some of the best views in Guernsey.

The tea garden is the brainchild of Natalia Silvester, managing director of the Silvester Group, which also includes other island eateries Crepe Maison, Love Shack, Waffle & Co, plus outside catering. Natalia's vision for the tea garden, along with her other premises, is to deliver high-quality food along with excellent service; it's a combination that sees a large amount of repeat customers and regularly wows new ones.

When she took on the tea garden, much work needed doing to transform it into the gem it is today. Fifteen tons of garden waste was removed, which revealed the space that she had to lay out the tables (the garden can take at least 100 covers), plus put new plants in. The result is beautiful, and the gardens are well worth the short walk from the car park at Moulin Huet or make a fantastic stopping point if

walking the south coast cliffs.

Natalia's personality is stamped on the premises, from the crystals that she has brought from home to lend a peaceful, in-tune-with-nature vibe, through to the thoughtfully provided complimentary sun cream, the new loos (always important, especially when walking!), and the stylish Mason jars in which the salads and sandwich fillings are served.

The reason for the Mason jars is simple: jarring the food keeps it fresh and removes extra handling, which helps avoid cross contamination, and this has helped achieve a 5\* hygiene rating.

All the pastries are made at Crepe Maison (in the Pollet in St Peter Port), and brought down each day. The cold brew teas, made by infusing water with natural ingredients, are another inspirational treat to discover in the tea garden. There are 12 teas that have been developed by Natalia, and as well as drinking them in situ, they are also available to buy in packets to take home and bring back memories.

For any non-tea lovers, coffee is also available, and is made to the same exacting standards.

Dogs are also catered for, with dog ice-cream on sale to cool down your four-legged friend.

Natalia is an extremely hard-working person, and her ideas for the tea garden extend beyond superb catering. She has encouraged local businesses to host craft classes, where the location lends itself to creativity. For those that are not creative themselves, there are prints for sale by local artists, plus post-cards, which Natalia will post for people free of charge.

The premises are licensed, and she has already hosted a christening, plus has a small wedding booked in for later this year.

Open seven days a week throughout the year (not Christmas day) the tea gardens are a wonderful place to while away some time on a summer's day as well as somewhere to head to for a warming drink (or more) while out for a winter walk.



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From Saturday 14 until Sunday 29 September, join the experienced and professional guides from the Bailiwick of Guernsey Guild of Accredited Guides for their annual walking festival.

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The walking festival is not only enjoyed by visitors as an introduction to what Guernsey has to offer, but many locals enjoy donning their walking boots and

discovering parts of the island that they don't normally see.

There are around 40 locally accredited silver and gold guides (with gold guides being able to host walks anywhere and on any local subject), so there is plenty to choose from.

Much of the research is done during the winter months, and many of the walks have a historic theme. Some guides will specialise in certain areas, such as WWII.

**All walks can be found at [visitguernsey.com/experiences/events/autumn-walking-festival/](http://visitguernsey.com/experiences/events/autumn-walking-festival/)**

Note that some walks may need to be pre-booked, please check individual listings and contact the guide directly for more information.

The popular daily Town walks start from outside the Guernsey Information Centre. They run every day at 10.30am with an extra tour every Wednesday at 5.30pm until the end of October.

For enquiries, please email [townwalks@hotmail.com](mailto:townwalks@hotmail.com)

Each tour costs £10 per person (under 12s go half price). Please note that only a small number of guides currently take card payments, so please bring cash (English or Guernsey pounds) with you, as you will need to pay your guide directly.



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# WHAT'S ON IN THE BAILIWICK?



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## 14 – 15 August THE WEST SHOW

Established more than 100 years ago, the West Show is Guernsey's premier agricultural and horticultural show. The showground is located on the west coast at L'Eree, a large open area which was a former aerodrome.

Enjoy traditional country show classes, as well as plenty of trade stalls, from vehicle displays to charity stands and a mixture of many types of food.

Entertainment this year includes Spanish stallion equestrian performance team OG Performance Horses and the UK's number one mountain bike aerial display team, M.A.D. Team, who will be performing in the arena.

Add in a funfair, pet tent, craft activities for the little ones, and live music on both evenings, and find out why 'West is Best'.

See [thewestshow.com](http://thewestshow.com) for further details.

## 14 – 18 August ALDERNEY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Enjoy five days of musical masterpieces performed by some of the world's finest young musicians. Full details can be found at [acmf.co.uk](http://acmf.co.uk)

## 17 August midday until 9pm DONKEY DERBY

The Lions Club of Guernsey's Donkey Derby at Saumarez Park is renowned as being one of the main fun-filled family day events in Guernsey's summer calendar.

As well as the donkey races there is plenty of entertainment including bouncy castles, charity and catering stalls, and the much-loved beer tent.

Check out [facebook.com/LionsClubOfGuernsey/](https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubOfGuernsey/) for more information.

## 17 August 2pm – 5pm FLAK BATTERY DOLMAN OPEN DAY

Providing access to three bunkers built by the occupying German forces in the Second World War, the Flak Battery Dolman Open Day will allow visitors to learn more about how the occupying German forces were using the site for air and sea defence.

Visitors can take a self-guided tour around the L403 Command Bunker, L401 Flak Bunker and the 4.7cm Anti-Tank Bunker of Wn.Golfwerk nearby, with Festung experts on-hand to share their knowledge on these fascinating Second World War fortifications.

The event is free of charge, but donations are welcome. There is no need to book.

## Until 16 August, and 20 August – 20 September

### ART AT THE PARK



Until 16 August Rosanne Guille's 'En Plein Air' is being shown. Her latest work reflects the last eight months out and about painting in all weather.



From 20 August until 20 September, Art at the Park is showcasing Tim Babbe's pottery and Rachael Bearder's willow work.

'Collections' is an all-new collection of Tim's work, where he will be presenting stoneware, ceramics and pit fired pots.

'Transformations' allows Rachael to demonstrate the versatility of willow weaving to make a wide variety of useful and decorative items.

The exhibitions are held at the Art at the Park Gallery in the Folk and Costume Museum, Saumarez Park. The Museum, which is access friendly, opens from 10am until 5pm daily. Entry is free.



THE NORTH SHOW ©GUERNSEY PRESS

21 and 22 August

### THE NORTH SHOW AND BATTLE OF FLOWERS

One of the main outdoor events in Guernsey's summer calendar, the North Show and Battle of Flowers takes place at Saumarez Park. The North Show includes traditional livestock classes, a fun-fair and numerous stall-holders, while the Battle of Flowers takes place in the afternoon of the second day. Spectators can take part in judging the colourful floats which are competing for the coveted 'Prix d'honneur'. The Battle culminates in the evening illuminate cavalcade, plus a spectacular firework display. See [facebook.com/GuernseyNorthShow/](https://facebook.com/GuernseyNorthShow/) for full details.

21 – 28 August

### ICC T20 WORLD CUP EUROPE SUB-REGIONAL QUALIFIER

Guernsey will be hosting the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup European Qualifier. Games will be held across the island during the week, with the final taking place at 3.30pm at the KGV on Wednesday 28 August. See [facebook.com/guernseycricket](https://facebook.com/guernseycricket) for more information.

24 – 25 August

### ALDERNEY REGATTA

Enjoy a weekend of sailing and socialising with Alderney Sailing Club. Full list of events at [alderneysailingclub.com/alderney-regatta-2021-28-29-august/](https://alderneysailingclub.com/alderney-regatta-2021-28-29-august/)

25 August

### SEAFRONT SUNDAY

The last Seafrost Sunday of the year is a celebration of local produce. Enjoy the vibe along the seafront of St Peter Port which is closed to traffic. From 10am until 4pm.

25 August

### VALE EARTH FAIR

The local festival with a global conscience is the longest-running musical festival in the Channel Islands. Set in and around Vale Castle, the festival provides not just an eclectic mix of music but also live acts and entertainers, and a children's corner. See [valeearthfair.org](https://valeearthfair.org) for more information.

30 August – 1 September

### GRANITE WEEKEND

From open water swimming to novice try-a-tri events and Guernsey's first ever sub-sea level 100km triathlon, the weekend will celebrate all things swim/bike/run. Visit [Graniteweekender.com](https://Graniteweekender.com)

31 August

### 2024 UTMOST COMMUNITY SPORTS FUNDAY

This free community event is provided by Utmost and the Guernsey Sports Commission. More than 20 sports, including boxing, walking football, golf, sailing, fencing, football, cricket, netball and badminton. Takes place at Saumarez Park from 12pm until 4pm.

1 September  
11am until 7pm

### HAVELET REGATTA

Head down to Havelet Bay with Castle Cornet as the backdrop for a day of family-friendly games, adrenaline-fuelled competitions and local performances to end the summer holidays.

The Havelet Regatta, supported by Voyonic, is back after its successful first year for more fun on land, sand and sea.

As well as raising funds for The Cheshire Home, the next office chair racing corporate team will be crowned, the fun-run-swim returns and Guernsey's Buffalo Huddleston sing alongside other local performances. For kiddos, you can find buckets and spades, a mini bike track and more.

See [haveletregatta.gg](https://haveletregatta.gg) for more information.

7 September

### CHANNEL ISLANDS PRIDE

14 – 29 September

### AUTUMN WALKING FESTIVAL

(see page 21 for more information)



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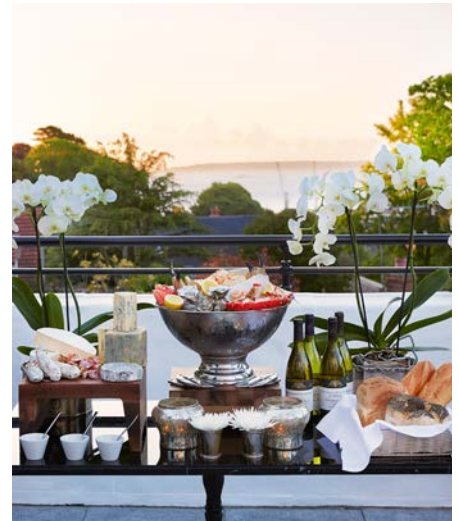


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7.30pm Town Church.15 September, In Victor Hugo's  
Footsteps, 12.30pm Hauteville House5 October, Come and Sing! Faure  
Requiem, 3pm St Stephen's17 October, Tenebrae, a hymn of  
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at [choralfestival.gg](http://choralfestival.gg)

15 September

THE BUTTERFIELD  
HALF MARATHON 2024Starting at 9am at L'Eree, this is  
a sensational, fast and flat race  
following a 13.1 mile coastal road.  
Check out [guernseyathletics.org.gg/  
butterfield-half-marathon/](http://guernseyathletics.org.gg/butterfield-half-marathon/)

18 – 21 September

## HERM ALE &amp; CIDER FESTIVAL

Sip on fantastic brews and ciders  
while jamming out to local live music.  
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options. Children welcome if  
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See [herm.com/buy/events/](http://herm.com/buy/events/) to book.

4 – 12 October

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5 October

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HEADLAND OPEN DAYFestung Guernsey's flagship event,  
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of art highlighting 31 different  
species of sharks and rays.  
See [bristolaquarium.co.uk/  
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festival-2024](http://open-city.org.uk/open-house-festival-2024) for full details.

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# GUERNSEY SUMMER SHOWS: A BRIEF HISTORY

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE SUMMER SHOWS. THEY'VE BEEN PART OF ISLAND LIFE FOR YEARS. AMANDA EULENKAMP LOOKS BACK AT THE HISTORY OF THE WEST AND NORTH SHOWS.

## WEST SHOW

**14 & 15 August**

The first Show was held in 1913 (the anomaly in years is due to the outbreak of World Wars) and was held at Les Islets Arsenal.

The minutes record that 'the show was a huge success from every point of view; on both days we were favoured with real summer weather, which contributed in no small measure in drawing the large attendance and giving financial results beyond our most sanguine expectations. The entries were so numerous, totally over 800 that the Arsenal was found inadequate. There were 129 entries in the cattle classes.'

However, the success of the first year was not to be repeated in 1914 with the outbreak of World War I.

In 1921 King George V, together with Queen Mary and the Princess Mary, visited and inspected some of the Society's prize winning cattle.

War broke out in 1939 just a couple of weeks before the Show was due to take place. No committee meetings or other activities were held during the German Occupation, so it wasn't until 1946 that the show – held at Les Paysons – took place.

In 1949 and 1950 a variety of entertainment, including 'Johnny Walsh – a trick motorcyclist' took place, adding to its original remit of being an Agricultural

and Horticultural Show (which it remains to this day).

Foot and mouth put paid to a show in 1952 but it was back after that, and from 1954 to 1957 took place at L'Eree Aerodrome, then owned by Butlins. It moved around venues until it returned to L'Eree in 1985, where it has remained since.

The site provides the show with an area in excess of 80 verges.

In 1987 the largest funfair ever seen on the island came over, coincidentally the same year that the Society's membership reached its highest level – a total of 2,565 members.

2017 recorded the biggest crowds to the show when the Monster Trust Display Team came to Guernsey for the first time.

The committee cancelled the 2020 West Show because of the Covid-19 pandemic but it is back now, bigger and better than ever!

## NORTH SHOW

**21 & 22 August**

The Show has its roots in Guernsey's traditional industries of agriculture and horticulture. Since the South Show went indoors, the North is one of only two remaining outdoor events of its type in Guernsey, the other being the West.

Held at Saumarez Park, the large grassy arena is the perfect place for entertainment. There is also a

marquee and various stalls. Visit to see Guernsey cattle, goats and agricultural produce. The Show also attracts many amateur competitors, with a variety of entries in the fur and feather classes, cut flowers, fruit and vegetables, flower arranging, cakes and baking, and the craft classes such as wood or metal working, embroidery and photography. These classes always attract a large children's entry.

## LET BATTLE COMMENCE!

The Battle of Flowers is held on the afternoon of the second day of the North Show, when all spectators can take part in judging the floats, which are competing for the coveted Prix d'honneur. Until the early 1960s the parade of floats culminated in an actual 'battle' when the floats were stripped, and competitors and spectators alike bombarded each other with the flowers.

Over the years though, the battle got too boisterous, and sometimes it wasn't just the flowers that were thrown. Today, the flowers are often made of paper. Preparing the floats can take many hours, so as well as a daytime parade, the floats survive the 'battle' to take part in an illuminated parade in the evening, culminating in a spectacular firework display.

See [thewestshow.com](http://thewestshow.com) and [northshow.org.gg](http://northshow.org.gg) for up to date information, how to get there, and ticket details.

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# SUMMER FAMILY FUN IN GUERNSEY



Summer is a great time to visit Guernsey, thanks to the island's beautiful beaches, crystal clear waters, stunning walks, and packed events calendar. From live music to Seafront Sundays, there is something for everyone. Featuring high on locals' list of go-to events are the family-favourite Rocquaine Regatta and the traditional parish shows, including the West Show and the North Show and Battle of Flowers, which have become two-day spectacles.

## ANTONIA RAINBOW ROUNDS UP THE ATTRACTIONS

### ROCQUAINE REGATTA

**27 July, 10am to 9.30pm,  
Rocquaine Bay, FREE entry.**

The Rocquaine Regatta is a fun-filled day at Rocquaine Bay on the west coast of Guernsey, with a full day (and evening) of free entertainment and activities for both the young and young at heart.

You can join the fun as a spectator or get the children involved by joining events such as the junior sand events including the sandcastle building competition, wheelbarrow races, chariot races, sack race, pick a pint of winkles, three-legged race and beach stilts to name just a few!

The fun is not just for kids, with plenty of weird and wonderful events for adults to enter, including welly hurling, crab racing, crab-pot pulling, raft racing, wife carrying and husband dragging! Live music accompanies participants and spectators all day and an evening barbecue tops off this family-friendly action-packed regatta.

There is also free entry to the Fort Grey Shipwreck Museum all day, so you can combine your family day out with some fascinating history.

### WEST SHOW

**14 & 15 August, 10am to 11pm,  
adult entry £8, junior £4.**

The West Show is located on the picturesque West Coast

of Guernsey at L'Éree, a large open area which was a former aerodrome.

The show prides itself on being the island's premier agricultural and horticultural show, celebrating more than 100 years of Guernsey traditions, while also incorporating entertainment for the whole family.

The West Show features large displays of exhibits by Guernsey residents in the traditional country show classes such as cakes, vegetables, flowers, arts and crafts, photography and plants together with animal and livestock classes, such as cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and fur and feather.

Alongside the displays and exhibits, the show is packed full of family-friendly entertainment including a funfair, pet tent, craft activities, face painting, stalls, military vehicles, local acts providing music throughout the day and every type of food you could ever eat.

### NORTH SHOW AND BATTLE OF FLOWERS

**21 & 22 August, 10am to 11pm,  
adult entry £9, senior and 12-  
17yrs £6, 11yrs and under FREE.**

The Guernsey North Show and Battle of Flowers has been one of the main outdoor events in Guernsey's summer calendar for many years. The show takes place in the picturesque setting of Saumarez Park and attracts thousands of visitors every year.

As with the West Show, the North Show features displays of exhibitors' entries, including the traditional livestock classes, such as Guernsey cattle, goats and agricultural produce, along with more traditional country show classes including cut flowers, fruit and vegetables, flower arranging, cakes and baking, and an array of craft classes.

The two-day show is also packed full of things to keep kids entertained from rides, bouncy castles, climbing walls, Punch and Judy shows to a full programme of acts in the main arena.

Guernsey's Battle of Flowers takes place in the afternoon of the second day (22 August) where colourful themed floats taking part in a competition for the prized 'Prix D'Honneur' in a parade around the show ground. The Battle culminates in the evening illuminated cavalcade, rounded off with a spectacular firework display.

*Antonia Rainbow lives in Guernsey and is mum to 11-year-old twin girls. She founded Guernsey With Kids to help local families and visitors get the best out of the island. Visit [guernseywithkids.com](http://guernseywithkids.com).*





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# THE SWEETEST SHOW ON EARTH

The Guernsey Honey Show takes place on 21 September at Beau Sejour. Amanda Eulenkamp met Guernsey Beekeepers' Association secretary Debbie Cox, to find out more.

Guernsey honey can be found on display at a number of shows across the year, including the Viae Marchi (first Monday in July). But its biggest show is the Honey Show, when judges from the UK come over to check out the island beekeepers' produce.

There are around 100 members locally, and Debbie said that Guernsey beekeeping is very specific to the island.

'We're not allowed to import bees here as they can have diseases in the UK that we don't have,' she said.

Instead, hives are split locally, a process that takes place in early spring or late summer. Frames are moved from one hive box into another and a new queen, or queen cell, is introduced to the split hive. Debbie said it is important to find the queen. This encourages the development of a new colony, helping with population control and preventing overcrowding and swarming in the original hive.

The Guernsey Beekeepers' Association will help anyone interested in having a colony. There is a lot of sharing and access of information, site visits, lending

of equipment and support, and plenty of mutual assistance. A classroom-based course is run most years, usually in February and March, with the course going out in the field around May time. There is also assistance in purchasing a colony of bees.

There are other by-products apart from honey, such as candles and hand-cream. But the pinnacle of the year is the tasting of the honey (subject to it having been a good, dry summer).

Natural honey, which comes straight from the beehive, retains its natural enzymes, vitamins, minerals, and other beneficial compounds.

With a love of gardens and the environment, keeping bees is, according to Debbie, 'fascinating', and lots of families do it as it is a very bonding activity. The honey is the 'cream on top' of the hobby.

Beekeeper Mary Herve's 12-year old granddaughter Emilie has already shown huge aptitude, having scooped the 'High Hopes Award' at the last honey show, awarded for being the most promising under-16. While she had been helping her grandmother since she was seven years old, last year was the first time that she'd tended her own hive. As a result of her award, she was invited to exhibit her honey at the National Honey Show, where she met HRH Princess Anne.

Having missed out on buying honey at the Viae Marchi this year (I managed to buy the last pot last year but was probably 30 minutes too late this year!), my advice is to go to the Guernsey Beekeepers Association facebook page.

*More information about Guernsey Beekeepers can be found on their Facebook page or email Debbie at [guernseybka@gmail.com](mailto:guernseybka@gmail.com)*





# MIDWEEK LUNCH BREAK

AMANDA EULENKAMP AND COLLEAGUES HEADED TO GOOD REBEL TO SAMPLE SOME OLD FAVOURITES AND NEW FLAVOURS

ADVERTORIAL

When Good Rebel owner Steve Hopkins suggested a midweek lunch at the fashionable and funky eatery for this edition's review, I wasn't short of company.

Photographer Peter Frankland, editorial colleague Olivia Thompson and summer intern Erin Vaudin were happy to eschew the usual midday sandwich for something more appetising.

We arrived at Good Rebel – situated at Admiral Park, with its London-style vibe inside and continental feel outside – to be greeted by the friendly staff and led to our table. Steve's team rustled up some drinks, starting with a refreshing Hendrick's G&T, complete with cucumber and black pepper garnish. We were also served a zingy white wine, plus drank our way through several carafes of simple tap water.

Steve had suggested that we try a couple of the most popular lunchtime dishes, namely the Rebel burger and the ABC sandwich.

We were also served the smashed avocado and poached eggs, the Merguez sausage and poached eggs, plus the sweetcorn fritters.

By now, the midday munchies were beckoning and all of our mouths were salivating as dish after dish arrived on our table. Sharing is caring as they say, so we also asked for four empty plates so that we could divide up the dishes and savour the various meals.

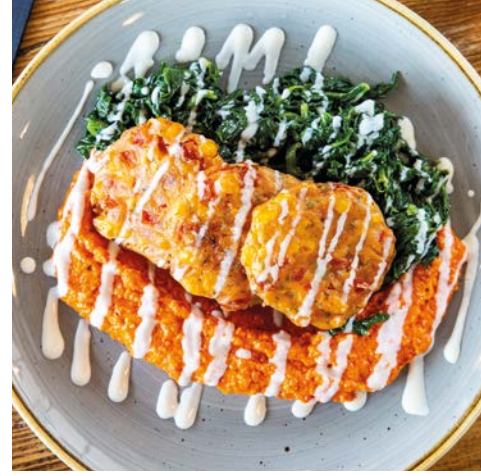
I'm a big fan of avocado, so I thoroughly enjoyed the smashed avo and eggs. The eggs were poached to perfection, a skill I always admire in a chef. In fact, I thoroughly enjoyed all the dishes and would happily be served them again. We all (see Olivia and Erin's reviews) were bowled over by the sweetcorn fritters. A deceptively simple dish, it was one that we all agreed we'd likely overlook on the menu. But the sweetness of the corn combined with the tangy Romesco sauce was a delight. Ideal for a light lunchtime meal that would easily sustain you until dinner.

Something Steve and the team are really hot on is service, accompanied by a speedy delivery of food. While we lingered to take photographs and write comments, we could have been in and out in less than an hour, which is exactly what you want when you've got work to go back to in the afternoon.

But if you want to linger, then linger you can... why not add in a tea or a coffee and a dessert or piece of cake to turn that midweek lunch into a longer event? We'll be back one day to do just that...

## OLIVIA

Out of the five dishes that we sampled, my favourite had to be the ABC sandwich. Now admittedly, I am not a lover of avocado, but this sandwich might have changed that! The sweetness of the avocado contrasted with the spicy siracha mayo and went nicely with the rest of the sandwich, which consisted of chicken, bacon and lettuce. It feels like a light meal but enough to keep you full for the rest of your working day.



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I equally loved the Merguez sausage and poached eggs. The lamb sausage had a slight spice, so the dill yoghurt was a nice accompaniment to cool it down. Poached is definitely my favourite way to eat eggs, and I was not disappointed. Both were perfectly poached with a runny yolk.

To be honest, I was not expecting to love the sweetcorn fritters, but I was proved wrong. It is safe to say the crispy outside and flavourful fritters went down a treat. The fritters were served on a bed of Romesco sauce and spinach. This is definitely something I would order again.

The double beef patty, red Leicester, smoked streaky bacon, Rebel sauce and crispy onions made for a delicious burger, and is the perfect lunch-hour friendly meal. It is served with tasty garlic and rosemary skin-on fries, which were the perfect addition to a brilliant burger packed with flavour.

### ERIN

Placed in the perfect location to take some time out for a bite to eat during busy work days, Good Rebel definitely did not disappoint.

My favourite dish was the Rebel burger. The two patties topped with creamy melted red Leicester were cooked to perfection. The crispy bacon and onions were a great addition as well. What really wowed me was the tangy Rebel sauce, which blended the different flavours together seamlessly. Paired with crunchy garlic and rosemary chips that were fluffy in the middle, this was a delicious, indulgent meal that I would go back for again and again.

Not far off was the Merguez sausage and poached eggs. The rich lamb sausage paired perfectly with the creamy dill yoghurt which was delicious and the toasted sourdough was great for dipping into the runny yolks from the poached eggs.

Another standout dish for me was the smashed avocado and poached eggs. The avocado was smooth and citrusy and the poached eggs were once again cooked to perfection. I thought the crumbled feta was a lovely touch which added a nice tangy taste.

The meal that surprised me most was the sweetcorn fritters. It's not a dish that I would usually go for but

I thought it was great. The fritters were lovely alongside the fresh Romesco and spinach. Although it was quite light, it would definitely fill you up for the rest of the day.

### OPENING TIMES:

#### MONDAY - THURSDAY

Breakfast 07:30 - 11:30  
Lunch 12:00 - 15:00  
Cake, Coffee & Bar  
15:00 - 16:00  
Closes 16:00

#### FRIDAY

Breakfast 07:30 - 11:30  
Lunch 12:00 - 15:00  
Dinner 17:00 - 20:00  
Bar open all day

#### SATURDAY

Brunch 08:00 - 15:00  
Cake, Coffee & Bar  
15:00 - 16:30  
Closes 16:30

#### SUNDAY

Brunch 09:00 - 15:00  
Cake, Coffee & Bar  
15:00 - 16:30  
Closes 16:30



# GETTING MARRIED IN THE BAILIWICK

FROM STUNNING BEACHES TO TERRACES OVERLOOKING THE CLIFFS; GRAND HERITAGE SITES TO LUXURIOUS HOTELS, THE ISLANDS OF GUERNSEY, ALDERNEY, SARK AND HERM OFFER A RANGE OF UNIQUE SETTINGS FOR YOUR WEDDING.

The Bailiwick of Guernsey Marriage Law which includes Alderney, Sark and Herm, allows for marriages to take place in any location and there are no restrictions on day or time.

Thanks to the recent changes in wedding laws, Guernsey has emerged as an exciting destination for couples looking to tie the knot, and offers unparalleled flexibility for wedding venues, allowing couples to exchange vows virtually anywhere on the island.

From the dramatic cliffs and sandy beaches to historic castles and beautiful hotels, these diverse landscapes provide an exquisite backdrop for creating an unforgettable wedding. This newfound freedom means that the only limit to a couple's wedding venue is their imagination.

There are many natural locations from dramatic clifftops to rocky headlands, beautiful gardens and

traditional buildings, as well as historical forts, castles and loophole towers that offer spaces for both intimate and larger gatherings.

All that is required is the registered owner's permission and agreement from your Guernsey celebrant in advance, which helps celebrants, such as Queerly Beloved and White Dove, to craft a truly unique and personal celebration that reflects the couple's love story.

Whether you are leaving the stresses and pressures of wedding planning behind and escaping to tie the knot together (marriage witnesses can be provided if needs be), or bringing your family and friends to join the party, the islands can provide everything you need for your wedding day. There are many excellent photographers who understand the clear and vibrant light from the ocean and who know the best places to capture amazing memories for

you to look back on over the years to come. There are florists, cake makers, musicians, wedding planners, and of course jewellers who will craft wedding bands ready for you to exchange on this most special of days.

The islands are just a short journey from the UK, so you can spend time here to meet all the suppliers you need and of course check out that perfect spot so you can look forward to your wedding day with confidence.

## ABOUT WHITEDOVE

The team of eight celebrants with many years' experience are always delighted to have an informal chat about the kind of ceremony you would like. They can give you invaluable advice and ideas on all aspects of getting married in the Bailiwick from the early planning stage right up to your wedding day.

See [whitedove.gg](http://whitedove.gg) for inspiration.



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## ABOUT QUEERLY BELOVED

Queerly Beloved is embracing this wave of innovation and creativity on Guernsey, as they specialise in non-traditional weddings. As a forward-thinking company they champion inclusivity and individuality, ensuring that every couple, regardless of who they are, can celebrate their love in a way that is meaningful to them.

Whether it's a vibrant, themed celebration, a quiet, intimate gathering, or an elaborate ceremony in an unexpected location, Queerly Beloved is the ideal partner for those seeking a wedding that breaks away from the conventional and embraces the extraordinary.

This year, Guernsey and Queerly Beloved will make history when a couple will celebrate their union at Channel Islands Pride on 7 September, marking what is believed to be the world's first legal wedding on a Pride stage. Queerly Beloved has worked with the couple to create a wedding that will be a vibrant, joyous affair, seamlessly blending the festive atmosphere of Pride with the profound significance of their vows.

See [queerlybeloved.gg](http://queerlybeloved.gg) for inspiration.

## SOME SUGGESTED VENUES GUERNSEY

**Castle Cornet** has stood guard over St Peter Port harbour for more than 800 years. Available for both ceremonies and receptions, the Top Lawn of the Castle offers stunning views across St Peter Port, the sea and the neighbouring islands. Or why not try the South Battery, with its centrepiece traversing cannon?

**Sausmarez Manor** is Guernsey's only stately home, and offers a unique backdrop for wedding ceremonies and photographs.

**Les Caches Farm** is a collection of Guernsey farmhouses and outbuildings dating from the 15th century. The simple layout and natural light, including a fine vaulted-ceiling, lends itself well to weddings.

**Vale Castle** is a historic site dating back to the 15th century. Its medieval walls enclose a large grassed space that can accommodate large groups, ideal for a marquee or tipi. Views across the sea to the other islands.

**Fort Grey aka the 'Cup and Saucer'** is situated on the west coast. While it is not available for receptions, it makes a beautiful and unique backdrop for photos.

**Candie Gardens** is home to formal public Victorian gardens and the Guernsey Museum and Galleries. Ideal for an evening wedding reception with drinks and canapes or outside catering, the terrace area has views across the harbour to the other islands.

## ALDERNEY

Beautiful beaches, heritage sites and even the option to get married on a boat – anything is possible in the northern isle.

## SARK

St Peter's Church has wonderful stained glass windows, or why not get married outdoors, perhaps at Sark Henge, with its views towards France and La Coupee? There are a number of hotels that can cater for all your needs.

## HERM

With its stunning beaches and beautiful surroundings, St Tugal's Chapel offers a lovely 11th century wedding venue, while the White House hotel is ideal for a reception.

*Please note that some sites, particularly the historic ones, may be difficult to access for less-mobile guests.*



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ABOVE: CREUX HARBOUR.  
RIGHT: LA COUPEE. IMAGES ©SHUTTERSTOCK



# SPOTLIGHT ON SARK

TAKING THE 45-MINUTE FERRY TRIP TO SARK FROM GUERNSEY WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO A DIFFERENT WORLD. A WORLD UNTOUCHED BY MOTOR VEHICLES OR STREET LIGHTS, THE PEACE AND QUIETNESS OF THE ISLAND IS PURE BLISS, AS AMANDA EULENKAMP DISCOVERS

Viewed from the east coast of Guernsey, Sark beckons, rising majestically from the sea. Getting there is as easy as hopping on the regular passenger ferry service, which takes approximately three-quarters of an hour.

In peak season, April to October, there are several sailings a day between Guernsey and Sark. In winter, a reduced service runs daily boats Monday to Saturday and on some Sundays.

Whenever you choose to travel, visitors to Sark disembark at the Maseline jetty, then walk through the short tunnel to the tractor-bus, which trundles up and down the mile or so of the Harbour Hill. A quick walk through another tunnel will lead to Sark's original harbour, picturesque Creux, still used by fishermen and visiting yachtsmen during the summer.

For those who have the stamina, a delightful footpath parallels Harbour Hill, leading up to the welcoming pub at the Bel Air – a short walk from the Avenue, with its shops and cafés. The ideal place to while away time enjoying a coffee or a cream tea. For something more substantial, Sark's hotels and restaurants are renowned for their fresh seafood.

The island has 22 miles of coastline – wrapped around just two square miles of island. For keen photographers, there are some breathtaking views of France and the other islands.

Everyone gets around on foot or by bicycle, but horse-drawn carriages give visitors the option of guided tours. A delightful way to see Sark, the high vantage point of the carriages allow visitors superb views. For those that want to explore a bit more on their own, bicycles are available to hire. There are wooded valleys and headlands with a wealth of wild flowers, and bays and beaches and footpaths to discover.

Sark has wonderful festivals and plenty of other activities such as coasteering or sea kayaking. There's relaxing yoga weekends to enjoy, or just come over and do your own thing.

With no street light pollution, it's the perfect place to see the night sky – clouds permitting. Sark became the world's first dark sky island in 2011. Why not book an overnight stay, stay a while, and rediscover your inner harmony on this magical island?

*For more details contact Sark Tourism on 01481 832345 or see [sark.co.uk](http://sark.co.uk)*

## TOP FIVE THINGS TO DO IN SARK

by Paul Armorgie, marketing & promotion manager, director, Stocks Hotel

1. Enjoy a scenic tour of Sark by horse and carriage. This is a great introduction to the island, and the carriage drivers are very knowledgeable.
2. Walk across La Coupee, the spectacular isthmus that joins Big Sark to Little Sark.
3. Visit the Sark Observatory after dark and wonder at our beautiful dark skies. Sark was declared the world's first dark sky island.
4. Visit the Sark Henge, a recently constructed stone circle with an interesting back story.
5. Walk the cliff path above Dixcart Bay to La Coupee. It is a fabulous walk with superb views of the bay below, and across to Normandy and Jersey.

## WHAT'S ON

### 23 & 24 August

Sark lawn mower hill climb and racing. Special boat fares from Sark Shipping.

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# HOOKED ON GOOD FOOD

ADVERTORIAL

On one of the too many rainy evenings in July, Amanda Eulenkamp and her son headed to Hook to try out its new menu. Situated opposite the harbour in St Peter Port, it was no surprise to find that local fish featured heavily on the menu.

Dripping wet, I arrived at Hook restaurant a few minutes before my son Steve. It may have been on the chilly side outside but the welcome was as warm as ever. My coat was whisked away, I was led to our table, and I settled down to wait.

Once Steve had arrived and divested himself of his wet weather cycling gear, we perused the menu. It's been given a refresh with a new concept since I was last there, so all the dishes were new to me.

I love the format that Hook has come up with. As well as snacks (more of which later), there is a mouth-watering combination of small plates (cold/raw or over coal), medium plates (over coal)

and large plates (over coal), which are designed for two or more people to share.

Co-owner Sam Jarrold explained that the menu was a simple plate concept with punch flavours, and that the food was either locally caught or bought from local shops that could trace the farm where the produce had come from. The emphasis was on fresh, with a refined focus menu.

We were looked after by Harriet, who doubled as photographer, and took the time to go through the dishes with us. She encouraged us to try something that we wouldn't normally order or hadn't tried before. As we discussed what to have, our drinks were delivered. The cocktail menu, as you would expect from Hook, is divine. As somebody who dislikes sweet drinks, there was plenty to choose from, and Harriet confirmed that the pre-dinner cocktails had a sourer and bitter tang to encourage the palate.

My choice was the Cucumber Gimlet, a combination of Tanqueray gin, lime and cucumber. Fresh and tangy, it certainly hit the spot as a pre-dinner drink. Steve opted for the non-alcoholic Seedlip Mojito, and declared it fresh and minty, another refreshing choice.

Harriet had arranged some snacks for us, and we were served the devilled egg, flatbread accompanied by that evening's special, Baba Ganoush, and two beautifully presented smoked oysters that came with mussel butter. They all slipped down well (especially the oysters, our favourite), and set us up for the next few courses. A note on the flatbread: while this is sometimes overlooked on a menu, this version was thin, cooked to perfection and oozed with butter. Definitely one for another time, too.

From the cold/raw menu, we both decided that we'd like to try the octopus ceviche, while from the small hot plates, we chose the



mackerel fillet with tomato butter and scallops with smoked mussel butter and samphire.

By now, our mouths were tingling in anticipation as our cocktails and snacks had awoken our palates and our taste buds had gone into overdrive...

The octopus ceviche was superb. It was a lovely fresh summer starter (even in the rain). The cherry tomatoes, being in season, sizzled with flavour, and the whole was devoured quickly! Our hot small plates were equally as good. Continuing with the summer theme, the mackerel had a depth of flavour and a good balance to the dish. It transported me to the Mediterranean in seconds. The scallops were some of the best I've had. Keeping the roe on added a depth of flavour and they were cooked to perfection.

The high quality of all the seafood was clear to taste.

Harriet had also provided a small tasting of the white Rioja, which complemented the food with its zestiness.

Having enjoyed the snacks and small plates, we were anticipating

great things from the medium plates. And we weren't disappointed.

Fresh Pollock served with a curry sauce – piquant but not overpowering – accompanied by skin on hand cut fries, elevated 'fish and chips by the sea' to the next level and beyond. Our fries were also the perfect accompaniment to the sirloin with beef jus. The steak was soft, full of flavour, pink in the middle (just how I like it) and the jus packed a punch.

By now, there really was little room left for dessert, so we shared the one that had stood out to us on the menu... chocolate ganache with a citrus sorbet.

Light, creamy (although vegan as it had no dairy, gluten or egg) and just on the right side of sweetness, the chocolate ganache was topped with a little bay oil. It was a beautifully light dessert to finish (well, almost to finish as Steve had an espresso Martini and I had a decaff espresso) an exceptional meal.

Next time you want a meal out for two or a group, then head to Hook as the new menu is inspiring; we couldn't fault it.

## OPENING TIMES:

### RESTAURANT

Lunch & dinner

Tuesday – Friday

12pm – 2.30pm

6pm – 10pm

Saturdays

12.30pm – 2.30pm

6pm – 10pm

### CELLAR BAR

Tuesday – Thursday

12pm – 12am

Friday & Saturday

12pm – 12.30am



# HOLIDAY HOTSPOTS OLD AND NEW

By Amanda Eulenkamp

INTRODUCING  
THE WRITERS



Jessamy Baldwin



Rupert Diggins

**JUST ONE FOR THE ROAD**



LAGOA DO FOGO, CAPE VERDE ©ISTOCKPHOTO

There's something exciting about planning a holiday, however close to home or far away it is. Where to stay, what places to visit, what to pack – it adds to the all-round joy of those holiday memories.

Much of what is written for these travel pages is from our guest writers' and my personal experiences. In this edition, there are a number of UK regions that we've picked, all close to an airport serviced by Aurigny.

We've covered a huge swathe of Britain, with articles focused on Scotland, Wales and England. The Garden of England, Kent, is easily reached from London airports, and Jessamy Baldwin shares her thoughts of what to do in 48 hours. My grandparents lived in Kent and my younger son attended uni in Canterbury, so the county is close to my heart.

My other set of grandparents lived in South Wales, and I hope that I've shared some of the places I enjoyed visiting as a child,

plus some other places that are new to me.

We always loved spotting the 'Croeso I Gymru' sign that greeted us as we headed into Wales from England. The Visit Wales website [visitwales.com](http://visitwales.com) has a huge amount of information to help plan a trip there, whether it's for a weekend or longer. With regular flights from Guernsey to Bristol, you may be tempted to visit more than once!

North of the border is bonny Scotland; with non-stop flights to Edinburgh from Guernsey, I hope that our guide will whet your appetite to explore the country. From lochs and glens to castles and whisky distilleries, Scotland is another country that I need to visit again! [Visitscotland.com](http://visitscotland.com) has more information to peruse.

We also explore Yorkshire from Leeds/Bradford. The county is a microcosm of a country, with sweeping moors, elegant seaside towns, country villages and vibrant cities. Again, there is so much to do that you could be tempted to visit more than once.

New to this edition is a short 'fun things to do' at airports that Aurigny flies to. This time, Birmingham is the chosen destination.

Our long-haul destination this edition is Cape Verde. With good flight connections from Gatwick, Cape Verde is a fantastic alternative to the Caribbean for some winter sun. Travel blogger Rupert Diggins has written a comprehensive guide to the islands. I enjoyed a girls' holiday there a few years ago, when we stayed at the Hotel Morabeza, mentioned by Rupert in his article.

Writing and collating this section has brought back lots of memories for me, from visiting grandparents to caravanning in Scotland (a long trip up the M5 and M6 towing our trusty holiday home), to remembering good times in Cape Verde.

I hope that they inspire you to re-visit somewhere or to explore some new destinations.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: THE BRECON BEACONS ©ISTOCKPHOTO. ABOVE RIGHT: ARTHURS STONE NEOLITHIC BURIAL GROUND, GOWER PENINSULA; FAR RIGHT: SUMMIT OF PEN Y FAN. IMAGES ©SHUTTERSTOCK

# FROM NEWPORT TO TENBY – HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH AND WEST WALES

With a Welsh mother, much of Amanda Eulenkamp's childhood was spent visiting South Wales. She also attended college in Cardiff for a year. Here, she revisits some favourite places and discovers some new ones.

Childhood adventures are often viewed through rose-tinted spectacles. Some of my memories are, without doubt, faded, but the areas I remember best are Newport (from where my grandmother and her family hailed), and Brecon, where my grandfather was born.

Brecon lies just within what I grew up calling the Brecon Beacons (Bannau Brycheiniog) National Park. It's the third largest town in Powys and, before the bridge was

built over the River Usk, was one of the few places where the river could be forded.

At just over two hours from Bristol airport and a short drive across the Severn Estuary, the Brecon Beacons cover approximately 250 square miles of South and Mid Wales, including parts of Powys, Carmarthenshire, Monmouthshire, Rhondda Cynon Tat and Merthyr Tydfil.

The highest peak is Pen y Fan (roughly translated as Top Spot). At 886 metres, it is the highest point in southern Britain. One of the most popular walks in Wales, the climb is rewarded with splendid views.

## HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Trips to Wales often included a visit to a castle (it's not for nothing that Wales is known as 'the land of

castles' – there are 427 of them, according to Wales' historic places' website [cadw.gov.wales](http://cadw.gov.wales)).

The ones I remember best are Caerphilly (currently undergoing £10m. of redevelopment works, so check before going as some areas may be closed to visitors) and Cardiff (one of Wales' leading heritage attractions).

Cardiff Castle is surrounded by beautiful parklands on one side and the city on the other. It is a Norman marcher stronghold, founded by William the Conqueror. It is most famous for its Victorian apartments, designed by William Burges for the wealthy 3rd Marquess of Bute.

There is plenty to see and do at Cardiff Castle, including climbing the Norman shell keep, discovering Roman remains, and enjoying a



RIGHT: THE KEEP AND INTERIOR VIEW, CARDIFF CASTLE; COSMESTON COUNTRY PARK. ALL IMAGES ©SHUTTERSTOCK

scenic stroll along the Battlement Walks. For those interested in WWII, there is also the opportunity to experience the Wartime Shelters.

*To plan your day out, visit [cardiffcastle.com](http://cardiffcastle.com)*

West Wales is also full of history, from prehistoric standing stones to industrial heritage.

Arthur's Stone, near the village of Reynoldston on Gower, is shrouded in mystery. It is suggested that this rock might have been carved by astronomers or single-handedly launched across an estuary by King Arthur, lying there until it became a protected monument in the late 19th century.

## LEGACIES OF STEEL AND IRON

The production of both iron and steel brought great wealth to industrial South Wales, right through to the 19th century (I remember the wider family talking about, and working at, Llanwern steelworks).

The legacy of this industry can be seen at Bedwellty House and Park, a historic, Grade II listed Regency residence set in the heart of Tredegar that was formerly the residence of the Tredegar ironworks manager. The park also contains the largest block

of coal in the world, hewn by 'Colliar Mawr' to celebrate the 1851 Great Exhibition. To visit, see [bedwelltyhouseandpark.com](http://bedwelltyhouseandpark.com).

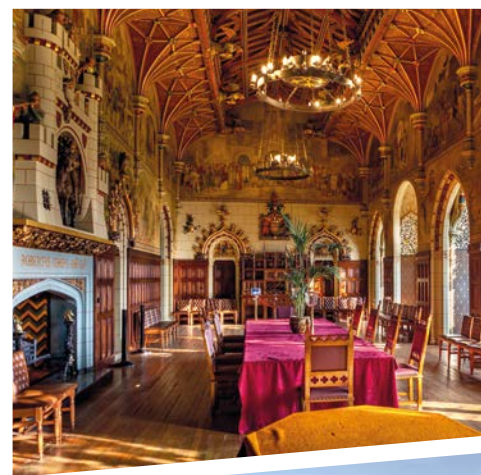
Right at the top of the South Wales valleys, Blaenau Gwent boasts wild landscapes and a fascinating industrial past to explore. The small towns dotted along its valleys feature a good range of places to stay, eat and drink.

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY BEACHES

A day out at the beach from Newport was invariably to Penarth, just a few minutes away from Cardiff. You won't miss the 20th century art deco Penarth Pier Pavilion. A walk along the pier will reward you with views over the Severn estuary.

Enjoy an ice cream while on the pebble beach (very British), or venture away from the beach to explore the Victorian arcade a short walk up the hill and other shops.

A visit to Cosmeston Country Park will introduce you to lakes, grassy walks and children's play areas, while Cosmeston Medieval Village – one of Wles' leading open-air museums – will transport you back in time to 1350 with guided tours, discovering how people lived and worked, based on archaeological finds in the 1980s while the park developed.





ABOVE: WORMS HEAD, GOWER PENINSULA. ©ISTOCKPHOTO.  
BELOW: AERIAL VIEW OF RHOSSILI BAY, GOWER PENINSULA ©SHUTTERSTOCK.

Barry, including Barry Island (originally an island until the docks were built between the peninsula and the mainland in Victorian times) is the place to head to if you're in search of something more lively. Here you'll find a golden beach, funky shops and restaurants, and of course, the famous Pleasure Park.

Teens and grown-ups will enjoy the rollercoaster, log flume, dodgems and waltzer, while younger kids can be kept amused with trampolines, pedal boats and traditional fairground attractions.

Whitmore Bay, a huge crescent of golden sand, is right in front

of Barry Islands, and is ideal for families with its wide, gently shelving sands. The promenade is full of busy cafes, fish and chip shops and amusement arcades. Free all-terrain wheelchairs can be hired for anyone less mobile. The colourful and iconic beach huts are also available for hire.

Jackson's Bay is a smaller crescent of sand, tucked around the headland towards Cardiff. There are no facilities in winter months, but it is more peaceful. Note there are no lifeguards on duty here.

The small pebbly cove of Watch Tower Bay is the other side of Barry

and is followed by the long stretch of pebble beach at Cold Knap. Popular for fishing and windsurfing, plus the promenade is ideal for a stroll, especially for those with wheelchairs, buggies and scooters. Explore the rockpools at low tide.

Further west along the coast, I have fond memories of a holiday with friends as a teenager staying in a caravan in Saundersfoot. Saundersfoot is a small seaside town with a lovely beach, much smaller than its near neighbour Tenby.

The sandy beach at Saundersfoot has gently sloping sands, making it safe for swimming.

Of course, we hopped on the bus a few times to Tenby, one of Britain's best seaside towns and probably the most iconic seaside town in Wales, rivalling places like Mevagissey and Polperro for quaintness and charm.

## TENBY

The original town of Tenby was called Dinbych y Pysgod in Welsh or 'little town of fishes'. It was established by The Normans as a fortified town. Most of the old town walls remain, enclosing the medieval town behind them. The castle that defended Tenby was built on Castle Hill but only one small keep tower remains of that.







Inside the old town walls, narrow cobbled streets and medieval houses add to Tenby's charm.

There is soft golden sand at Tenby harbour beach, snuggled within the safety of the harbour walls. From here, you can take a boat trip out to nearby Caldey Island, an oasis of calm where you can watch seabirds or relax on a tiny beach. Owned and run by a community of Cistercian monks, it's open to the public on summer weekdays and Saturdays.

Other beaches in Tenby include Sunday Times Beach of the Year, Castle beach; North Beach and South Beach. The classic postcard view of Tenby harbour is from The Norton, a road that runs along the cliff top above North Beach.

Tenby also has coastal walks right on its doorstep. Enjoy the Pembrokeshire Coast Path National Trail, which twists and turns its way for 186 miles (299 km) along the most breathtaking coastline in Wales.

Further along the coast are superb beaches (according to colleague and photographer Peter Frankland, who went to university in Swansea). Swansea Bay is home to the UK's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – the Gower Peninsula.

Rhossili Bay is a three-mile long sandy bay, regularly voted as one of the UK's best beaches. It is the first beach to be awarded Britain's Best Beach by TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice for the second year running and has been named as the third best beach in Europe and ninth best in the world. Settle down for a picnic on the golden shore, or head into the Atlantic for a surf, if the weather's on side.

Rhossili Bay's views are spectacular and, as the bay is part of the Gower Coast Path, you can enjoy them from one of the nearby walking routes. Spot Worm's Head – a narrow tidal island – and if you're lucky, a glimpse of some sunbathing seals.

Three Cliffs Bay, with its sand dune backdrop and iconic three limestone cliffs, is one of the most beautiful bays, so don't forget the camera.

Tides can be strong, so it is advisable not to go swimming without a lifeguard on duty. They're around full time during the Easter, May half-term and school summer holidays. When the tide's out, you can reach neighbouring sandy beaches such as the beautiful Pobbles Bay by foot.



ABOVE: THREE CLIFFS BAY, GOWER PENINSULA. RIGHT TOP TO BOTTOM: TENBY; PENNARD CASTLE, OVERLOOKING THREE CLIFFS BAY; WHITESANDS BAY ©ISTOCKPHOTO.



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ABOVE: JOUSTING AT WARWICK CASTLE;  
RIGHT: THE BEAR GRYLLS ADVENTURE. IMAGES ©SHUTTERSTOCK

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*Check out [adventuregolf.com/Birmingham](http://adventuregolf.com/Birmingham) for more information.*

## WARWICK CASTLE

Around a 40-minute drive from Birmingham airport (or take the train; there are direct trains from Birmingham Moor Street to Warwick station, from where the castle is a 15-minute walk), Warwick Castle is one of (or in the editor's opinion, THE) best castles in England.

As well as history talks and tours during castle opening times, there are daily shows and entertainment, including the Wars of the Roses jousting events, the falconer's quest (the UK's biggest bird of prey show), and the Legend of the Trebuchet.

*Full information and ticket details at [warwick-castle.com](http://warwick-castle.com).*

After an exciting day at Warwick Castle, then why not check into

the new Warwick Castle Hotel. Opened in July this year, you can step into the enchanting hotel lobby where more than 1,100 years of Warwick Castle's authentic history comes vividly to life, then retreat to your stunning medieval-themed room.

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The 4D Chocolate Adventure, the newly-revamped Bournville Experience and the newly-themed Have A Go zone are all located at the rear of the building next to the African Adventure Play Area. These attractions can be enjoyed either before or after your timed entry to the main attraction.

*Pre-booking is essential. Further information, terms and conditions can be found by [cadburyworld.co.uk](http://cadburyworld.co.uk)*



# ENJOY A BREAK IN YORKSHIRE THIS SUMMER

Aurigny is now operating seasonal flights between Guernsey and Leeds Bradford each Wednesday and Saturday until mid-September. Whether it's a city break in Leeds or a short break in charming Harrogate or Ilkley the area has much to offer.

## GETTING THERE

After relaxing on board your Aurigny flight and perhaps sampling a local Blue Bottle Gin from the drinks trolley, within 90 minutes you'll be touching down into Leeds-Bradford Airport, seven miles from the city centre. The airport is quite small so in hardly any time at all your Yorkshire adventure will be underway.

At the airport, car hire is available from Avis, Hertz, Europcar and Enterprise but if you prefer to use public transport then the Airport Flyer bus service operates a regular service into Leeds and Harrogate from outside the arrivals area. Standard fares £2.

## LEEDS CITY BREAK

For city lovers, Leeds is the perfect base. Stay at the landmark art deco Queens Hotel overlooking City Square and just steps

away from Leeds Station or the contemporary styled Dakota nearby on Russell Street.

Take a stroll around Holbeck Urban Village located Among former engineering and manufacturing buildings some of which date from the 18th century and have now been given heritage status. Sip a cocktail in one of the bars and restaurants overlooking the dock basin. Afterwards, take the bright yellow water taxi (£3) from beside the lock gate on a seven-minute scenic journey passing old waterside warehouses and glide beneath ornate cast iron bridges on your way to Granary Wharf.

While there, visit the excellent Royal Armouries Museum (entrance free) to view the national collection of arms and armoury with outdoor daily events taking place during the summer including combat demonstrations.

## HIT THE SHOPS

Wander back into the city centre for a spot of shopping in the luxurious Victoria Quarter where you'll find a series of interlinked arcades that have been beautifully restored. The interiors boast gilded mosaics and Dutch gables

beneath a magnificent stained glass canopy which remains the largest of its kind in Europe. The original shopfronts are now home to some of the most exclusive designer stores in the city.

For a change of style, continue on to Victoria Leeds, a more recent addition to the city's retail scene and home to John Lewis, other high-end stores, restaurants and cafes.

To conclude your shopping experience head next door to the historic Leeds City Markets where you'll find the Marks & Spencer heritage stall near to where their original Penny Bazaar opened in 1884. From those small beginnings M&S has evolved into a global brand familiar to us all.

Leeds has your evenings covered with a wide choice of live entertainment. Check out what's on at the First Direct Arena, Leeds Playhouse or the historic Leeds Grand Theatre which first opened in 1878 and is home to Opera North and the Northern Ballet.

## ELEGANT HARROGATE

Enjoy a day out by train to Harrogate taking 35 minutes or alternatively base yourself in this



L-R: LEEDS – COUNTY ARCADE; LEEDS PLAYHOUSE, FIRST DIRECT ARENA. ILKLEY MOOR; HARROGATE – BETTY’S TEA SHOP; ROYAL PUMP ROOM. IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

most beautiful of spa towns. The town is noted for its beautiful parks and gardens, elegant buildings, Turkish Baths, high class shops and tearooms. During the Victorian era Harrogate became very popular as a spa town thanks to therapeutic properties of its high sulphur content mineral springs.

Visit the Royal Pump Room, a grand octagonal Victorian building which opened in 1842 to pump water from a natural spring and it’s where the wealthy came to sip the curative water while being serenaded by musicians.

No visit to Harrogate can be complete without bathing in the town’s Turkish Baths. Be stunned by the beautiful Victorian architecture with their exquisite Moorish mosaics and terrazzo floors. If you’ve never experienced a Turkish Baths before don’t worry as the staff will guide you through the time honoured ritual beginning with the Tepidarium and then moving through to the Caldarium steam room infused with essential oils before progressing through to the Laconium, a dry, low humidity sauna. Sessions book up fast, so it’s suggested that places are reserved early.

The town has won many awards for its parks and gardens with the Valley Gardens being the most beautiful. This 17-acre park is English Heritage listed and lies in

the centre of town with its main gates facing the Royal Pump Room. Stroll beneath the colonnades, follow the winding pathways and stop for an ice cream at the historic Magnesia Well Tea Room.

There’s a lovely walk to Harlow Carr Gardens that begins at the far end of the Valley Gardens going through the Pinewoods before reaching the entrance to the RHS gardens.

Proudly carrying the name of the Royal Horticultural Society, Harlow Carr is a stunning garden and woodland located one and a half miles to the southwest of the town. Highlights include its herbaceous borders, wildflower meadows and the kitchen, scented and tropical gardens. There’s an attractive café and outdoor terrace overlooking the gardens and, with an RHS garden centre and gift shop on site, it’s a very pleasant place to spend a sunny, summer afternoon.

If all this tempts you to stay in Harrogate, you’ll find hotels to suit all budgets. The newly opened Harrogate Inn located in a historic building is centrally located with the Royal Hall, Turkish Baths and the town’s main shopping on its doorstep.

### ILKLEY

Ilkley is another lovely place for a day trip or to stay. The town is smaller than Harrogate but equally beautiful. Getting there is easy with

direct trains from Leeds taking 30 minutes. Stroll along the town’s main tree-lined shopping street ‘The Grove’ lined with high-end small independent shops including the wonderful Grove Bookshop and a branch of Betty’s famous tea rooms.

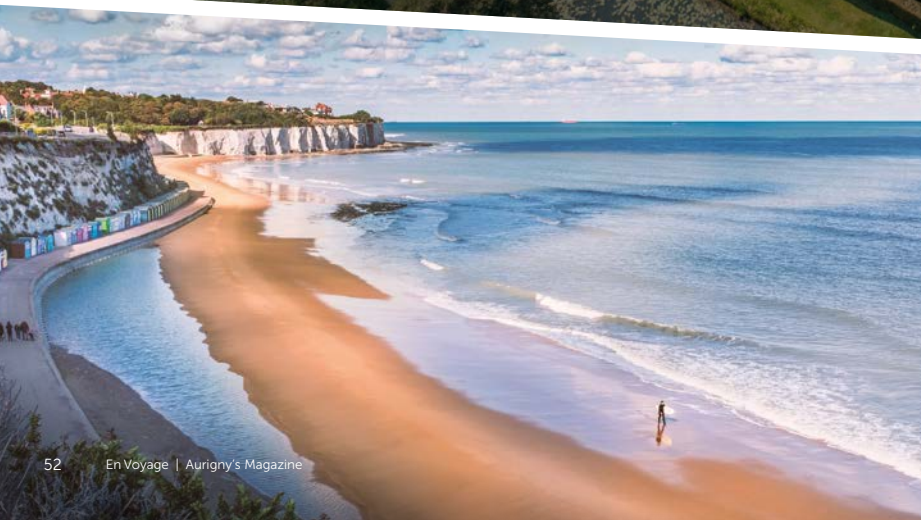
Head down to the river for a wander through the riverside gardens along the scenic River Wharfe as far as the old bridge. It’s from there that the long-distance Dales Way footpath starts which links Ilkley with Bowness in Cumbria, 92 miles away.

If you’ve still got time to spare and are feeling energetic then enjoy a hike on the famous Ilkley Moor towards the ancient White Wells. If a flag can be seen flying outside the distinctive old white cottage, then visitors know that the small café and ancient plunge pool are open to the public. After your efforts of climbing the steep hill, enjoy a coffee taking in the dramatic scenery. Ilkley has several hotels and a popular choice is the Wheatley Arms, formerly a Victorian coaching inn. The hotel has individually styled rooms and a casual pub/restaurant that’s popular with locals and guests alike.

And there you have it, whether you prefer the bright lights of Leeds or the relaxing spa towns of Harrogate and Ilkley, this part of Yorkshire has it all.



# 48 HOURS IN KENT





IMAGES CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: MARGATE; LEEDS CASTLE; WESTGATE TOWERS AND GARDEN, CANTERBURY; CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL; MARGATE; AYLESFORD; BROADSTAIRS; HEVER CASTLE. ALL IMAGES ©SHUTTERSTOCK.

**Just a hop, skip and a jump away from London City Airport, Kent might just be the perfect place to soak up England at its finest. Indulge in 48 hours of much deserved relaxation, gorgeous countryside and sweeping sea views, says Jessamy Baldwin.**

Situated in the south east of England, Kent (famously donned the 'Garden of England' by Henry VIII) has an interesting history, buoyant food scene and plenty of wholesome activities into which you can delve. Ancient castles, world heritage sites, traditional pubs, fresh seafood, pretty orchards and even vineyards await. What's not to like? Let's dive into what you can do on a two day break.

**Getting there:** Fly direct to London City Airport with Aurigny. If hiring a car or opting for a taxi, the drive will take around an hour. This is the fastest/easiest option. If opting for the train, you need to transfer from Docklands Light Railway (which serves City Airport) to South Eastern Trains services.

**Where to stay/eat:** Base yourself in Canterbury and stay at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, The Corner House, The Falstaff Hotel, Abode Canterbury or The Duke William. Worthy food spots near Canterbury include Kitch Cafe, The Goods Shed, Pork & Co, Cafe du Soleil.

### DAY ONE:

Today you'll be venturing a little further afield to explore what the county has to offer. Head to Hever and visit the 13th century castle, once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. Breathtaking gardens,

three mazes and exhibitions await. Across the road you'll find local beer on offer at The King Henry VIII pub, which dates back to 1647. Next, make a bid for historic Royal Tunbridge Wells and mooch around the quality delis, antique shops and quaint cafes found on 'the tiles' and high street. Finish the day by dining at the former home of Vanity Fair author William Thackeray and catch a show at Trinity Theatre.

### DAY TWO:

Dip your toes in the water at one of the many blue flag beaches in the area. Or, if you're feeling adventurous, why not book in for a surf lesson or hire a paddle board in Margate? Head up the coast to pretty Whitstable with its colourful beach huts. Visit the local museum and sample local seafood at the town's oldest restaurant Wheelers Oyster Bar. Alternatively, explore the castle here where you can enjoy lunch or afternoon tea. Head back to your base to visit the famous Canterbury Cathedral which dates back to the 11th century. Take your time exploring the bohemian city, especially in and around the King's Mile. Indulge in a relaxing river tour along the Stour or simply meander along the picturesque Westgate Parks that follow the river.

### Time to spare?

- Wildlife lovers will enjoy the Wildwood Trust. Stroll among 40 acres of ancient woodland (home to 200+ animals from 50 species). There's also an adventure park and play area for kids.
- Drive to Simpsons, Barnsole and Chartham vineyards to sample and stock up on Kentish wines.

- Soak up the coastal vibes with a meal overlooking the sea at Rocksalt in Folkstone.

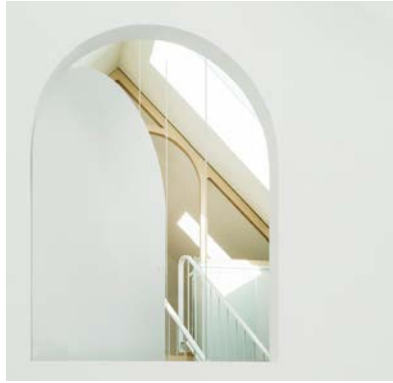
### Did you know?

- Most of the scenes for the ITV drama Liar were filmed on the coast of Kent. The pier shown in a few of the shots is Deal Pier, a local landmark on the seafront. Other coastal towns including Margate, Kingsdown, and Walmer were also used.
- Kent is the oldest county in England
- Around one third of the UK's plant species can be found among the pebbles of Dungeness in Kent (the largest shingle beach in Europe)

### Top tip:

Hire a car so you can explore easily and at your own will.





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# WHY HUMAN ARCHITECTS MATTER IN THE AGE OF AI



With AI-powered design tools on the rise, Oliver Westgarth, founder of StudiO Architects, considers their impact on the industry, and explains why he believes real, human designers are here to stay (for now at least!)

I was intrigued by Joanna Maciejewska's recent, much-shared post about artificial intelligence. 'I want AI to do my laundry and dishes so that I can do art and writing,' she wrote, 'not for AI to do my art and writing so that I can do my laundry and dishes.'

Unfortunately, laundry robots still feel like the stuff of science fiction, while the image- and text-producing capabilities of tools like Midjourney and ChatGPT are accelerating at breakneck speed. What does this mean for architects?

I don't think it will be long before consumer-facing 'AI Architect' apps are commercially available. Google pin your house, use your phone to survey and 3D model it, describe your dream brief, set parameters on cost, size and local planning policy... it's all technically doable.

Meanwhile, becoming a qualified architect still takes serious ongoing commitment, not to mention at least seven years of dedicated study. Becoming a good architect tends to require embracing architecture as your defining vocation, immersing yourself in its history and culture, devoting yourself to helping shape its future and really believing it matters.

As a result, architects can be forgiven for feeling some trepidation at the emergence of large-language models and generative AI. The same could no doubt be said for photographers, graphic designers, novelists, and other creatives. Are we all headed for obsolescence and universal basic income?

I don't think so, because the end product is just that – the end of a creative process. And the imperfect humanity (or human imperfection) of that process is what creates a truly valuable end product. Just as in life, the true value is in the journey.

Beautiful, functional, original, exciting design requires levels of care, adaptability, contextual and cultural sensibility and innovation that AI simply can't provide. Why? Because the creative process is innately human, while AI is innately the opposite.

No one has expressed this better than musician Nick Cave, who has been asked on several occasions for his views on AI-powered songwriting. Using ChatGPT to

write your songs, he says, 'is participating in the erosion of the world's soul and the spirit of humanity itself'.

Writing songs may seem very different from designing the built environment, but there are many parallels. Architecture, in the words of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, is 'frozen music', each assembly of information, each composition, each playing of the piece, each splash of light, responding uniquely to an environment, creating an atmosphere, a feeling.

Cave's claim that 'writing a good song is not mimicry, or replication, or pastiche, but the opposite', is relevant. It might be quick and easy to produce an image of a house or a city using AI, but that image will inevitably be derivative and lacking in authentic value.

Faster and easier, Cave warns, is rarely better. Designing spaces in which specific people (a family, a team, a community) can thrive is an organic, authentic process – one that requires real human experience and empathy. That understanding is something AI, for all its apparent power, can't reproduce. And that's why, when it comes to nuanced, considered, contextual design, AI can't compete. At least, not yet!

The creative impulse, Cave writes, 'must be defended at all costs, for we are fighting for the very soul of the world'. That might sound a bit dramatic for some. But until that army of laundry robots takes over, we will keep designing real places for real people, here in the real world.

After all, in the words of legendary architect I.M. Pei, 'architecture is the very mirror of life. You only have to cast your eyes on buildings to feel the presence of the past, the spirit of a place'.

Look around – you'll see it's true.





# CAPE VERDE: ISLANDS IN THE SUN

The 10 volcanic islands of Cape Verde (Cabo Verde), off the coast of West Africa, have in recent years become an alternative to the Canaries or North Africa for UK holidaymakers seeking good value and year-round sunshine. Just six hours from London and with its stunning beaches, wide range of sporting opportunities and vibrant culture, Cape Verde offers a unique blend of relaxation and excitement.

A few years ago travel blogger Rupert Diggins enjoyed a trip to these friendly and hospitable islands when Cape Verde was very much the new kid on the block.

Initially he stayed on the main island of Sal before embarking on an island-hopping adventure to some of the unique and charming islands, towns, and villages.

Let's find out what he discovered!

## A FEW FACTS

Cape Verde was originally a colony of the Portuguese Empire until it gained independence in 1975. While

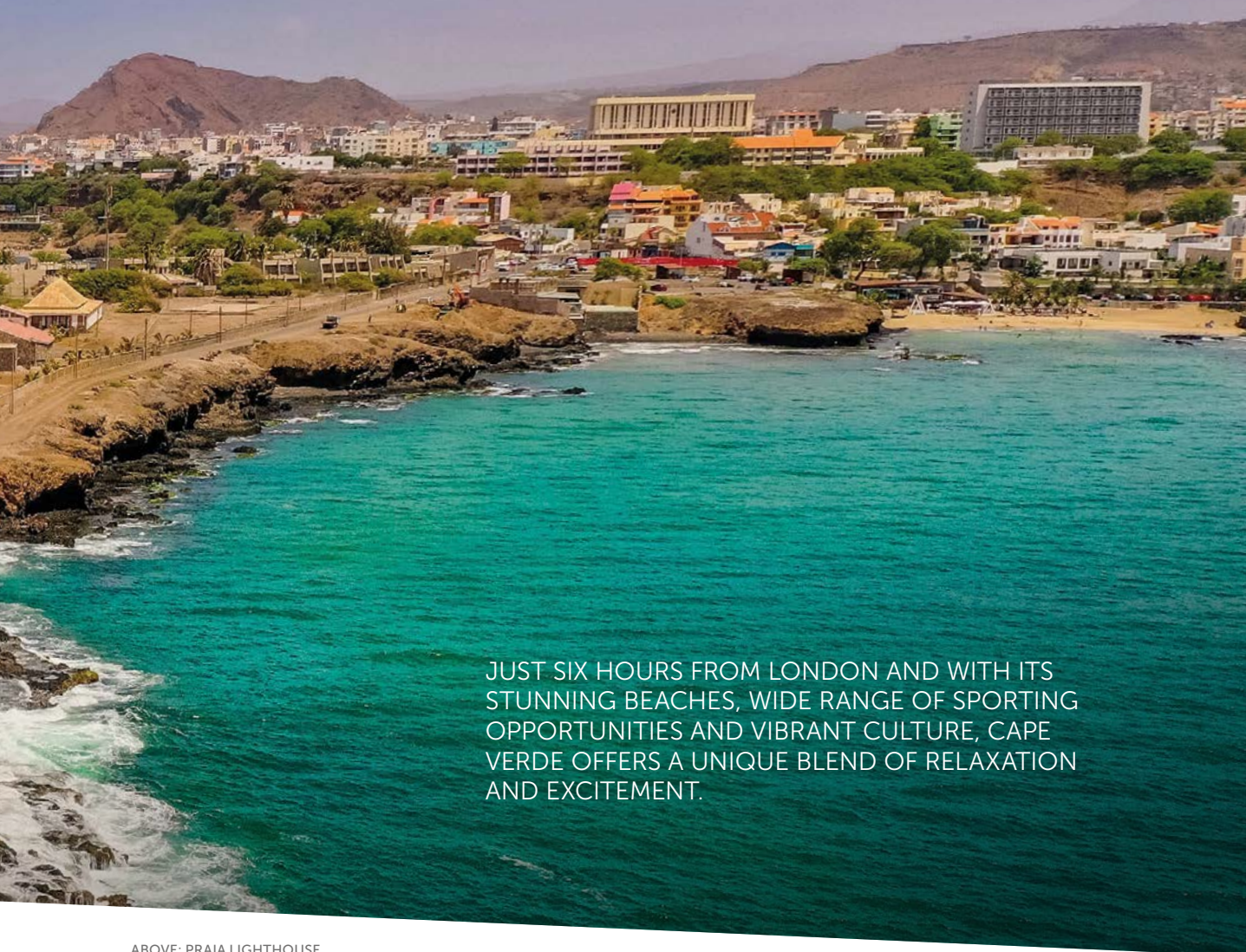
agriculture and fishing were once the primary industries, tourism has significantly expanded in recent years and is now the main source of income. Portuguese is the official language, but due to the islands' African influence, it is common to hear locals speaking Creole.

The vibrant capital and administrative hub of Cape Verde is Praia, situated on the island of Santiago. The country uses its own currency, the Cape Verdean escudo, which can only be obtained upon arrival. For tourists it is therefore advisable to bring sterling or euros for exchange.

## GETTING AROUND

Rather surprisingly Cape Verde has four international airports on the islands of Santiago, Sao Vicente, Sal and Boa Vista. The tourist flights from the UK are by charter to Sal and Boa Vista, however if you need more flexibility and have the time, then you could travel via Lisbon in Portugal.

There are ferries to all the islands, however I found it easiest and quickest to travel by air. The fastest routes are just 15 minutes, while others can take up to an hour. With Cape Verde known for its



JUST SIX HOURS FROM LONDON AND WITH ITS STUNNING BEACHES, WIDE RANGE OF SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES AND VIBRANT CULTURE, CAPE VERDE OFFERS A UNIQUE BLEND OF RELAXATION AND EXCITEMENT.

ABOVE: PRAIA LIGHTHOUSE, PRAIA DE SANTIAGO. ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

trade winds, the connections operated by small aircraft can be a little, shall we say, hair-raising, as I discovered when approaching the little island of Santo Antao. These internal flights are operated by Bestfly Cabo Verde Airlines and connect all the islands except Brava and San Antao which do not have airports.

### WHEN TO VISIT?

Cape Verde enjoys a warm, dry climate year-round, making it an ideal beach destination; however the months between November and June are considered the best. Temperatures average between 24°C and 30°C. Some islands do enjoy a more tropical climate with a bit more rainfall compared to Sal and Boa Vista, but they still enjoy plenty of sunshine year-round.

When considering a holiday to Cape Verde, as I have mentioned, it's important to note that the islands are known for their trade

winds, making it a great spot for wind-based water sports. While this is great for activity holidays it can be an issue for those looking to lay on a beach all day as the sand can whip up and make it unbearable. Then of course, there is always the hotel pool or bar!

### WHERE TO STAY?

In recent years the choice of accommodation has exploded with large all-inclusive hotels common on both Sal and Boa Vista. These are ideal for families or those on a budget; however there are other hotel options for B&B or half board stays that allow you to get out and enjoy the local restaurants, benefitting the local community.

I can personally recommend the Hotel Morabeza on Santa Maria beach on Sal which exceeded all my expectations with its superb service, friendly staff and ideal location for both the beach and the town which is just five minutes away.

If you are looking for self-catering options, there are plenty of good quality apartments as well as pensions, guest houses, and private stays on many of the islands.

### CUISINE

From my experience the local cuisine can be hit or miss, but fresh fish, typically served with beans, rice, and vegetables, is a reliable choice. The national dish is a fish or meat stew called Cachupa, which includes local produce such as sweet potatoes, squash, maize, bananas, onions and yams.

Desserts and cakes will often include some of the many fruits found on the islands such as bananas, mango, papaya, guavas, and coconuts.

Wines, beer, and spirits are widely available, and in some places such as on the island of San Antao, you can find a 'Grogue' distillery, which churns out the local liquor also known as firewater.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: MINDELO BEACH ©ISTOCKPHOTO. SANTA MARIA BEACH; BOA VISTA; SALT MINES AT PEDRA DE LUME SAL; CACHUPA ©SHUTTERSTOCK.

## SAL: THE ISLAND OF SUN AND SEA

Sal is the main island in Cape Verde and synonymous with pristine, white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters. Santa Maria Beach is a popular spot, known for its vibrant atmosphere, water sports, and scenic beauty. Kite Beach, as the name suggests, is a haven for kite surfers.

Beyond the beaches, Sal offers excursions to natural wonders like Pedra de Lume salt pans, where visitors can float in saltwater. The Buracona Blue Eye, a natural pool with a mesmerizing blue hue, is another must-visit attraction.

The main town of Santa Maria offers a mix of traditional Cape Verdean charm and modern amenities. The town's colourful buildings, bustling markets, and lively restaurants provide a glimpse into local life. I particularly enjoyed the local artists displaying their works in both the market and shops.

In the evening Santa Maria comes alive with numerous bars, clubs, and live music venues. Popular spots like Ocean Cafe and Pub Calema offer a great mix of local and international music, creating a vibrant nightlife scene.

## BOA VISTA: THE DESERT ISLAND

Boa Vista boasts some of the most beautiful and untouched beaches in Cape Verde. Praia de Chaves and Santa Monica Beach are renowned for their vast stretches of golden sand and tranquil waters.

The island's desert-like landscape offers unique excursions such as quad biking and dune bashing. Visitors can also explore the Viana Desert and visit shipwrecks like the Cabo Santa Maria.

Sal Rei is a charming town with colonial architecture, colourful buildings, and a laid-back atmosphere. The town square is a great place to relax and soak in the local culture.

Boa Vista offers a more relaxed nightlife compared to Sal. Beach bars and small clubs provide a chilled-out atmosphere with live music and local drinks.

## SANTIAGO: THE CULTURAL HEART

Praia, the capital of Cape Verde, is located on Santiago and is a bustling city with a mix of modernity and history. Cidade Velha, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the oldest European colonial settlement in the tropics.

Santiago offers a mix of black and white sand beaches. Tarrafal Beach, with its clear waters and palm trees, is particularly popular among tourists.

Santiago's diverse landscape offers opportunities for hiking in the Serra Malagueta Mountain range, exploring the lush São Jorge dos Órgãos Botanical Garden, and visiting historical sites in Cidade Velha.

The island of Santiago, especially Praia, has an animated nightlife with numerous bars, clubs, and restaurants. Live music, especially morna and funaná, is a big part of the island's evening entertainment.

## SÃO VICENTE: THE ISLAND OF MUSIC

Mindeló, the cultural capital of Cape Verde, is located on São Vicente. Known for its arts scene, colonial architecture, and lively markets, Mindeló is a hub of cultural activity.

The town is perhaps most famous for its nightlife, with bars, clubs, and music venues. The island's carnival, held in February, is a highlight, featuring parades, music, and dancing.

São Vicente has several beautiful beaches, with São Pedro Beach



and Praia da Laginha being the most popular. These beaches are great for swimming, windsurfing, and sunbathing.

Visitors can hike up Monte Verde for panoramic views, explore the underwater world through diving excursions, and visit the nearby island of Santo Antão, known for its stunning landscapes and trekking routes.

### SANTO ANTÃO: THE TREKKING PARADISE

Santo Antão was my favourite island in the Cape Verde Archipelago. Yes, it's a little rough around the edges but this is the authentic Cape Verde experience plus it is a paradise for hikers. The island's dramatic landscapes, including the Paul Valley and Cova Crater, offer some of the best trekking routes in Cape Verde. The island is also known for its traditional agriculture and terraced fields.

The towns on Santo Antão are Ribeira Grande, known for its lush valleys and colonial architecture, and Porto Novo is the island's main port town.

Santo Antão's nightlife is more low-key, with a few local bars and restaurants. It's a great place to enjoy traditional Cape Verdean music and cuisine.

### THE SMALLER ISLANDS

The remaining islands are generally excellent choices for those who are in search of a quieter trip but with the ability to hike and explore the islands natural attractions.

There is Fogo the volcanic island, where visitors can hike to the summit for spectacular views, while Maio is renowned for its unspoilt nature hiking and bird-watching opportunities.

The island of São Nicolau has as its main town, Ribeira Brava, with narrow streets, colonial architecture, and a welcoming atmosphere. The island's mountainous terrain is ideal for hiking and exploring, with the Monte Gordo National Park offering stunning landscapes and diverse flora and fauna.

Brava delivers lush landscapes and flower-filled valleys which are perfect for hiking and exploring.

Finally, there is the only uninhabited island in Cape Verde, Santa Luzia which has pristine beaches untouched by development. The island is a protected nature reserve, known for its diverse marine life and bird species. It's a popular spot for fishing, snorkelling, and wildlife watching.

### 'TIL NEXT TIME

The archipelago of Cape Verde is both fascinating and beautiful and I really enjoyed my stay on all the islands. Each offers its own unique attractions, from the stunning beaches of Sal and Boa Vista to the cultural richness of Santiago and the trekking adventures on Santo Antão.

Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or cultural experiences, the Cape Verde Islands have something for everyone.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information visit the Cabo Verde Tourist Office ([www.visit-caboverde.com](http://www.visit-caboverde.com)) or consult your local travel agent or tour operator.

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# THE EVOLUTION OF PERMANENT MAKEUP

BY ELLA HARVEY, FOUNDER OF ELLA HARVEY AESTHETICS

ADVERTORIAL

Permanent makeup might seem like a product of modern beauty trends, but its origins are as ancient as the Egyptian civilization around 2000 B.C.

Back then, using natural elements like soot and copper ore, the Egyptians enhanced their looks by darkening their eyes, lips, and brows, setting the stage for what has become a timeless beauty solution.

As time has passed, permanent makeup has transformed from noticeable and heavy applications to subtle and seamless enhancements that blend perfectly with your natural appearance. Today, you can swim, sunbathe, or go through your daily routine without worrying about your makeup smudging or wearing off. Imagine starting every day with perfect eyebrows, well-defined eyes, and beautifully coloured lips.

I distinctly remember a pivotal moment in 2016 during a conference in Berlin. A speaker introduced a groundbreaking, gentle technique that didn't draw blood—a concept I was initially sceptical of. I brought this innovative method back to my clinic, and the results were astounding. It healed beautifully with minimal downtime, marking a revolution in how we approach permanent makeup.

We've refined our methods even further, now using tools as precise as single needles with diameters as low as 0.18mm. This precision allows us to create incredibly natural-looking enhancements that are virtually indistinguishable from real hair.

Choosing the right type of pigment is essential, and here at Ella Harvey Aesthetics, we use both organic pigments and inorganic/mineral pigments, depending on your skin type, desired longevity, and the overall look you aim to achieve. It's crucial that these pigments are expertly applied to ensure they age gracefully, maintaining their colour and appearance over time.

Achieving hyper-realistic results that are virtually undetectable hinges on a practitioner's deep understanding of needle configuration, pigment implantation depth, and the artful selection of colours. I always adopt a 'less is more' philosophy, aiming for an enhancement that complements your natural features beautifully.

The industry is rapidly evolving, and I've made it a priority to stay at the cutting edge. Over the last nine months alone, I've attended three international conferences, participated in two masterclasses, incorporated advanced laser tattoo removal, and mastered new techniques for eyebrows and lips. All these are now available to you at Ella Harvey Aesthetics.

This continual advancement underscores the importance of choosing a practitioner who invests in their ongoing professional development. My training on Harley Street laid the foundation, but the hyper-realistic results I achieve today are a testament to my commitment to continuous learning and improvement.

If you're curious about how permanent makeup can transform your daily life, or if you want to wake up each day looking effortlessly polished, I invite you to arrange a consultation.

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**PERMANENT MAKEUP HAS TRANSFORMED FROM NOTICEABLE AND HEAVY APPLICATIONS TO SUBTLE AND SEAMLESS ENHANCEMENTS THAT BLEND PERFECTLY WITH YOUR NATURAL APPEARANCE.**

# NORTH OF THE BORDER

With Aurigny offering non-stop flights to Edinburgh on Wednesdays throughout the summer, and on Mondays and Thursdays from 28 October until 6 January 2025 and from 10 February until 27 March 2025, there has never been a better time to discover what Scotland has to offer.

Whether you're planning a weekend in the capital or a longer stay visiting the lochs and mountains, exploring castles or discovering a new ski resort this winter, Amanda Eulenkamp has tips and hints of where to go.



ABOVE: VIEW OVER EDINBURGH FROM SALISBURY CRAGS, HOLYROOD PARK. ©ISTOCKPHOTO

## Let's start this guide in the capital of Scotland, Edinburgh.

The city's skyline is dominated by its medieval castle, home to important Scottish artefacts, such as the Honours of Scotland (the oldest crown jewels in the UK) and the Stone of Destiny, an ancient symbol of the Scottish monarchy. Explore the vast castle grounds, take a guided tour with a castle steward, or listen to the audio guide, available in multiple languages. See [edinburghcastle.scot](#) for further information.

The **National Museum of Scotland** is one of the best indoor attractions in Edinburgh – and entry is free. With more than 20,000 unique artefacts to see, while away the day learning about the catacombs of Egypt, the wonders of nature, and modern-day technology.

**Top tip:** If the sun makes an appearance, head up to the rooftop terrace to enjoy amazing views of Edinburgh.

You won't miss seeing **Arthur's Seat** (a mistranslation of 'Ard-na Said'). A trek up this 251m ancient volcano (accessible to all, including buggies and wheelchairs) will be rewarded with incredible 360 degree views over Edinburgh.

For another great view of Edinburgh, climb the 287 steps to the top of the **Scott Monument**, built in 1832 to commemorate

the death of one of Scotland's best-loved writers, Sir Walter Scott. Inside is the Museum Room, which holds an exhibition on Scott's life and work.

If shopping is more your thing, then **Princes Street** is the main shopping street in the city, with a host of high street favourite stores. The world-famous Royal Mile runs through the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, connecting Edinburgh Castle at one end with the **Palace of Holyroodhouse** the other. The official residence of the monarchy in Scotland, the Palace is open throughout the year.

No trip to the Royal Mile is complete without a visit to the Scotch Whisky Experience for a dram of fine Scottish whisky. The attraction offers a range of tour experiences that will suit first timers and whisky lovers alike. Take a tour of the virtual distillery and learn about the distilling process, then discover the art of whisky blending in a guided sensory presentation.

**Top tip:** After you become somewhat of a whisky connoisseur, why not continue into the attraction's Amber Restaurant, where you can enjoy modern Scottish cuisine with another dram.

For a different view of Edinburgh, head to the **Real Mary King's Close**, the city's only preserved 17th-century street. Named Best Visitor

Attraction in the UK by Tripadvisor in its 2024 Travellers' Choice Awards, step down into Edinburgh's hidden history and discover authentic truths about Edinburgh's dark past, plus find out what it was really like for the people who lived, worked, and died on the Close. See [realmarykingsclose.com](#) for more information.

For a thrilling alternative adventure, visit **The Edinburgh Dungeons**, where you'll learn about the city's gruesome history. Walk the plague-ridden streets of 1645, evade the murderous duo Burke and Hare, and even face trial... With live actors, underground rides and special effects, you're guaranteed a 'spooktacular' time.

**Top tip:** The Edinburgh Dungeon often holds Dungeon Late events for adults, so if you're looking for things to do in Edinburgh at night, this could be it. See [thedungeons.com/Edinburgh/](#)

Still feeling spooky? Edinburgh's **Festival Theatre** is one of the largest stages in the UK, hosting show-stopping opera, ballet, and musical events all year round. Legend has it that the Festival Theatre is haunted by famous illusionist 'The Great Lafayette'. Lafayette lost his life in a fire at the theatre in 1911 and is said to roam the stage to this day...

For family fun, visit **Camera Obscura and World of Illusion**,





ABOVE LEFT: EDINBURGH CASTLE FROM PRINCESS GARDENS. ABOVE: CAMERA OBSCURA AND WORLD OF ILLUSION. ©SHUTTERSTOCK

with its five floors of interactive curiosities and illusions to explore. Lose yourself in the puzzling mirror maze or try to keep your balance in the Vortex Tunnel.

**Top tip:** Be sure to get an allocated show time so you don't miss out on seeing the 169-year-old Camera Obscura in action. This Victorian spectacle is a truly unique way to see Edinburgh and takes sightseeing to the next level. All the details can be found at [camera-obscura.co.uk](http://camera-obscura.co.uk)

## HEAD FOR THE HILLS

Five suggested walks in Midlothian, on Edinburgh's doorstep

**Rosslyn Chapel and Roslin Glen** – Just outside Edinburgh, this walk has a bit of everything to enjoy. Rosslyn Chapel dates from Pictish times and is well worth a visit to admire the intricate stonework and mysterious history.

The dramatic woodland gorge of Roslin Glen is a real treat at any time of year, with a ruined castle and wonderful leafy paths following a bubbling burn.

**Glencorse Reservoir** – There are more than 100 km of sign-posted routes across the Pentland Hills, including the Glencorse reservoir route, a scenic short circuit which offers great views of Edinburgh. For more of a challenge, choose the longer route with a climb to

Scald Law (the highest peak of the Pentlands).

**Dalkeith Country Park** – Meander through the picturesque and historic surroundings of Dalkeith Country Park near Edinburgh, taking in the spectacular ruined conservatory, the banks of the Rivers North and South Esk, and an ancient oak wood.

**Vogie Country Park to Crichton Castle** – Starting at the pretty hamlet of Ford, this wander takes you through some of the finest countryside in Midlothian.

Vogie Country Park has many peaceful pathways including a rhododendron walk to enjoy in the late spring, and an impressive Baronial mansion, Vogrie House.

Later, the path leads you to admire some of the area's age-old buildings, including Crichton Collegiate Church and Crichton Castle.

**Gorebridge circular walk** – With panoramic views towards the Pentland Hills, this walk takes you through 'Gunpowder Glen' and the site of the first gunpowder mill in Scotland.

This circular route leads around the town and through the picturesque Gore Glen Woodland Park. You'll see wildlife, ancient stone bridges, a waterfall and a couple of castles along the way.

## SKIING

For skiing closer to home, check out these five ski centres:

Cairngorm Mountain, one of the top attractions to visit in Aviemore and the surrounding area. (Between Perth and Inverness).

Glencoe Mountain Resort, situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty on Rannoch Moor, with stunning views of the iconic Buachaille Etive Mor.

Nevis Range Snowsports has skiing up to 1,190 metre, on the mountain of Aonach More and offers skiing and boarding into the spring.

Lecht Ski Centre is situated at the eastern side of the Cairngorms, and is one of Scotland's top ski resorts.

Glenshee ski centre takes its name from the Gaelic 'Glen of the Fairies', and offers one of the most magical skiing experiences in Scotland.

Alternatively, head to Midlothian Snowsports Centre in the beautiful Pentland Hills Regional Park. Home to the longest artificial ski slope in Europe, it has been the training location of 29 Olympians.

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# BUYING AN OPEN MARKET HOUSE AND LIVING IN GUERNSEY

BY MARTYN BAUDAINS, PARTNER, OGIER

ADVERTORIAL

If you are looking to relocate to Guernsey, our so-called 'two-tier' housing system divides properties into Open Market and Local Market. Although anyone can buy any type of property in Guernsey, it's important to know the distinction between the two, as it determines whether you have the right to actually live in the property you intend to purchase.

## LOCAL MARKET

This is, simply, property that is not Open Market. You can only live in a Local Market property if you fit a defined criteria, including being born and growing up in Guernsey, having a strong family connection, or being employed in positions with a shortage of suitable local candidates.

## OPEN MARKET

There are about 1,600 Open Market properties on the island which, as the name suggests, can be occupied by those do not meet the criteria to live in a Local Market property.

If you are moving to Guernsey, you will probably be looking for an Open Market property on Part A of the Housing Register, namely a private house, as opposed to other parts of the register for hotels, nursing homes and lodging houses.

## WHO CAN LIVE AND WORK IN GUERNSEY?

To live in Guernsey you must, in addition to meeting immigration requirements, occupy the property in accordance with the Population Management Law. Everyone must have a certificate or permit issued under this law to show they are allowed to live and/or work here.

A certificate will be issued to those entitled to live in Guernsey and can undertake any employment here. A permit will be issued to someone so they can live and work provided certain conditions are met – such as working for a particular employer or living with a named individual.

As the owner of an Open Market house, you may be the 'householder' for the purposes of the law. You will be issued with an Open Market Resident Certificate. Your immediate and extended family can also apply for a permit, conditional upon them living with you.

## BUYING A PROPERTY

Having found your ideal property, advise the estate agent of the name of your advocate. The estate agent

will prepare 'Conditions of Sale' and send them to your advocate to review. These can be signed conditionally if you need time to satisfy yourself as to the condition of the property (survey), finance (if you are relying on a bank lending you the money) or the legal aspects (called 'property matters'). When you sign Conditions of Sale, a 10% deposit is required.

Your advocate will discuss whether you need a report to confirm that the property is properly inscribed on Part A of the Housing Register. The vendor will give you a warranty that this is the case, but a report from Population Management will, for a fee, give added comfort. The importance of the property being properly inscribed on the register cannot be overstated. The authorities have the power to remove a property from the register if it has been altered without their permission, preventing you from living there.

Your advocate will research title to the property, check it has the necessary rights and is not burdened by any unreasonable obligations and report on the outcome of their site visit (when they will look at the boundaries).

If you 'sign up' conditionally, you must agree a date when the contract becomes unconditional – the Operative Date. This is usually approximately three weeks after signing. Completion takes place on a date agreed between the parties, usually six weeks to two months after signing Conditions of Sale. If, before the Operative Date has passed, you decide to withdraw because of a problem with one of the reserved matters, say a problem with the survey, you are entitled to claim back your deposit.

In all cases, you should speak to an advocate early on, and certainly before signing the Conditions of Sale.

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Rupert Pleasant, chief executive of Guernsey Finance alongside group editor Tom Burroughes.

## GUERNSEY FINANCE A WINNER AT WEALTH FOR GOOD AWARDS

Guernsey Finance has achieved success at the WealthBriefing Wealth for Good Awards. The agency earned the top spot in the International Finance Centre – Communication Strategy or Thought Leadership (Europe) category at the awards ceremony in London.

'As the world continues to evolve, it is essential for financial centres to use their expertise to contribute positively to the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change,' said Rupert Pleasant, CEO of Guernsey Finance.

'We are proud that we continue to innovate and position Guernsey as a leading international finance centre committed to using our expertise for good.'

The annual awards celebrate the most innovative and exceptional firms, teams and individuals. They have been designed to showcase outstanding organisations grouped by specialism and geography which a panel of independent judges deemed to have 'demonstrated innovation and excellence during the last year'.

'Every winning entrant has been subjected to a rigorous and independent judging process and should be rightly proud of the success they have achieved this year,' said Stephen Harris, ClearView Financial Media's CEO, and publisher of WealthBriefing. 'I offer my congratulations and best wishes for the future to all winners and highly commended firms – they are all worthy recipients who join the prestigious list of wealth management professionals who form the global elite of WealthBriefing winners.'

## WALTER PROPERTY CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

CEO Eleanor Saunders, the fourth generation to head up the family business, and her brother William Walter, welcomed guests at a reception at Art for Guernsey's Mansell Street gallery as the company celebrated its 90th anniversary.

She also thanked board member Andrew Ozanne who has stepped down from the board.

'Family has been at the heart of Walter Property since it was established 90 years ago and that very much remains the case today,' she said.

'Development is fast becoming the heart of WP. Not that we forget our existing portfolio and our valued tenants, they are what gives us the ability to take advantage of development opportunities within the island.

'This truly is a Guernsey company and the entire board is passionate about delivering what the island needs.

'Looking to the future, we are all aware there is a housing crisis in Guernsey, not to mention an ageing demographic in our population. This is a multi-faceted problem, but we truly believe that one of the keys to unlocking this is to provide housing for the younger generation to enable them to remain here in Guernsey and give back something to the community which so successfully brought them up.'



## PR AGENCY BRIDGEHEAD OPENS GUERNSEY HUB



Leading UK PR and communications agency Bridgehead Communications has opened a new hub in Guernsey. The agency – which is headquartered in London – has opened its new Guernsey office just off St Julian's Avenue, St Peter Port, which is part of the business's broader strategy to enhance its offering to individuals and businesses in both Guernsey and Jersey.

Bridgehead founder and managing director William Walter was born and raised in the island. 'I'm passionate about Guernsey. I was born and raised here. My family still lives here. Opening our new Channel Islands office has been a long-held ambition of mine. It means that we're better able to service our existing clients in Guernsey and to showcase our services to individuals and businesses in both Guernsey and Jersey. It will also mean we're more in tune with local businesses and their PR and marketing needs,' he said.

# CHAMBER'S NEW STRATEGIC FOCUS ON 'PEOPLE AND PLANET'

THE new president and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce have a new strategic focus on 'People and Planet'.

Stephen Rouxel has taken over as president, while Brook Kenyon has been appointed as vice-president.

Both bring a wealth of experience in business to their roles. Mr Rouxel is head of HSBC Asset Management, while Ms Kenyon is co-owner and managing director of Orchard PR.

'Stephen and Brooke are the perfect duo to drive Chamber forward,' said Chamber of Commerce executive director Alice Gill.

'Their combined experience in leading financial institutions and growing small businesses, plus their connections and insights are ideal to lead Chamber into the future.'

Mr Rouxel and Ms Kenyon are dedicated to advancing Chamber's mission with a strategic focus on 'People and Planet'. Chamber has recently included provisions in the Memorandum that embed a commitment to this, inspired by the B Corp requirements.

On the environmental front, the new leadership team is committed to sustainability. Chamber's mission is to help industries identify both opportunities and challenges in transitioning to net-zero emissions, and work with them to navigate these changes.

Mr Rouxel highlighted the need for better and faster political decision making.



'We need to steer the island towards quicker decision-making in Government, especially as we approach the upcoming election. Many in the community feel that the quality of our political decisions could be much better,' he said.

Ms Kenyon has said in her new role she would like to make the workplace more accommodating for working parents.

'As a working mum, I see a lot of room for improvement in making the workplace more accommodating for working parents. Our island community is packed full of talent, and over the next few years we can make significant strides in this area,' she said.

## VEGA TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATES WITH UK-BASED ENSYNERGY

Guernsey-based Vega Technology is now working with UK-based enSynergy as a strategic SaaS partner for DigiHub. This collaboration will deliver complementary SaaS fintech and regtech solutions to the TCSP sector.

'EnSynergy has developed an impressive set of SaaS products for the TCSP market. 'Taking a best of breed approach it makes perfect sense for us to integrate these products with DigiHub our SaaS automated client servicing solution. This integration is a first step in our collaboration allowing both companies to expand the range of SaaS solutions they can offer,' said David Collings, managing director at Vega Technology.



## CISI PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR RAVENSCROFT ASSISTANT PORTFOLIO MANAGER



Ravenscroft assistant portfolio manager Jake Robin has won this year's Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment President's Award for 'outstanding exam success in Private Client Investment Advice and Management'.

Mr Robin joined Ravenscroft in 2019 as part of the Ravenscroft Academy, having

completed the International Baccalaureate, and is currently studying towards his CISI Level 7 Chartered Wealth Manager qualification.

'It is a real honour to receive this award and to have all the hard work recognised by CISI, which is so highly regarded within the industry,' he said. 'Ravenscroft has been a brilliant place to gain practical experience while also studying for formal qualifications.'

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# EASY STEPS TOWARDS BUILDING A CULTURE OF CYBER AWARENESS



BY NICK ROBILLIARD, INFORMATION SECURITY CONSULTANT AND TRAINER, RESOLUTION IT

Cyber attacks are a constant threat for businesses, but employee error is the number one reason that threats get introduced to a business network. A lack of cyber security awareness is generally the culprit.

Whether it's naively clicking on a phishing link, ignoring software updates, or creating weak passwords, it's estimated that 95% of data breaches are due to human error. The good news is, these mistakes are preventable. Building a strong culture of cyber awareness can significantly reduce your risks.

## WHY CULTURE MATTERS

Think of your organisation's cyber security as a chain. Strong links make it unbreakable, while weak links make it vulnerable. By fostering a culture of cyber awareness, you turn each employee into a strong link.

Building a cyber awareness culture doesn't require complex strategies or expensive training programs. Here are some simple steps you can take to make a big difference.

## START WITH LEADERSHIP BUY-IN

Security is everyone's business, from the very top down. It's essential that leadership are engaged and involved. When executives champion cyber awareness, it sends a powerful message to the team. Leadership can show their commitment by participating in training sessions, allocating the necessary resource for ongoing initiatives, and leading by example.

## MAKE SECURITY AWARENESS FUN

Cyber security training doesn't have to be dry and boring. Use engaging videos, gamified quizzes and real-life scenarios to keep employees interested. Short, animated videos are often a great way of explaining complex security concepts in a clear and relatable way.

Bringing in an engaging cyber security awareness trainer to conduct in-person sessions is a really effective way of keeping your team's knowledge of cyber security current and comprehensive.

## SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE

Cyber security terms can be confusing, so communicate clearly and avoid jargon. Focus on practical and relatable advice that employees can use in their everyday work. Don't just give instructions like 'use multi-factor authentication'. Instead, explain how MFA works and why adding an extra layer of security to your log in is so important.

## KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET

Don't overwhelm your team with lengthy training sessions. Opt for bite-sized training modules that are easy to digest and remember. Use micro learning approaches delivered in short bursts throughout the workday. These are a great way to keep employees engaged and reinforce key security concepts.

## CONDUCT PHISHING DRILLS

Regular phishing drills test employee awareness and preparedness. Send simulated phishing emails and track who clicks, using the results to educate employees on red flags and what to do upon finding a suspicious email. And don't just stop there – after the phishing drill, take the opportunity to dissect the email with employees, highlighting the telltale signs that helped identify it as a scam.

## EMPOWER YOUR EMPLOYEES

Identify enthusiastic employees who can become 'security champions.' These champions can answer questions from peers as well as promote best practices through internal communication channels. This keeps security awareness top of mind. Security champions can be a valuable resource for their colleagues, fostering a sense of shared responsibility for cyber security within the organisation.

## BEYOND WORK

Cyber security isn't just a work thing. Educate employees on how to protect themselves at home too. Share tips on strong passwords, secure Wi-Fi connections, and avoiding public hotspots. Employees who practice good security habits at home are more likely to do so in the workplace.

## CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Recognise and celebrate employee achievements in cyber awareness. Did someone report a suspicious email? Did a team achieve a low click-through rate on a phishing drill? Publicly acknowledge their contributions to keep motivation high. Recognition can be a powerful tool. It helps reinforce positive behaviour and encourages continued vigilance.

## LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY

Technology can be a powerful tool for building a cyber-aware culture. Use online training platforms that deliver micro learning modules and track employee progress. You can schedule automated phishing simulations regularly to keep employees on their toes.

## EVERYONE PLAYS A ROLE

Building a culture of cyber awareness is an ongoing process. Repetition is key! Regularly revisit these steps, keep the conversation going, and make security awareness a natural part of your organisation's DNA.

Cyber security is a shared responsibility. By fostering a culture of cyber awareness, you equip everyone in your organisation with the knowledge and tools to stay safe online. Empowered employees become your strongest defence against cyber threats.

*If you need any support with your cyber security strategy, or would like to arrange engaging cyber awareness training for your team, get in touch to book a free cyber security consultation.*

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# NIGEL IS HAPPY IN HIS WORLD



BY MARK BOUSFIELD, GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR, INVESTMENTS AT RAVENSCROFT

## 'WE'RE ONLY MAKING PLANS FOR NIGEL NIGEL JUST NEEDS THAT HELPING HAND.'

XTC, 1979

Over the years I have banged on at serious length about the futility of prognostications. Nevertheless, there are some things that you would have been sorely tempted to forecast with supreme confidence – one of them was the hiding the UK's Conservative Party would get on the Fourth of July.

In hindsight, the Conservative defeat was not actually down to the Labour Party, albeit that Labour was clearly the major beneficiary. No, as per Brexit, the key player was Nigel Farage – voted into Parliament at his eighth time of trying – all while galvanising Reform UK and creating a catastrophic split in the (small c) conservative vote. Despite the seeming certainty of the outcome, few would have foreseen Keir Starmer's share of the vote being only one per cent more than Jeremy Corbyn's in 2019 – and three per cent less than Corbyn's in 2017. Essentially, geographical (tactical) and protest voting on a 60 per cent turn-out handed Labour its massive victory. It is estimated that a mere 130,000 total votes in pivotal races would have completely changed the outcome, leading to a hung parliament. That's pretty extraordinary. Perhaps someone should have ennobled Farage to keep him out of the parliamentary race while they had the chance!

Meanwhile, France went with its own version of tactical voting to exclude Marine Le Pen's seemingly destined National Rally from power. In short order, both the UK and France have demonstrated again that, regardless of outward disagreement, very different political machines can come together when, and if, they want. Whether they can govern the same way remains to be seen; in any case, that's now irrelevant until 2029.

The flurry of elections across Europe has, however, served to keep one election conspicuously absent from our domestic headlines – at least for a week. I refer, of course, to the ongoing battle between Orange Man Bad and Biden. Despite everyone and their dog 'knowing' about Biden's plain-to-see physical and mental challenges, it took the shock of the 27 June presidential debate to galvanise the political and media establishment into action to replace him as candidate.

At the time of writing, this is by no means a done deal, not least since the man himself has declared himself fit and the means to force him out don't really exist; but the optics and narrative are terrible and very unlikely to improve. Will we see Michelle Obama or Hillary Clinton volunteer to step in? It's all down to Jill Biden and she has categorically stated that Joe is staying in the race. Which means nothing until it does.

I remain astounded that we regularly write about domestic politics while two near-peer adversaries continue to knock seven bells out of each other in Eastern Europe. In between headlines about Ukraine, we watch the increasingly fraught and politically toxic war in Gaza, which itself has the potential to escalate into a regional conflict with nuclear actors on both sides.

It's so easy to lose focus in such an environment and get distracted by endless hypotheticals – 'what-iffing' yourself into a frenzy of unproductive misery. We try hard to blank out the noise and seek the signal. Clearly, the world is undergoing momentous change as rising powers seek to redefine geopolitical relationships to their own advantage – in exactly the same way as the West, and particularly the US, has done since the end of World War II. All we can do is stick to our knitting and see the world as it is (as opposed to how we might like it).



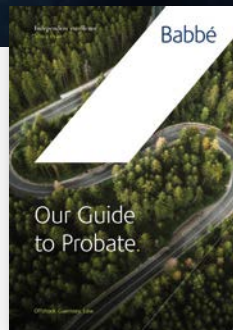
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# PLANNING AHEAD:

## UNDERSTANDING LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY IN GUERNSEY



BY MARI WARNICH, ASSOCIATE, BABBÉ LLP

At some point in life, whether due to ageing, accidents, or illness, individuals may lose the ability to handle their personal matters. A Lasting Power of Attorney serves as a crucial safeguard, allowing designated individuals (attorneys) to take over decision-making responsibilities when necessary. Let's delve into the intricacies of Lasting Powers of Attorney in Guernsey and explore their significance.

### WHAT IS A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

An ordinary Power of Attorney is a legal document that allows an individual (the 'Grantor') to appoint one or more trusted persons (their 'Attorney/s') to perform actions on their behalf. It expires if the Grantor no longer has capacity.

### WHAT IS A LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY?

A Lasting Power of Attorney ('LPA') remains valid if the Grantor loses capacity, so they offer individuals peace of mind, knowing that their affairs will be managed by someone they trust if they become unable to do so themselves.

### HOW DO LPAS WORK IN GUERNSEY?

There are two types of LPA in Guernsey (or you can have both in one LPA):

**Property and Financial Affairs:** this grants authority to the appointed attorney(s) to manage the Grantor's finances, including property, bank accounts, and investments.

**Health and Welfare:** this authorises the attorney(s) to make decisions regarding the Grantor's healthcare, medical treatment, and living arrangements.

### WHO CAN MAKE AN LPA IN GUERNSEY?

Only adults aged 18 and over with capacity can create a LPA, meaning they must understand its purpose and the decisions their attorney(s) can make.

### WHO CAN ACT AS AN ATTORNEY?

An attorney must be at least 18 years old and not a bankrupt (for LPAs involving property and financial matters). It's important to select individuals you trust to act in your best interests.

### CAN YOUR ATTORNEY(S) USE YOUR LPA TO MANAGE YOUR PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS WHILST YOU STILL HAVE CAPACITY?

You might want your attorney(s) to have the ability to use the LPA while you still have capacity. This could be

because you wish them to handle your financial matters when you are on vacation or if you are experiencing physical health issues and require assistance. If you change your mind about this after registering the LPA, you can still amend it.

### CAN I REVOKE MY LPA?

You have the ability to cancel an LPA at any time, provided you have the capacity to do so.

### WHEN TO MAKE AN LPA

Creating an LPA while you're healthy ensures your preferences are documented before you lose capacity. Illnesses or accidents can strike at any time, making early planning crucial.

### CAN I INCLUDE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS IN MY LPA?

Absolutely. Grantors can provide specific instructions, wishes or preferences for their attorneys to follow, ensuring their preferences are upheld even if they cannot communicate them directly.

### WHEN DO LPAS TERMINATE?

LPAs terminate upon the death of the Grantor or if revoked by the Grantor before losing capacity.

### LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT DECISIONS

Life-sustaining treatment decisions involve medical choices that can prolong life for seriously ill or injured individuals who cannot decide for themselves. In your LPA you can authorise your attorney(s) to make these decisions based on your wishes and what's best for you.

In summary, it's generally recommended to make an LPA sooner rather than later, especially as part of comprehensive estate planning. This ensures that your interests are protected in case you are unable to make decisions for yourself in the future.





### HOW HAS GUERNSEY'S HOUSING MARKET BEEN PERFORMING THIS YEAR?

There's a definite sense that momentum is beginning to build. Activity levels have remained robust and buyers and sellers are starting to grow in confidence. We've also been pleasantly surprised by the number of buyers – both on island and from elsewhere – who have registered their interest with us. The highlight has been our sale of St George for £25m, which is the most expensive property to have sold in the island and has set a new norm for values.

### HOW DO YOU THINK THE PROPERTY MARKET WILL FARE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR?

While the UK housing market isn't always reflective of what's happening over here, it's often a good litmus test. The picture certainly appears to be more positive, with headline inflation falling to the Bank of England's target of 2.0% and further interest rate cuts forecast for later in the year. So there's every reason to be optimistic. We could also see a knock on effect following changes that will potentially see UK 'non doms' paying more tax from April 6, 2025.

### WHAT EFFECT MIGHT THOSE CHANGES HAVE ON THE GUERNSEY MARKET?

Although at this precise time (just a few days after the election), it's too early to say, the Labour government has previously indicated that it could implement further restrictions to those already proposed. It could potentially make jurisdictions with more benign tax environments – such as Guernsey – more attractive for some buyers.

ST GEORGE, RECENTLY SOLD BY SAVILLS.



## WHAT DOES THE REST OF THE YEAR HOLD FOR GUERNSEY'S PROPERTY MARKET?

EN VOYAGE TALKS TO STUART LESLIE,  
HEAD OF RESIDENTIAL SALES AT SAVILLS GUERNSEY.

### WHAT IS IT THAT CONTINUES TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THE ISLAND?

We've always been a popular destination for people who want to relocate – and a lot of those underlying reasons don't change. We have a beautiful coastline, wonderful sense of community, a rich heritage and a benign tax environment. The high quality of life is hugely appealing and something that's unique to the island.

### WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ADVICE TO ANYONE LOOKING TO RELOCATE?

Once you've made the decision to move, start looking for a property as soon as possible. Partner with a trusted agent and visit the island to get a feel for the different parishes and view different types of homes. It's important to ensure that all your ducks are in a row, finances and paperwork are in order and the logistics of the move are organised.

### ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS PEOPLE SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

Guernsey has two distinct housing markets – Local and Open. Local Market properties are only available to those who were born in or have family ties to the island, or employment permit holders who have been recruited to fill essential full-time posts.

All other properties are bought through the Open Market. Anyone who holds a British or Irish passport or who has the right to live in the UK can buy or rent an Open Market property. There are no wealth tests or governmental assessments and no need for an employment permit. A person who is not a British citizen or Irish passport holder, or does not have the right to remain in the UK, and who is moving for reasons other than full-time employment, will need to apply for immigration clearance.

### AND FINALLY....FOR YOU, WHAT MAKES GUERNSEY SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE TO CALL HOME?

It's all about the sea and the sunshine. Private boats and island hopping are a way of life. Whether it's boating, fishing or swimming – anything associated with the water brings me joy.

*For advice on the residential sales market in Guernsey, contact Stuart Leslie at Savills on [stuart.leslie@savills.com](mailto:stuart.leslie@savills.com) or 01481 713463.*

# GUERNSEY: AN AWARD-WINNING ISLAND DRIVING SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INNOVATION



Guernsey Finance, the promotional agency for the island's financial services sector, has been selected as a winner at The WealthBriefing Wealth for Good Awards 2024.

The agency earned the top spot in the 'International Finance Centre – Communication Strategy or Thought Leadership (Europe)' category at the awards ceremony in London on 27 June 2024.

The annual WealthBriefing Wealth for Good Awards program recognises the most innovative and exceptional firms, teams and individuals. The awards have been designed to showcase outstanding organisations grouped by specialism and geography which the prestigious panel of independent judges deemed to have 'demonstrated innovation and excellence during the last year'.

Commenting on the agency's win, Rupert Pleasant, Chief Executive of Guernsey Finance, said: 'As the world continues to evolve, it is essential for financial centres to use their expertise to contribute positively to the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change. We are proud that we continue to innovate and position Guernsey as a leading international finance centre committed to using our expertise for good.'

Stephen Harris, ClearView Financial Media's CEO, and publisher of WealthBriefing, said Guernsey Finance's win demonstrates a commitment to sustainable finance and reflects a broader global trend towards leveraging financial expertise to address climate

**'WE ARE PROUD THAT WE CONTINUE TO INNOVATE AND POSITION GUERNSEY AS A LEADING INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CENTRE...'**

change challenges and promote sustainable development.

'By integrating sustainability principles into financial systems and decision-making processes, financial centres can lead the way in driving positive environmental and social impact,' he said. 'Every winning entrant has been subjected to a rigorous and independent judging process and should be rightly proud of the success they have achieved this year.'

Guernsey is home to two of the world's first regulated sustainable fund regimes, the Guernsey Green Fund (GGF) and the Natural Capital Fund (NCF) designations, which follow international criteria such as the Global Biodiversity Framework agreed in the Kunming-Montreal COP and manage more than £5bn in Net Asset Value.

These regimes not only give fund managers access to trusted sustainability credentials in a market teeming with evolving regulations, but also give investors confidence that their investments align with internationally agreed goals of mitigating climate change.

The GGF endorses schemes with objectives of seeking returns for investors, spreading risk, and mitigating environmental damage.

Guernsey works with international partners to support global development of sustainable

finance including being a founding member of United Nations Development Programme Financial Centres for Sustainability (UNDP FC4S) Europe. As members, Guernsey Finance supports various work programmes including their annual assessment programme and biodiversity working group.

The island's code of corporate governance, set by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC), includes a requirement by company boards to consider the impact of climate change.

Guernsey is also home to The International Stock Exchange (TISE), which houses Europe's most comprehensive sustainable segment, with more than £13bn listed on the TISE Sustainable platform.

On the main issues attracting attention in the sustainable investments space, Rupert said: 'With corporations and countries now experiencing climate impacts first-hand, adaptation financing presents a massive potential opportunity as so much growth is needed to meet the necessary changes. There is still a growing appetite for more bankable projects in the adaptation and transition finance spaces.

'Natural capital also seems to be an emerging investment theme, which will prove crucial for Guernsey as home of the world's first natural capital fund designation.'



# GUERNSEY.

## NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME!

Kier Starmer's Labour Party is now the UK government. Perhaps one of the most important and yet unanswered questions (at the time of drafting this article), is exactly what the Labour government intend to do in terms of taxation.

We expect that for UK inheritance tax domicile will cease to be the prime determining factor, to be replaced by UK tax residence. Residence is determined, for UK purposes, by method of legislation, known as the statutory residence test. If the original proposals made by Labour become law, then once you have been UK tax resident for 10 years, your worldwide assets are subject to UK IHT. Conversely, once you have been non-UK tax resident for 10 years, only your UK situs assets are likely subject to UK IHT.

Guernsey has no IHT (or capital gains tax).

This UK IHT tail of exposure for an individual on their worldwide assets, for likely the first 10 years of non-UK tax residence, is a long time. Perhaps, the sooner one relocates (and quite possibly the younger a relocator is) could become key for those wishing to emigrate from the UK to reside in Guernsey, in the expectation of being able to mitigate exposure to UK IHT.

Guernsey has always been welcoming to new residents. It is a safe location to reside. This, coupled with a clear tax system that offers statutory maximum annual income tax caps for individuals and a general rate of 0% income tax for Guernsey resident companies, makes the Island a fiscally rather attractive place to live.





The tax caps mentioned above are:

- Open Market Cap of £60,000. Available for the first four years of Guernsey residence. Requires the purchase and occupation of an open market property within 12 months of tax residence. The purchase must generate minimum document duty (or anti-avoidance duty) of £50,000 (property cost of £1.4m).
- Foreign income tax cap of £160,000. This is for non-Guernsey source income only. Guernsey source income remains subject to 20% tax. Guernsey bank interest is not considered Guernsey source.
- Annual tax cap of £320,000. A global cap utilised by individuals with substantial Guernsey source income.
- The "Standard Charge". This is currently £40,000 per annum and is available by election in place of worldwide income disclosure, for those who are broadly, part time tax resident on the island.

As well as the headline tax caps available, other significant tax incentives for a new resident that should not be overlooked may include:

- Ability to claim double tax relief in Guernsey for UK corporation tax paid, where shareholder control of the UK company is in Guernsey on a UK company distribution.
- Ability to receive certain UK dividends exempt from both UK and Guernsey taxation.

- Ability to receive UK pension income, potentially including a lifetime flexible drawdown solely taxable in Guernsey.
- Ability to mitigate UK capital gains tax on gains made upon the disposal of certain UK assets.

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# BEYOND THE QUOTE: THE VALUE OF AN INSURANCE BROKER

BY OLIVER GOATER, MANAGING DIRECTOR, NETWORK INSURANCE & FINANCIAL PLANNING

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It is easy to think of insurance as a relatively modern financial service, but in fact the general concept of insurance can be seen in numerous forms throughout history and the world.

Health and life insurance actually have their origins with the Greeks and Romans in 600BC, when guilds called 'benevolent societies' were created to care for the families of deceased members, as well as paying for funerals. Early forms of modern marine policies can be traced back as far as the 13th century, and property insurance emerged from the ashes of the Great Fire of London.

However, nowadays, insurance is seen as a 'grudge purchase', which has led to today's fiercely competitive quotes for car insurance on price comparison websites. From the outside, the value proposition that professional brokers, such as Network, offer consumers and society has become clouded.

Value is of course a highly subjective concept, and one which has been lost in recent times, especially with the cost of everyday life rising. This, coupled with advancements in technology, has compounded the difficulty in convincing the modern customer of the benefits independent brokers provide.

It is hard to see how the customer and the provider can ever agree fully on what value looks like in insurance.



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Maybe they will never agree; but I believe a key part of getting more people engaged and in control of their insurance is by helping them feel confident about the value that they get from their broker, and the product that they ultimately purchase.

It is important for a customer to have independent advice in relation to insurance, which can be complex. A professional broker is best suited to advise on the most appropriate insurance cover for a customer's particular needs.

## SO HOW DO WE, AS A BUSINESS AND A PROFESSION, COMMUNICATE CLEARLY OUR ADDED VALUE?

Value is not about cheap headline prices; it is about what lies beneath, and the customer's perception of the content of the advice and product. Get that wrong and it impacts upon the trust and willingness of people to engage with a broker.

Our firm belief is the more interaction the better. Customers need to firstly have trust and confidence in their broker and not just be driven by the allure of finding the cheapest price. A good broker will already understand that price is a sensitive issue; but will also understand that the before and after sales service, quality of product and financial security of the insurer is paramount, especially when the time comes to making a claim.

The Channel Islands are fortunate, in that both Guernsey and Jersey have a comparatively large range of insurance brokers to choose from. However, customers will often move from one broker to another based on the price of the product, even when they have received excellent service.

While many personal insurances such as motor, household and travel will have similar policy coverage, coverage does differ. Therefore, insurers can offer cheaper products by removing certain covers, applying onerous policy conditions or exclusions, or by applying higher policy excesses. When it is time to claim all of these can have a significant impact on your claim experience.

By engaging and creating a relationship with one broker, you will achieve continuity in the advice you

receive and will reap the benefits when the time comes to take out a new policy, renew an existing policy or to make a claim, as you will have a more personal relationship with that broker.

If price is a primary concern, let your broker know as they will have a route to market to use another insurer and/or product.

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Our aim is to be a positive influence on your insurance buying process. While sound professional advice in relation to the purchase of a policy is the cornerstone of what we do, ultimately the purchase of an insurance policy is to protect you when that sudden and unforeseen event happens.

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This is something you simply do not get from a price comparison website or by going direct to an insurer. We have all heard of claims horror stories, so having peace of mind that you have someone fighting your corner and knowing your claim will be handled efficiently and paid, is in my mind priceless, or maybe worth just paying a little more for.

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# COMPLIANCE EVOLUTION WITH AI

CHRIS DAYKIN, COMPLIANCE SUPERVISOR, FORT, LOOKS AT THE OPPORTUNITIES TECH OFFERS



Fort has an impressive 50-year history in fiduciary services, having grown steadily with compliance integrated deeply into its core operations.

It is important that we keep up with new technology which includes the continual advancement of AI. This is key for Fort as we are always seeking to deploy new ways to improve our customer service as well as enhancing the customer experience.

The regulatory landscape has evolved extensively recently to ensure that Guernsey PLC remains at the forefront of combatting terrorism, proliferation financing and money laundering.

As fast as regulation is evolving, technology is ahead of that curve. At Fort, we see opportunities with AI in compliance. We are already looking to partner with companies where we can enhance the effectiveness of our compliance framework. It is important to ensure that we continually enhance the data available to us and the business through improved reporting in the most efficient manner.

## ENHANCING COMPLIANCE SERVICES WITH AI

AI can be used to speed up processes in several ways including; amending policies, procedures and tests when regulation or legislation changes, analysing in-house manuals and client documentation to assess if it meets the regulatory requirements as well as improving the client experience when either on-boarding or updating existing information held on file.

When looking to implement a new system to increase productivity and streamline processes, it is crucial to retain the standards within the regulated firm. Boards of regulated firms need to ensure that any systems that are used are meeting the expectations of the GFSC as well as their own internal requirements.

AI can significantly assist where there are vast volumes of data that need to be reviewed, however as with any system the quality of the data loaded into any tool needs to be of good quality. The impact of uploading poor data will result in sub-standard results.

## WILL AI REMOVE THE HUMAN ELEMENT?

Fort greatly values the strength in the human connection with our clients. It is important to Fort that there is human interaction at all levels of the client experience, which is why we have not fully automated the decision-making processes.

AI tools will allow compliance professionals to automate routine day-to-day work that can be burdensome which then enables them to focus on more complex issues where the human element is key.

AI will greatly assist compliance professionals to analyse patterns and trends when assessing the risk of suspicious transactions, which will reduce the time and burden with more complex matters while also requiring the human factor to be part of the final decision.

## GETTING IT RIGHT

AI for compliance professionals has many benefits but also has its challenges. Can your compliance professional explain with sufficient clarity how the AI tool operates? It will be important to ask yourself:

- Is the tool overly complex?
- How will I know if the system is generating false/incorrect results?
- Will the firm breach any data regulations?
- Will the compliance team become over reliant?

## WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONALS?

The integration of AI into compliance services holds immense potential to enhance efficiency, accuracy and effectiveness. Realising these benefits requires a careful and thoughtful approach to AI governance. Any software that is relied upon must be periodically tested to ensure it is providing the expected output. AI will, for the foreseeable future, require manual intervention.

I believe AI systems must be transparent in their decision-making processes and it has been widely reported that they can sometimes be biased. It is vital to understand how AI algorithms work and ensure a human element is involved in checking these processes to prevent errors and overreliance on technology. Regular human oversight ensures that AI systems function as intended and that any anomalies are addressed promptly.

Despite the advanced capabilities of AI, human oversight remains indispensable. Compliance professionals must work in tandem with AI systems, providing the necessary judgment and context that AI may lack. Establishing a hybrid approach that combines AI efficiency with human expertise ensures the highest standards of compliance are maintained and our clients remain confident in our abilities.



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# CHANNEL ISLANDS ADJUSTERS CELEBRATES 20th ANNIVERSARY

REFLECTING ON TWO DECADES OF SUCCESS: FOUNDERS RICHARD AND JULIE-ANNE HEADINGTON

ADVERTORIAL

Cast your mind back to 2004. George W. Bush was elected for a second term as US President, boho chic was the latest fashion trend and Facebook was a new website your parents didn't know about. What a time to be alive... and what a time to start a new venture.

In the summer of 2004, husband and wife team Richard and Julie-anne Headington chose to do just that, launching Channel Islands Adjusters as the first, and still the only, locally owned and run loss adjusters in the Channel Islands.

Compared to the size of the wider insurance industry, loss adjusting is a relatively niche area and, if you've been lucky enough to avoid any large or complex insurance claims, you may not even know what a loss adjuster does.

'We are effectively a conduit between the insurance company and the policyholder, and our aim is to ensure that large and complex claims are settled to the satisfaction of both parties. Although we're independent, we act on behalf of the insurance company and we spend a lot of time with policy holders investigating, managing, quantifying and settling claims,' said Richard.

As anyone who has been the subject of a major insurance claim can attest, it's an incredibly important part of the process. Consider just a handful of high-profile events that have happened across the Channel Islands in the past year, including a much-loved business destroyed by fire, homes wrecked by flooding and – of course – the catastrophic effects

of Storm Ciarán. Added to those events are the daily issues that we perhaps don't hear so much about such as house fires, significant water damage and the loss of high value items. All told, it's not difficult to imagine how vital the loss adjuster's role is in remedying claims which can take people out of their homes and businesses for months and even years.

When you ask Richard and Julie-anne about their success, they're adamant there's no secret formula.

'We established a strong base before setting up the company,' said Richard. 'I had been living and working in Guernsey for 12 years heading up the regional office of a large, UK-based loss adjuster, so I had 17 years of experience by the time we opened our doors. That grounding in the loss adjusting profession, plus our combined local knowledge, allowed us to take the plunge, even with two small children at home.'

Guernsey born and bred Julie-anne met Richard through work and, together, they established the business as a twosome, with Julie-anne's accountancy qualifications making her an obvious choice as the company's finance director. She soon also began to rack up qualifications in the industry and she and Richard were the first married couple to become chartered loss adjusters in the same year.

In 2014, after 10 years, the company expanded to employ its first full-time members of staff, Tracy Le Page - who is still a key member of the team and the company's now operations manager - and Josh Smith. Within five years, Josh had risen from trainee adjuster to chartered status, and he became an associate



L-R: JULIE-ANNE AND RICHARD HEADINGTON; JOSH SMITH; THE TEAM CELEBRATE THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY; TRACY LE PAGE; ELLIE SMITH.

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director of Channel Islands Adjusters last year. The company’s newest recruit - Ellie Smith - joined the firm in 2022 and is now working towards her chartered status, having helped the team manage what has been the busiest period in their entire history since Storm Ciarán battered the islands in November 2023.

Looking back over the past 20 years, the world and our islands have faced a vast number of challenges and uncertainty, from the financial crisis to Covid. How have Richard and Julie-anne maintained constant growth?

‘Fundamentally, the business opportunity in the Channel Islands hasn’t changed,’ said Julie-anne. ‘When we started, we saw a gap in the market for impeccable client service, backed up with local knowledge and industry expertise. That is still our approach and the ethos we have instilled in the team.’

‘Storm Ciaran was a prime example of what we do best,’ said Richard. ‘In the first three weeks post the storm, we received six months’ worth of cases. It was the depths of winter; the days were at their shortest and the weather at its most challenging. Still, we managed to visit 95% of cases across the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey in the days following the storm and we issued 90% of reports to insurers in the same period. Of course, there are competitors out there doing what we do, but they are either a satellite office of one or two people, or they are representatives visiting the island from the UK. That offering can’t rival ours as a locally owned, locally run and founder-led business.’

**SO, WHAT’S NEXT FOR THE COUPLE?**

‘We have seen slow and steady growth over the past two decades, but in our business, you learn that it’s the things you don’t plan for which can have the biggest effect,’ said Richard. ‘For instance, we couldn’t have predicted Storm Ciarán, but here we are, several months later, still picking up the pieces of a weather event which – in the Channel Islands – eclipsed anything I’d ever seen before, even the hurricane of 1987.’

For a company which deals with disasters on a daily basis, the team certainly knows how to have a good time, as anyone who has attended their legendary parties can attest.

‘Who knows where any of us will be in 20 years’ time?’ said Julie-anne. ‘When you deal with crises on a daily basis, you quickly learn to manage them one at a time and remain optimistic, as well as realistic. We receive lots of feedback which tells us that, when people are going through incredibly difficult experiences, our involvement is invaluable. The only thing we can be certain about the future is that, no matter how hard we work, our team will always pull together and support each other, while having plenty of fun along the way. Whatever the next decade brings, we’ll be there with smiles on our faces.’

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BY ANDY FOTHERGILL, JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR AT PRINTED IN GUERNSEY

What image does the word 'printing' conjure up for you? Probably that of piles of paper or card, inks in various colours, technicians with dirty hands and large noisy machines above which you must shout to be heard!

At one time that picture will have been an accurate depiction of our industry but my, how times have changed. While the volume of printed documents has fallen, printed direct marketing is on the rise. In this era of technological advancement and innovation our business continues to grow despite the popularity of online communication and a desire to steer away from paper for ecological reasons.

That important brand message, logo or identification can now be printed on almost anything and we have invested in the technology and staff training to ensure that we are best placed to service all the needs of businesses, associations and individuals.

You may remember the classic Johnny Cash song 'I've Been Everywhere', well, I've rewritten it to illustrate how versatile our printing capabilities are today. (Sing along everybody!)

*'We print anywhere, man, we can print on there, man...*

*On anything you wear man, we've got the software, man...*

*We take special care, man, we print anywhere*

*'We print on... sportswear, underwear, workwear, anywhere*

*Coasters, place mats, jigsaws and beach hats*

*T shirts, hoodies, merchandising goodies*

*Vinyls, flags and banners, scarfs and bandanas*

*Blankets for horses, out on racecourses*

*We can print on anything, we've got the resources*

*'We print anywhere, man, we can print on there, man...*

*On anything you wear man, we've got the software, man...*

*We take special care, man, we print anywhere*

*'We print on... uniforms and jumpers, stickers for your bumpers*

*Mugs, bags, wine coolers, pencils, pens and rulers*

*Towelling robes and labels, ceramic tiles and tables*

*Bottles, CD covers, and you will soon discover  
We've got the machinery, working in our factory*

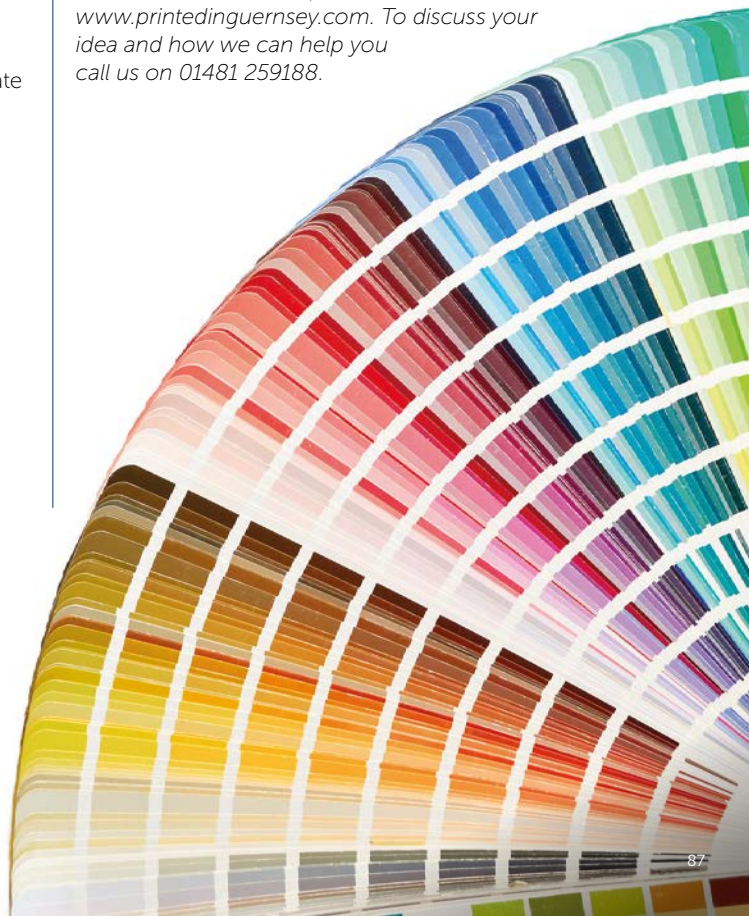
*Just pop in and leave your marque you'll find us  
down in Garenne Park*

*'We print anywhere, man, we can print on there,  
man....' (Breathe...)*

I think you get the gist. We can print on so many items because of our investment in the latest equipment. (There are so many more items but I couldn't get them to rhyme!)

As the rate of technological progress accelerates, we will continue to monitor developments in the print industry and will harness innovation and the most original ideas to give you the best possible service in an ever-changing world.

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# DECISION INTELLIGENCE

CONCISE FOUNDER AND DATA CONSULTANT KATIE INDER LOOKS AT A MODERN APPROACH TO MAKING GOOD CHOICES.



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'I'm not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions.' Stephen Covey

## WHAT IS A DECISION?

A decision is a deliberate choice made between two or more alternatives. We make decisions countless times each day, from small choices like what to have for breakfast to major ones like changing careers or buying a home. However, making decisions isn't always easy. It can be complicated by factors like incomplete information, biases, emotions, and the complexity of weighing multiple variables.

In business, decisions can significantly impact financial outcomes, market position, and long-term viability. Good decision-making should focus on the process and the information available at the time, rather than just the outcome. An effective decision-making process involves gathering relevant information, considering all possible options, evaluating the consequences, and choosing the option that supports long-term objectives.

In complex and high-stakes environments, tools and technologies can enhance our decision-making capabilities. Our memory and cognitive function is limited but huge amounts of data can be collected, stored, and fed into models to aid making informed and effective decisions.

## WHAT IS DECISION INTELLIGENCE?

Decision Intelligence is a modern approach to decision-making that combines data science, artificial intelligence, and managerial insights to improve the quality and efficiency of decisions.

Traditionally, decision-making relied on analysing historical data and intuition to guide choices. With the rise of big data, decision-making has evolved to include more extensive data analysis. The massive amount of data available today requires advanced tools and techniques in order to process and analyse it effectively. This is where machine learning and AI come into play. These technologies offer powerful

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capabilities to identify patterns, predict outcomes, and optimise decisions.

For example, a retail company deciding how much inventory to stock for the upcoming holiday season might traditionally look at last year's sales data. With DI, they can analyse a broader range of data, including current market trends, social media sentiment, and weather forecasts. Machine learning algorithms can process this data to predict which products will be in high demand and suggest optimal stock levels, leading to better inventory management and reducing both stock-outs and excess inventory.

And crucially, the process of making decisions is monitored and understood, outcomes are captured and evaluated so that the process can be continually improved.

## WHY IS DECISION INTELLIGENCE IMPORTANT FOR BUSINESS?

In times of growing complexity and uncertainty, the ability to make effective decisions has become a key competitive differentiator. Companies that can make a greater number of better decisions and faster will dominate the market.

This is where Decision Intelligence comes in, helping companies avoid biases and make better choices. With vast amounts of data available, being able to analyse and interpret this information is crucial. DI provides the tools needed to question analytics critically and avoid biases that can distort outcomes.



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One of the main benefits of DI is its scalability and ability to automate decisions. As businesses grow, the number and complexity of decisions increase. DI systems can handle large datasets and complex calculations, providing insights that go beyond human intuition.

Automating routine decisions through DI frees up human resources for more strategic tasks. This not only boosts efficiency but also ensures that decisions are based on solid data analysis. For example, a marketing team can use DI to regularly analyse customer data and predict which campaigns will be most effective, allowing them to target the right audience with the right message.

### HOW TO IMPLEMENT DECISION INTELLIGENCE

Implementing Decision Intelligence in a business is a strategic process that requires the right infrastructure, tools, and resources. The first step is identifying business use cases that would benefit from decision intelligence. Consider how data-driven decisions can bring value to various aspects of the business.

Once clear use cases are established, the next step is to invest in foundational data capabilities. This includes data management systems that can effectively collect, store, and process data. Ensuring that your data is high-quality and easily accessible is crucial for successful implementation.

With a strong data foundation in place, the focus shifts to building data products that deliver value. Analytics and machine learning technologies can produce repeatable and actionable insights. This could be a model to predict fraudulent claims and identify risk patterns in an insurance company, an automated system to adjust prices based on supply or demand or talent management to better track and understand employee satisfaction and retention to make predictions for future hiring needs.

It's no good having all these ideas but no-one to build or implement them. Businesses need to invest in building data capabilities, and part of that

is developing a data culture. This involves training employees at all levels to understand and interpret data insights, thereby enhancing data literacy across the board. Promoting the possibilities and benefits of a data-driven approach can excite and engage the entire organisation. A data-driven culture fosters transparency, accountability, and better decision-making throughout the business.

Finally, it is essential to implement strong governance policies to ensure the ethical use of data and AI. Establishing clear guidelines on data privacy, security, and ethical decision-making is critical for maintaining trust and compliance with regulations. Implementing decision intelligence is a transformation and effective change management is needed for it to be successful.

### THE POWER OF DECISION INTELLIGENCE

Decisions are important because they shape our lives and, in business, determine direction, growth, and ultimately, success. Becoming 'data-driven' goes beyond adopting the latest tools or creating impressive analytics reports. It involves fundamentally transforming the culture of an organisation to treat data as a vital asset. In this environment, data drives decisions that promote actions leading to tangible value. This is the essence of Decision Intelligence. By making the strategic choice to invest in your data now, you can unlock the potential to drive growth, foster innovation, and achieve long-term success.

**'A RETAIL COMPANY DECIDING HOW MUCH INVENTORY TO STOCK FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON MIGHT TRADITIONALLY LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S SALES DATA. WITH DI, THEY CAN ANALYSE A BROADER RANGE OF DATA, INCLUDING CURRENT MARKET TRENDS, SOCIAL MEDIA SENTIMENT, AND WEATHER FORECASTS'**

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# TAKE ME HOME... OR KNOW WHEN TO RUN

PAUL BEALE, HEAD OF FAMILY OFFICE AT KPMG IN THE CROWN DEPENDENCIES, CONSIDERS SOME OF THE QUESTIONS, CHALLENGES, AND DECISIONS POSED TO GLOBAL FAMILIES BY A CHANGING TAX LANDSCAPE.

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The iconic country singer John Denver wrote of Blue Ridge Mountains, country roads and pining for home in West Virginia. But in my role leading the Family Office and Private Client team across KPMG's Islands Group, I am seeing more people from around the globe question whether the place they call 'home' today is where they see themselves tomorrow.

International movement of people has been growing significantly over recent years. Accelerated by the pandemic, the explosion of remote working is now playing out against a backdrop of political, social, and fiscal uncertainty across so many global powerhouses. Alongside all this, the movement of capital into structures that provide protection, legacy, and long-term succession planning, continues at great pace.

## UK TAX REFORM

Starting at the place I used to call home – the UK – I write this two days after Labour won a landslide victory in the recent General Election. A 2% increase in their vote, but a historic increase in their parliamentary representation.

Sometimes small margins can have significant implications, and one wonders if the ex-Chancellor Jeremy Hunt's reforms, announced in March, may be one such area. Labour have broadly said they will adopt many of the Conservative proposals regarding non-domicile reform. But will those small areas of difference create a new picture over the coming months?

A quick recap – earlier this year Jeremy Hunt announced a fundamental reform of the UK's tax landscape. This largely included a proposed scrapping of the concept of domicile, the remittance

basis, and a wholesale move to a residency-based system of assessment.

A highlight of the proposed new regime includes a four-year period for new arrivals where they would be exempt from UK taxation on foreign income and gains (referred to as the 'FIG regime'), after which they are then taxed on their worldwide income and gains, irrespective of their domicile.

As enticing a measure as this might be, it can be contrasted with fundamental change to the taxation of the offshore structures set-up by non-UK domiciled people. This will narrow the ability to accrue income and gains in an offshore structure without those profits being subject to UK income or capital gains tax.

Alongside this, a reform to the Inheritance Tax (IHT) regime would see an individual's assessment determined more simply by their length of time in the UK. Initial proposals suggest that after 10 years of UK residence an individual would be subject to IHT on their worldwide estate, and they would need to be out of the UK for 10 years to lose that tail.

I caveat that aspects of these provisions are expected to change greatly by the time they are legislated. We now know it will be Sir Keir Starmer and Rachel Reeves crafting the detail. And while current view remains that key characteristics of the FIG regime will be retained, the expected tightening up of relief provisions needs to be considered closely for those impacted.

Pre-election, Labour were clear in their intent to tighten the grip on offshore trusts by removing a critical aspect of Jeremy Hunt's proposal. This was that new excluded property trusts set up before 6 April 2025 would be able to retain IHT protection indefinitely.

But it should also be noted that the new Prime Minister's opening public address on Friday 5 July stated that 'Changing a country is not like flicking a switch...it will take a while'. There is a school of thought that non-dom policy may well be an area where the PM and his team take a moment to assess the detail before 'flicking the switch'.

So what are people thinking of doing, and how are they playing their hand? The answer, so predictably, is that it depends.

Some UK resident non-doms have accepted they have had it good to date, and they plan on utilising the benefits afforded by the proposed 12% Temporary Repatriation Facility. Whether or not this new government will make this facility available in the coming years is unclear at the time of writing.

Others, meanwhile, may wish to explore the use of offshore bonds or simply choose to live in the UK and accept the tax consequences. Some consider this the end of a convenient relationship, and it's time to find a new place to call home, while many are considering re-structuring.

Most whom I have spoken to are simply waiting to see what comes next. But there is no doubt there will be significant numbers of wealthy people on the move – or at the very least looking at their options.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPATS AND THE UK AS A COMPETITOR**

A similar dilemma faces those who don't live in the UK, have never lived there, or have been away for more than 10 years. The FIG regime is potentially opening multiple doors of opportunity for people looking at destinations of choice, which the UK would previously not have featured in.

If you are a British person by origin who has been non-UK tax resident for more than 10 years, you are not currently excluded from benefitting from the FIG regime based on current proposals. The appeal of four years of not counting days and spending unlimited time in the UK with your family – while protecting yourself from any UK tax on your overseas income and gains – is one that calls to many. Whether these provisions remain open to those with a domicile of origin in the UK remains to be seen.

Similarly, prima facie, you are going to be in a position where you can – for arguably the first time – have actual certainty about your IHT exposure. The opportunity this may present for wealth transfer, asset protection structuring, and perhaps most importantly peace of mind, will no doubt be valued by many.

Alternatively, you might not be British or have ever been to the UK, but you are due to receive a substantial sum from a capital event or overseas pension encashment. Where historically the UK may have been low on your list of potential new locations, the FIG regime could now be very appealing – subject to where 'home' is.

The common issue here is that we can't be sure where the rules will ultimately land. We don't yet know how certain aspects may apply to our specific case study, what the new government may keep or change and for how long, whether we will like it in a new home, and whether we should stick or twist.

## **A GLOBAL TREND**

This isn't just a UK phenomenon. We have seen multiple enquiries from South Africans seeking to protect what they have and seek pastures new. Many Canadians are looking at the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands as potential places to put down roots. The evolution of Brazil's tax code is a notable example leading to structuring and relocation enquiries. And of course, the divisive nature of the U.S. political situation with their upcoming election is seeing a lot of enquiries into contingency planning.

In none of these scenarios is it possible to know exactly how things will pan out, or what the right move will be. My advice to private clients is to assess what they value and seek the solution that most appeals to their highest value choices. With our islands being jurisdictions in the market for potential relocators, we need to think about how we appeal to those driving forces and influence what we can influence.

For anyone seeking to leave the UK, you can expect to find an improvement in your tax position with the various regimes on offer – be that within most jurisdictions in the offshore islands or even in Italy, the UAE, Monaco, or Portugal. But how important that factor is to you and your family is for you to decide.

## **CLOSER TO HOME**

For the Channel Islands – cultural fit, safety, political stability, and proximity to the UK, combined with ease of access, appeals to many. Whereas the Bahamian weather, easy access to Miami, marine life and world class golfing may play just as strong a draw to another family with differing priorities.

There isn't a right or wrong answer. While many of our jurisdictions offer certainty from a tax perspective, we cannot guarantee you are going to love it as much we do. There is an element of the unknown in every choice.

So, what should you do now? Plan, discuss, engage with your advisers, seek to evaluate what matters to you and where that fits best, and then decide if and when you want to execute.

A key aspect of our global Family Office and Private Client offering at KPMG is that we can provide you with the information you need to assess your options anywhere in the world, and help you make an informed decision, but we cannot make it for you.

Ultimately, any decision will be down to you, but as put so perfectly by the immortal Kenny Rogers: 'You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, and know when to run'.

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**MOST WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN TO ARE SIMPLY WAITING TO SEE WHAT COMES NEXT. BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF WEALTHY PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – OR AT THE VERY LEAST LOOKING AT THEIR OPTIONS.**



# THE RELOCATE TO GUERNSEY SHOW

GOVERNMENT-FUNDED AGENCY LOCATE GUERNSEY ON ITS FORTHCOMING EVENT FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW RESIDENTS

Guernsey has long been a destination chosen by those wanting a safe, hospitable, and stunningly beautiful environment in which to make a home. As one recent relocater remarked, 'if we'd have known how special it was, we'd have come sooner!'

Guernsey is well known as a global finance centre with an attractive tax regime. Income tax is levied at a flat rate of 20%, and residents are not subject to inheritance tax or capital gains tax. However, while the island might initially be considered by those who are about to sell a business, or make a significant capital gain, the warmer climate, a home by the sea in a British environment along with the superb quality of life that the island offers, is a big draw.

One of Guernsey's selling points is the ease with which it is possible to make a home here. The creation of

the island's Open Market category of housing, in the post-war years, was seen as a means of enabling people who did not have familial connections to make a home here and this system continues to offer opportunities for new residents and businesses today.

Locate Guernsey is a government-funded agency and has the great honour of promoting Guernsey as a destination of choice for both personal and business relocation. The team deals with many enquiries, providing free and impartial guidance to clients throughout the relocation process and as they settle into island life.

To help prospective new residents understand how straightforward it can be to establish themselves in Guernsey, Locate Guernsey will be hosting the Relocate to Guernsey Show in London on **Tuesday 8 October 2024**. This one-day event will bring together experts and

professionals to help attendees discover why they should, and how they can, move to Guernsey. The event is open to those that might be considering making a home in Guernsey, as well as private client advisers that have clients looking to relocate to the island.

During the day attendees will be able to meet with exhibitors, listen to seminar sessions led by subject matter experts, and speak with recent relocators about their personal experiences of relocating to the island.

The seminars will include an introduction to life in Guernsey, provide information about the tax benefits of relocating, an overview of the island's education and medical systems, and also offering some useful information about Guernsey's housing market and what to expect when buying or renting property.



**THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THOSE THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERING MAKING A HOME IN GUERNSEY, AS WELL AS PRIVATE CLIENT ADVISERS THAT HAVE CLIENTS LOOKING TO RELOCATE TO THE ISLAND.**

For those involved in business, there will be a session in the early afternoon about relocating with a business or establishing a new business in Guernsey – with speakers who have undertaken the move themselves.

There will also be a cultural keynote from David Ummels, about his charitable initiative, Arts for Guernsey. David, who relocated to Guernsey in 2015, will explain what led him to establish Arts for Guernsey, as well as talking through some of the inspiring exhibitions and projects the charity has organised since its inception (including curating the only Renoir exhibition in the world in 2023).

The event is designed to be a relaxing and informative occasion for attendees who can drop in at any time throughout the day according to their availability. There will be the opportunity for plenty of

networking, allowing attendees to speak with exhibitors, speakers and meet with other attendees. A light lunch will be served along with refreshments throughout the day. The day will end with a networking drinks reception.

*To find out more about the Relocate to Guernsey Show, and register for tickets, please visit the dedicated website. Tickets are free for attendees from outside of Guernsey.*

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An aerial photograph of a coastal town in Guernsey. The town is built on a hillside overlooking a bay. A prominent feature is a curved road that follows the coastline. In the distance, a small rocky island with a white lighthouse is visible in the water. The houses are mostly white with red or grey roofs. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is clear.

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# THE ISLAND THAT CAPTURES YOUR HEART

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Guernsey is one of those places that's very easy to get to, but almost impossible to leave. As anyone who has moved here from elsewhere will tell you, the island has a magnetic charm that is impossible to ignore.

Antonia Thomas, Local Market negotiator at Swoffers, came to Guernsey for a couple of months, a decade ago. The rest, as they say, is history.

'It was only meant to be for three months...'

As the saying goes, if I had a pound...

Day-to-day, I so often hear this explanation as to why someone is living in Guernsey, and it always makes me smile knowingly. Just over 10 years ago, I left London for 'the rock', trundling down Brixton Hill with my huge, borrowed suitcase, having just told my flatmate that I would see her in a couple of months. However, the months flew by and before I knew it, I had permanently swapped SW2 for GY1.

I now proudly possess a Guernsey passport, but more importantly, an undoubtedly better quality of life. In 2020, the States of Guernsey produced a 'Better Life Indicators' report which gave an overall impression of quality of life in Guernsey compared to other jurisdictions, via a set of internationally comparable indicators. The island did incredibly well across the board, but frankly, nothing beats the feeling of successfully escaping the office at 4pm to make it to the beach 15 minutes later. How's that for a stat.

Let's start with safety. Guernsey and its Bailiwick neighbours have some of the darkest night skies in the world – Sark was designated an International Dark Sky Community – but no need to be afraid of the dark, as our island is incredibly safe with one of the lowest levels of burglary, and other crimes in general. Amateur astrologists can venture out exploring without the need to lock, well, anything.

From bumps in the night to bumps requiring medical attention, our healthcare is quick to access. You can

very often secure a primary care appointment within 24 hours. Our hospital, colloquially known as the PEH, is clean and safe, and while often at capacity, never 'full'. No corridor wards, free parking, and an enviably available A&E.

Much like our famous Guernsey milk, our island politics has its own distinctive flavour, quite different to what is currently being consumed in the UK. Writing this on UK election day, whatever colour milk top the UK decides (did you know that whole milk here is red versus the mainland blue), change – and potential instability – is certainly on the menu. Guernsey is globally renowned for being politically stable; a favourable business environment that operates under its own, well-established jurisdiction.

I'm penning this while flying home. We're coming into land, and I'm struck by the island's beautiful coastline, the numerous bays and beaches. The distinctive shapes of the Bailiwick islands evoke such a sense of pride, each with their own traits and communities. There is a palpable sense of community serviced by numerous charities and organisations coordinating the efforts of an army of volunteers. The sporting opportunities here are endless; sea-swimming, cycling, running, football, boules and pétanque – sports clubs at all levels. Last year's highly successful NatWest International Island Games were a showcase for local sporting achievement, exceptional considering the relatively small size of the island's population.

I feel incredibly proud, and lucky, to call Guernsey my home. It's not inconceivable that you could too. Place your trust in Swoffers to find your perfect home. See you on the beach!

**FRANKLY, NOTHING BEATS THE FEELING OF SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPING THE OFFICE AT 4PM TO MAKE IT TO THE BEACH 15 MINUTES LATER.**

ANTONIA THOMAS, LOCAL MARKET NEGOTIATOR AT SWOFFERS

## CHAIRMAN APPOINTED AT POLO INSURANCE MANAGERS



Mel Carvill, who has extensive international experience in the financial services industry, has been appointed chairman of Polo Insurance Managers.

He held numerous senior positions in Generali Group over more than 20 years including head of risk management, head of corporate finance and M&A, head of strategic planning, and head of Western Europe, Americas and the Middle East.

Mr Carvill currently serves as vice chairman of Aviva-Cofco Life Insurance, China; non-executive chairman of Financial Services Opportunities Investment Fund Ltd; non-executive chairman of Bank of Georgia Group plc; and non-executive director of Clearbank Group Holdings Ltd. He also serves on the boards of Guernsey Investment Fund Limited and Home Credit N.V.

Previously he was the independent non-executive chairman of Aviva Life Holdings UK Limited and Aviva Life & Pensions UK Limited; senior independent director of Sanne Group Plc and chairman of Friends Life Limited.

## NEW MD AT GUERNSEY ENERGY



Darryl Goddard has been appointed managing director at Guernsey Energy. In his new role he will lead the business' day-to-day operations and its approach to Guernsey's energy transition.

He has a proven track record as a senior leader, having worked across strategic project engineering, operations management and business transformation for more than 34 years. He has company experience at multiple blue-chip businesses such as British Gas, National Grid (Transco) and Wales and West Utilities. He is extremely focused on innovation, employee development and customer satisfaction, all of which are operational imperatives for Guernsey Energy.

'Darryl's appointment brings immense project engineering know-how to our leadership team,' said Jo Cox, CEO at Islands Energy Group. 'Guernsey, like all our islands, is on an energy journey and we want to play an active part in that and build a future that is more sustainable and secure. Darryl's appointment is pivotal to that ambition, and his expertise will be of great value to IEG and Guernsey at this exciting juncture for energy provision.'

## MANAGING PARTNER APPOINTED AT BWCI



BWCI Group has appointed Michael McKay as managing partner.

He takes over from Diana Simon who has recently retired.

Mr McKay joined the BWCI group in 2016 and was appointed a partner in 2017.

He will continue in his role as CEO of the BWCI Group fiduciary business which focuses on the administration and trusteeship of domestic and international pension plans and will now take on a wider role with responsibility for the management of the whole of the BWCI Group.

## NEW GROUP COO AT OAK GROUP



Oak Group has appointed David Ainger as group chief operating officer. He will work closely with Oak's CEO, Kim Sgarlata, the executive committee and management team to support the group's strategic vision and growth plans.

With a career spanning more than 20 years, he brings extensive experience in managing and transforming business operations across multiple jurisdictions and service lines.

Oak Group has also promoted a number of staff in the Channel Islands as part of its recent group-wide promotions.

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## RELOCATION TO JERSEY AT RAVENSCROFT

Ravenscroft's chief investment officer, Kevin Boscher, has relocated to Jersey as part of the investment firm's commitment to growing its presence in the island.

Mr Boscher will remain as group CIO but will also take up the role of managing director, Jersey, with Haydn Taylor moving to the newly created role of chairman while remaining as group head of advisory.

'The Ravenscroft board is committed to exciting plans for expansion in Jersey and I am looking forward to building on the presence and reputation we have built over the years,' said Mr Boscher.

'Ravenscroft has something unique to offer to investors due to the wide range of services it offers clients backed up by a focus on building strong relationships and delivering high levels



of personalised service. We are all excited about what the future holds and looking forward to working with our clients and other stakeholders to continue to grow our business.'

Ravenscroft employs more than 100 people across its offices in Guernsey and Jersey and has £7.9bn of assets under administration.

## FORT APPOINTS BUSINESS GROWTH CONSULTANT



Iain Beresford, who has a background in business advisory and client services, has been appointed business growth consultant at Fort.

In his new role, Mr Beresford will focus on growth strategies and transforming client experience across the business, as well as work internally with the senior

leadership team to develop key strategies to bolster growth across the UK and further afield. He will also focus on client development and customer experience.

Mr Beresford is currently vice-chair of the IoD, a chartered governance professional and a non-executive director of a number of well-known Guernsey businesses.

## PRAXIS APPOINTS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR



Praxis has appointed James Wiseman as the new managing director of its Guernsey private wealth and corporate services division.

Mr Wiseman will be responsible for developing the existing private wealth and corporate services business on the island, collaborating closely with colleagues across major international finance centres and strengthening connections with the firm's network of professional advisers on and off-island, as well as leading a team of 80.

'It's great to welcome James to the team. His extensive experience and leadership will be instrumental as we continue to enhance our services and expand our global footprint,' said Praxis Group CEO Rob Fearis.

## CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM AT CAREY OLSEN



Carey Olsen has made changes to its executive leadership team, with two new group managing partners based in Bermuda and Jersey.

Long-serving managing partner Alex Ohlsson,

who has led the firm's international expansion and held a pivotal role in establishing Carey Olsen as one of the world's leading offshore law firms, is to become group chairman.

There he succeeds John Kelleher, who has served more than 12 years in the role. He will remain at Carey Olsen as a partner in the Jersey litigation team.

The new group managing partners will be Bermuda-based Michael Hanson and Jersey-based Simon Marks.



# DISCOVER HOOK: A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL FLAVOURS

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Indulge in a new, fresh, immersive dining experience at Hook where the best of Guernsey's nearby land and seas take centre stage. Local restaurateur Sam Jarrold has gone into partnership with the restaurant's head chef Josh Brook, and together they have reinvented the popular dining spot.

At Hook, our philosophy is to celebrate local produce alongside quality seasonal ingredients from the British Isles. We create memorable dishes that highlight the natural flavours of every element.

Local seafood currently featured on our menu includes Herm oysters, octopus, day-boat mackerel, pollock, sea bass, lobster, and hand-dived scallops. From the land, Guernsey beef, pork, Rocquettes Cider, mushrooms, tomatoes, peppers, herbs and our internationally renowned dairy.

The seasonality of our produce means that no two visits to Hook are the same. It's not just a meal at Hook; it's an experience that brings something new to the table each time.

Our approach to food is complemented by an equally creative cocktail list that focuses on classics, aperitivo, and amaro-style drinks.

Another highlight is our wine list, featuring over 300 wines. We have worked closely with local and specialist UK merchants, to curate a selection that offers fantastic pairings for our cuisine as well as an exceptional fine wines, offering true value for the connoisseur.

Join us at Hook to indulge in the best that Guernsey has to offer. Share a variety of plates, savour refreshing cocktails, and explore the fine wine list. With every visit, you'll discover new flavours and enjoy the freshest ingredients from the island's rich culinary heritage.

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# STRONG IMPACT: JULIUS BAER'S CULTURAL INITIATIVE

EARLIER THIS YEAR, JULIUS BAER GUERNSEY AND ART FOR GUERNSEY FORMALLY OPENED THE JULIUS BAER STRONG ROOM, A SECURE SPACE DESIGNED TO HOUSE WORLD-CLASS WORKS OF ART IN OPTIMUM CONDITIONS.

The unveiling of an original Renoir painting, unseen by the public for 20 years, marked the occasion.

The painting was on display for two days, allowing visitors to view it free of charge. **Alexandra McInnes, Head of Julius Baer Guernsey**, paints the picture of the company's support of the Strong Room.

Our partnership with Art for Guernsey is really meaningful for Julius Baer, as we have a long tradition of supporting the visual arts. This commitment can be traced back to the 1930s, when the Baer family launched its private art collection.

Extending the bank's passion for art to Guernsey by supporting the Strong Room demonstrates our dedication to the local community and cultural initiatives. It's an honour to be associated with a project that not only celebrates Guernsey's artistic heritage but also creates inclusive opportunities for islanders. It's a rare privilege to see such incredible pieces of art up close; you can see the texture of every brushstroke, an experience that cannot be replicated through photographs.

The unveiling of the Renoir piece was a particularly exciting moment, one that we were thrilled to share with our invited guests. The willingness of local collectors and other supporters of Art for Guernsey to loan artworks for display in the Strong Room underscores their generosity and commitment to cultural engagement. It is especially wonderful that students and young people now have the chance to view famous artworks that they might not have been able to otherwise.

The work that Art for Guernsey has undertaken has been amazing in terms of enriching the cultural vibrancy of Guernsey: from how they brought Renoir to Guernsey, and now the new Turner Trail, as well as

championing local artists. The gallery is a very relaxed, open space, and people can spend as much time as they like there. This inclusivity was really important to us when we agreed to support the organisation.

Through the Julius Baer Strong Room, we aim to facilitate educational experiences that inspire creativity and cultural appreciation among Guernsey's young people. Removing logistical barriers between students and world-class art is a crucial step in fostering the next generation of artists and art enthusiasts.

Art for Guernsey Founder David Ummels affirmed this, saying: 'The Julius Baer Strong Room epitomises, in a very innovative way, the strong desire of Art for Guernsey to create inclusive opportunities across the board, for the wider good of the island.'

We feel honoured to have been able to support Art for Guernsey, to enhance the gallery experience, and to continue opening up new ways for people to appreciate and engage with art. Do visit Art for Guernsey in Mill Street to see the latest exhibition for yourself.

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# GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION

## EN VOYAGE TAKES A LOOK AT THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

Short poem *Conch* was chosen by award-winning poet and teacher judge Paul Muldoon to take top place in this year's Guernsey International Poetry Festival, open category.



British artist and poet, Iona Roisin, who is based in Finland scooped £1,000 as the competition winner.

'I'd never entered this competition before and have never won a prize for my poetry, so I was very surprised and excited – it felt so good to get a 'yes'! *Conch* is a poem that came

out almost as-is, which is not very common for me. It was drafted during a period of change in my life and then returned to in a later period of change in which I'd been thinking a lot about ageing, gender, love, queerness, home etc,' said Iona.

Second place went to writer and poet Nicholas Hogg, who said he had a 'real buzz' when he heard that Paul Muldoon had chosen his poem *Swimming with Horses* to be open runner-up.

Third place went to West Yorkshire's Jo Haslam for her poem *Bewick*, while both top places in the Channel Islands section went to Guernsey this year.

## Conch

After I cut all my hair, the air  
started whistling

as I walked

as if my skull  
were a shell

that I could put my ear to

and hear the tides

inside myself

changing

Iona Roisin

First prize was awarded to Theodore Cross for his poem *After Guernesiais*. Second place went to local poet, musician and Guernsey Press features writer Shaun Shackleton for his poem *Goit*.

14-year-old Tomis Wynne from Denbighshire took first prize in the Young People's section with his poem *Remember*. Runner-up in the class was Beth Parker from York with *A Love Letter*.

The annual competition is organised in conjunction with the Guernsey Literary Festival, sponsored by Specsavers and supported by Guernsey Arts.



## WRITESTUFF 'PARTY'

Entries for this year's WriteStuff writing competition topped more than 1,000 for the first time.

The popular competition, organised by the Guernsey Literary

Festival, celebrates its 10th birthday this year, providing inspiration for the subject of this year's 300-word story challenge: *The Party*.

'It's always fantastic to be involved

in the WriteStuff competition, and bear witness to such a display of creativity from the island's younger generation,' said Alexandra McInnes, Head of Julius Baer Guernsey, sponsor of the WriteStuff competition for multiple years. 'The winning entries are full of imagination, and are thought-provoking and fun to read.'

Aurigny generously provided two return flights from Guernsey to London Gatwick for the first prize winner in each of the five categories.

All first, second and third place winners also received a signed book and an original illustration by local illustrator Sheena Le Messurier, who was commissioned to produce bespoke illustrations of the winning stories.



# BRIGHTON: PAST AND PRESENT

EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY RAIL OR ROAD FROM GATWICK AIRPORT, BRIGHTON HAS LONG BEEN A FAVOURITE SEASIDE TOWN. AUTHOR JACQUIE BLOESE, WHO HAS SET HER LATEST NOVEL THE GOLDEN HOUR THERE, PICKS FIVE OF THE TOP SPOTS TO VISIT

Drag queens on micro-scooters, hen parties downing tequila shots and playing crazy golf, caricaturists, musicians, seafront poets – no one could ever accuse the seaside town of Brighton of being boring!

It was made fashionable in the Georgian era by committed party animal the Prince Regent George IV, who loved Brighton so much he built the extraordinary Royal Pavilion, now one of the town's most famous landmarks. And with the advent of the railway came the Victorian daytrippers, eager to take the sea air, visit the piers and have their picture taken by one of the numerous beach photographers.

I moved to Brighton during the pandemic and as a writer of historical fiction, I was immediately inspired by its vibrant history, and in particular the dark underworld of the late Victorian era. I began to immerse myself in the landscape of 1890s Brighton, imagining back

street photographers, and small time gangsters, fashionable ladies from dazzling white crescents, and laundry girls with secrets to hide. Before long my second novel *The Golden Hour*, a story about three women who become drawn into the illicit world of erotic photography, began to take shape.

As I walked around Brighton, trying to see the town as my characters would have done, I discovered how closely the past co-exists with the present, in the piers and the theatres, the terraces and leafy squares. It takes imagination to write a book, but it takes an atmospheric setting to ignite the first spark – and I owe a debt to my adopted home town for inspiring me in so many ways.

So, here are my five favourite spots:

## SUSSEX SQUARE AND LEWES CRESCENT

*'In the sunshine the houses were so bright and sparkling, Lily was sure that if she licked one of the*

*stately columns that flanked the entrances, she would come away with a mouth full of sugar.'* – *The Golden Hour*

Located on the fringes of Kemptown, this sweeping Regency terrace is one of the largest in Britain and was constructed by property developer Thomas Kemp in 1827. It has been home to many famous residents, past and present, including Lewis Carroll, Prime Minister Lord John Russell and more recently musician Nick Cave and actor Cate Blanchett. Even Queen Victoria, who much preferred the Isle of Wight to Brighton, took pleasure in walking in the private enclosed gardens.

## THE ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The Victorian era was the golden age of popular entertainment and Brighton was bursting with theatres and music halls, where male impersonators such as Vesta Tilley belted out Burlington Bertie and other singalong classics. One



L-R: VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY; PALACE PIER AND BRIGHTON BEACH ©ISTOCKPHOTO. ABOVE: JACQUIE BLOESE ©EMMA CROMAN.

such theatre was The Alhambra on the King's Road, now the site of the Brighton Centre, but with a legacy that lives on. Just a stone's throw away on the beach are the Brighton Music Halls, where local musicians perform to appreciative audiences on the outdoor terrace.

See [brightonmusichall.co.uk](http://brightonmusichall.co.uk) for more information.

### THE PIERS

Brighton wouldn't be Brighton without its piers – and they were just as popular in Victorian times. Visitor flocked to the Chain and West Piers to promenade, listen to brass bands, eat ices under the shelters and watch diving and swimming competitions – all for tuppence entry!

Beset with financial difficulties, the West Pier eventually closed to the public in 1975 and quickly fell into disrepair, with a catastrophic arson attack in 2003 sealing its fate. Since then the atmospheric ruins have become one of the most photographed sights on the Sussex coast, and it has now been awarded Grade 1 listed status.

### VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Volk's Electric Railway that runs partway along Brighton seafront is the world's longest operating

electric railway. The brainchild of electrical engineer and inventor Magnus Volk, it opened in 1883 and was the first electric railway in Britain, quickly becoming a popular attraction. But Volk had bigger plans still. In 1896, the 'Daddy Long Legs' was born – a 'seashore electrical railway' – which ran on casters over the sea from Kemptown to Rottingdean, an innovation that was sadly shortlived, closing in 1901.

Visit [volkselectricrailway.co.uk](http://volkselectricrailway.co.uk)

### BRIGHTON BEACH

On a warm weekend, Brighton beach may seem crowded but it was even busier in Victorian times! Concertina players, conjurers, and travelling chiropodists jostled for position with penny ice-cream sellers, children on donkey rides, beach photographers and the ubiquitous bathing machines.

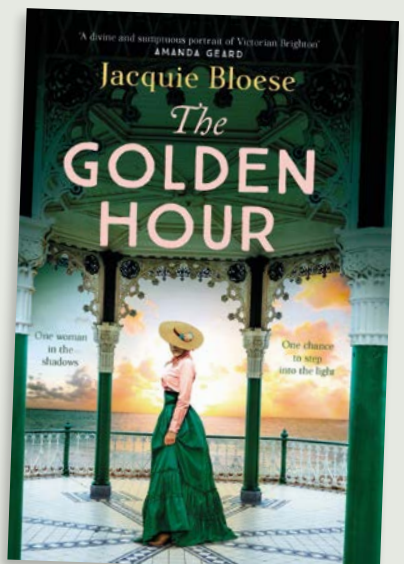
The Victorians understood the benefits of seawater swimming just as we do today. Brighton beach had rows of bathing machines, which were little more than wooden huts on wheels, where swimmers changed into their costumes. Horses pulled the machines into deep water and bathers were assisted by a 'dipper' who helped them into the sea.

### JACQUIE BLOESE

Jacque Bloese is the author of *The French House*, a Richard and Judy bookclub pick, set on Occupied Guernsey during WW2.

*The Golden Hour*, also published as *The Secret Photographs*, is out in hardback, ebook, and audio book now (Hodder and Stoughton). Signed copies available from The Lexicon and Writer's Block, Guernsey. *The Secret Photographs* (paperback) is available in October 2024.

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# SANDRA ROBINSON AT HOME

More than just kitchens and bedrooms, the business has taken on an additional showroom where a range of exciting homewares can be found.

Just a few doors away from Sandra Robinson's showroom on South Esplanade, where she and her team design bespoke kitchens and beautiful bedrooms, is the new Sandra Robinson At Home shop.

The inspiration for opening the new premises was simple: people were popping into the kitchen and bedroom showroom asking if they could purchase the crockery and other homeware items that were on display. So Sandra thought, why not? She looked into becoming an agent for Amsterdam home décor company Pip Studios, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The result is a stunning showroom where European flair combined with Sandra's eye for detail come together. Pip Studios' products are created with respect for tradition, a love for new techniques and great attention to detail. The products are true eye-catchers: classic with a playful twist, and the collections always form part of a greater whole, so you can mix and match pieces as you see fit. With everything from phone bags through to bedding sets, nightwear and kimonos through to yoga leggings and tops, towels and the original china and glassware that people had enquired about, there is no end to the possibilities to put your unique stamp on your home.

The new showroom also displays some of the range of bedroom furniture from Halsted & Ward, with its high-end premium quality painted door and panels, plus bespoke English hardwood kitchens. They are the perfect backdrop for the Pip Studios' products.

Also on display is a range of locally-produced candles and hand creams and body butters made from bees' wax. The Sarafumi products by Sarah Kelly are handmade in small batches, and made with conscious ingredients and essential oils.

It's the small details that count, and the new premises with its hoard of collectible treasures complements the original showroom perfectly. Sandra and her team take great pride in looking after their clients all the way through the project, from design to completion. Now there is even more reason to pop into both showrooms, whether

you are looking for a completely new kitchen or bedroom, or simply looking to add some stylish new products that are exclusive to Sandra in Guernsey to your home.

## THE NEFF COLLECTION

Sandra Robinson is a stockist and agent for Neff. No two cooks are the same, and neither are their kitchens, so whether you're a keen cook or an experimental gourmet, there's a Neff Collection to suit you.

On display in the showroom is the unique Slide&Hide® oven door, which completely disappears when you open it, offering easy and complete access to the oven whenever you need.

*Pop into the showroom for a demonstration and find out how the Neff Collection could enhance your kitchen.*





# GUERNSEY'S NEW HOME OF FOOTBALL

VICTORIA PARK IS THE RESULT OF AN AMBITIOUS 10-YEAR PROJECT. WE FIND OUT HOW IT'S PROGRESSING.

The new home of Guernsey football has been named Victoria Park.

The name has been chosen to reflect the stadium's location on Victoria Avenue and the ground's recreational and unifying identity.

'After much speculation, we're thrilled to finally share the new name and branding for the stadium with the local community,' said Rob Jones, director of Victoria Park.

'We're looking forward to welcoming football players and fans of all ages through Victoria Park's gates next spring and realising this exciting new era for Guernsey football.'

The announcement comes as the project enters a new development phase.

Building contractors Rihoy & Son commenced work at the site in July 2023 and, a year later, the buildings are now wind and watertight, while the pitch's final playing surface is due to be laid in early autumn.

The ambitious 10-year project has been realised thanks to substantial private investment, including funding from the Football Association, the Football Foundation and local benefactors.

When it opens its doors next year – with the first spectators due to be welcomed in March – Victoria Park will be the first ever permanent home for the Guernsey FA and the new home ground of Guernsey FC.

Designed by architects Lovell Ozanne, and project-managed by Jason Powers Consultants, the stadium comprises substantial seated and standing spectator capacity, a world-class 3G pitch and training area, and a contemporary clubhouse.

Victoria Park's development marks another key milestone in the Guernsey FA's long-term aim to provide Guernsey with a community hub that drives

positive engagement and participation in football at all levels.

'This marks such an exciting new chapter for the GFA and for local football,' said Gary Roberts, the CEO of the GFA.

'Victoria Park's facilities are second-to-none, and it's great to be able to offer players of all ages and abilities such a fantastic venue to encourage and support their love of the sport.'

In addition to the new name, a contemporary green logo has been unveiled.

Comprising three Vs that combine to form a circular shape, the logo is an abstract reflection of both blades of grass and a football.

Developed by local agency Stratagem, the branding is designed to support the inclusivity of the community venue, with football firmly at its heart.

A new Victoria Park website and social media platforms have also been launched, which will keep islanders updated as the project nears completion.

*For more information visit [victoriapark.gg](http://victoriapark.gg)*







**'IT'S FUN, I JUST REALLY ENJOY IT AND I JUST WANT TO KEEP GETTING BETTER.'**

# A FUTURE OLYMPIAN?

ISLAND FENCER OAKLEY FRANCCART IS DREAMING OF JUST THAT...

With the 2024 Olympic Games taking place practically on our doorstep, this year is set to be another bumper summer of sport.

For most of us, the closest we can get is watching the action from the comfort of our armchairs' others may be making the short hop across to Paris to see the action live and some may even be inspired to take up a new sport having watched the incredible media coverage.

But for one or two, Olympic dreams may actually have the chance of becoming reality.

Sixth Form Centre student Oakley has quietly been making waves on the national fencing circuit this year and is part of British Fencing's Athlete Development Programme which aims to identify potential and provide development opportunities to accelerate young fencers to Olympic success.

Sixteen-year-old Oakley moved up from cadet to junior competitions this year and is now competing against fencers at least two years older. He finished seventh in the British Youth Championships earlier this year and has a busy schedule of competitions and training camps for the rest of the year.

Oakley showed promise at an early age, quickly gaining a national ranking at under 11 and then continuing to progress through the age groups. Covid had a big impact when he didn't fence for 18 months, and it's been a challenge since then for him to get the coaching and competition he needs on-island.

'I have no real competition over here; at my age doing sabre there's only really one other guy. I just have to do my own stuff in the gym and watch videos of other fencers and practice when I can,' said Oakley.

This means that Oakley does a fair amount of travelling to the UK and further afield to attend competitions and training camps to keep his development on track.

'The training camps are good for the more physical side of it and then obviously I get lessons as well,' said Oakley. 'It's good to be learning new things

and different ways of doing things; watching videos of different styles.'

The camps also cover other elements such as nutrition, mindset and preparing for competition. Visiting coaches from the top fencing nations of Hungary and Italy also provide sessions at the training camps which attract young fencers from all over the world.

Former Guernsey Fencing Development Officer, Chris Buxton, is one of Oakley's UK-based coaches and he's currently receiving support from the Guernsey Sports Commission and Dan Guillemette from the Guernsey Institute of Sport. Access Scaffolding also provides some much-needed funding to help with Oakley's travel costs as despite being on the Athlete Development Programme, there is no funding from British Fencing.

Robbie Francart, Oakley's Dad, has been with him every step of the way.

'I thought when he was young that he was going to be really good, but you just never know,' he said.

'He's progressed but it is difficult because you have so many good athletes but it's the funding that stops them from getting to where they need to be.

'I'm really proud of him. Our target was to get into GB, and we've done that so the next thing will be getting into the European circuit and then if he does well there to get into the European championships. I think the Worlds are probably a bit far off this year, but that's for the future.'

For now though, Oakley is just enjoying his fencing.

'I like how it's just you and you're facing your opponent going forwards and backwards. It's not just the physical, it's the mental and technique as well. It's a lot to do with your legs but it works your whole body too which I like.

'It's fun, I just really enjoy it and I just want to keep getting better.'

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## GUERNSEY TO HOST FIRST BDSA INTERNATIONAL DANCESPORT EVENT SINCE 2009

The British DanceSport Association (BDSA) Guernsey International DanceSport Championships will be held at Beau Sejour Leisure Centre from 6 until 8 December.

Thanks to funding from the Guernsey Tourism Management Board, the sparkle, glamour and excitement of international ballroom and Latin dance competition is making a welcome return to the island.

'There is a long tradition of ballroom dancing here so it's exciting for the BDSA to continue this tradition for all levels of international competitors to be part of the island's rich dance history,' said Peter Nash, Director of Sport & Development, BDSA.

The competition promises to be a truly international event with an anticipated 700 competitors taking part across the three days, with dancers from as far afield as New Zealand and Mexico expected.

There will be more than 280 competition categories, including competitions for pro-am and wheelchair competitors, solo dancers and same sex couples across all age groups.



'I'm over the moon to be working with the BDSA to bring this international championship competition to Guernsey,' said Jamie Le Tissier, chair, Guernsey All DanceSport Association. 'The island will be packed with

visitors from all over the world in what promises to be a spectacular three days of dancing. What better way for competitors and their supporters to spend a pre-Christmas break, dancing on the Beau Sejour's wonderful dance floor and enjoying all the amazing things Guernsey has to offer? We can't wait to welcome everyone in December.'

*Entries are now open and need to be in by 30 September. The schedule and entry form can be found on the BDSA website [bdsassociation.com/guernsey-championship](https://bdsassociation.com/guernsey-championship).*

## NEW FOOTBALL COACHING SET UP BY FORMER GUERNSEY FC PLAYER



Ryan-Zico Black has set up Zico Football Coaching, offering professional football coaching to all age groups.

It was something he'd wanted to do for many years, having

been involved in football from childhood. An off-island trip is planned for next year for players to compete in a tournament.

'I'm aiming to provide a platform for young footballers to have opportunities to play off island and then into professional football,' he said. 'Likewise, I am also aiming for more players to stay involved in the local game and have the confidence to get into local football.'

Ryan-Zico is the author of 'Zico: A non-league footballer'. The autobiography covers his football career, including his trials at Southampton aged 11, and being signed by his hero, Paul 'Gazza' Gascoigne. The book shows the many ifs and buts and the different turns of events that he has experienced in his career.

## BOOST FOR THE ROYAL GUERNSEY GOLF CLUB JUNIOR SECTION

Having supported RGGC juniors for more than two years, Rihoy & Son has renewed and increased it for a further three years. The sponsorship covers all competitions this summer.

The 2024 team captain, Jayden Tucknott said: 'The sponsorship is extremely important to the club as it enables juniors to travel off island as a team to play events against the Jersey and UK clubs. It also allows the club to produce prizes for the junior competitions. This increases the number of players in competitions,



RGGC 2024 JUNIOR CAPTAIN JAYDEN TUCKNOTT (LEFT) AND RIHOY & SON DIRECTOR JEREMY RIHOY (RIGHT)

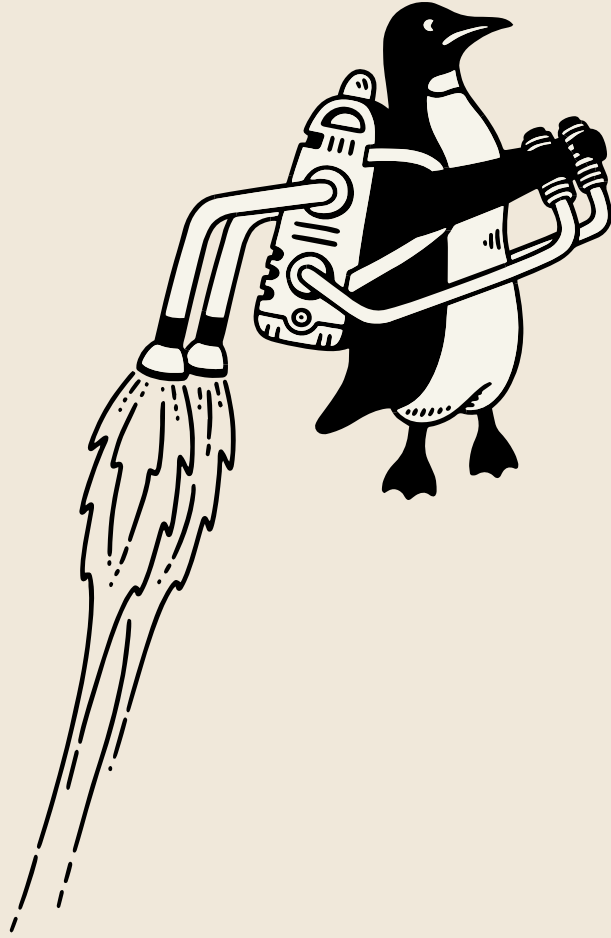
who are key to Guernsey achieving success at junior level and important in producing the next generation of the island's talent.'

Keen golfer and director of Rihoy & son, Jeremy Rihoy, said: 'We are proud to have been

supporting golf at the Royal Guernsey for many years. Junior golf is in a great place now and has an exciting future ahead which we are excited to be part of. We were very keen to provide the platform for juniors to enjoy even greater success.'

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# A ROYAL VISIT

Islanders turned out in their thousands to see King Charles and Queen Camilla. The Guernsey Press photographers captured the iconic moments of their visit.

The church bells rang out for the visit of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on 16 July.

It was the monarch's first visit to the island since ascending the throne.

Their majesties enjoyed a day of local culture and heritage, plus met with local environment and biodiversity groups.

The King also presided over a special States meeting before unveiling a plaque on the Crown Pier.

In the afternoon they went to Les Cotils where they met with delegates from Sark and Alderney, as well as granted a royal title to the Golden Guernsey Goat, now known as the Royal Golden Guernsey Goat.



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Rocq Capital is a locally-owned and independent asset management boutique formed in 2016 following a management buyout from the Edmond de Rothschild Group. Our team and clients moved across and the business has been expanding ever since. A growing collection of private clients, trusts, pensions, captive insurers and government entities benefit from our expertise in managing investment portfolios. Our personal service, transparency and consistent returns have brought regular referrals from existing clients to their friends, family and colleagues.

Our experienced team is deeply committed to the island. Many were born here or are locally qualified, and we support community-focused events and initiatives throughout the year. Open to everyone, these events bring smiles and raise funds for worthy causes.

As the main sponsor of the L'Eree Liberation Day Party, we celebrate with the Western parishes (from where our name originates), providing the bands and music that entertain the crowd well into the night. Plans are already in place for the 80th Anniversary, so mark your calendar for Friday 9 May 2025.

In contrast, the Hidden Gardens of St Pierre du Bois offers a more serene experience for those who appreciate beautiful houses, flowers, plants, and lawns tucked away in this tranquil parish. Tea and cakes on the church green provide a quintessentially charming experience.

Rocq has been the principal supporter of 30 Bays in 30 Days, raising funds for Les Bourgs Hospice throughout July each year since 2017. The 12 Bays of Christmas is a cooler edition held in December. Since our involvement began, more than £250,000 has been raised.

In collaboration with the Guernsey Sports Commission, we recently provided a swim platform anchored in Pembroke Bay. The surge in sea swimming has been notable and the facility serves many functions. The GSC

teaches children about water safety and it is now part of the curriculum. The positive feedback has encouraged us to plan more platforms in other bays in the coming years.

On dry land, we promote healthy living through sport. The first weekend in August marks the fifth edition of the Rocq Capital Island Padel Championships. Like the sport itself, this event is growing exponentially, as is the quality of play.

At Christmas, friendly rivalries are rekindled between the Guernsey Hockey Club and returning university students with highly competitive men's and ladies' matches attracting a sizeable crowd. Acquaintances are renewed over a post-match beer, food and banter in the clubhouse.

Cyclists are not forgotten. Every October, 'The Only Way is Up' sees participants tackle all the island's hills for the Only Fools and Donkeys charity.

We also provide that most valuable asset, time, to Grow and Guernsey Trees for Life. Two of our directors are Board Members of these charities, helping to shape their futures.

Since our inception in 2016, the world has faced numerous challenges, underscoring the importance of sound investment management for individuals, corporations, and institutions. Throughout these times, Rocq Capital has remained firm and resilient. We anticipate many more changes locally and globally that will present risks and opportunities for investors. Having an experienced independent, locally owned provider capable of navigating this environment is crucial. Combined with a high level of personal service, access to decision makers and deep involvement with the community we serve, clients can be assured that Rocq Capital will flourish alongside the island we call home.

**OUR EXPERIENCED TEAM IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE ISLAND... AND WE SUPPORT COMMUNITY-FOCUSED EVENTS AND INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

# CHANGES AT CARERS GUERNSEY



Independent charity Carers Guernsey – dedicated to supporting those in the Bailiwick who care for a friend or family member who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental ill health – has appointed Ellie Lawrence as its chair. She succeeds Peter Harwood, who remains the committee's political lead.

Earlier this year, Tanya Dorrity joined as service manager.

The charity has also established its new base at Grow's Community Hub. This move allows it to work alongside other charities and form alliances that benefit the third sector as a whole.

In the Bailiwick, Carers Guernsey estimates that there are as many as 8,000 informal and unpaid carers. Despite their significant contributions, fewer than 700 receive direct financial support through the carer's allowance. Carers Guernsey provides tailored outreach support, including emotional, practical, and financial advice, to ensure carers receive the information and support they need.

The charity hosts a weekly peer support group, which provides a relaxed and social atmosphere for carers to connect with others in similar situations and where it can actively encourage and facilitate peer support. Their programme also includes a weekly drop-in session at the office at Grow, offering information and guidance to carers.

In addition to this, Carers Guernsey has collaborated with Guernsey Mind, to establish a joint programme to specifically support carers of individuals with mental health challenges. Additionally, the charity advocates for carers, giving them a voice in matters that affect them and raising awareness about their needs and rights.

*For more information, see [carers.gg](http://carers.gg)*

## JEWELLER DONATES £10K TO BOWEL CANCER GUERNSEY

Local jeweller Ray & Scott has donated £10,000 to Bowel Cancer Guernsey.

The money raised will go towards an awareness campaign to educate islanders about the cancer.

'We're so pleased and grateful to Ray & Scott for this donation,' said Bowel Cancer Guernsey chairwoman Anne Brouard.

'At Bowel Cancer Guernsey, we aim to improve the awareness, prevention and diagnosis of bowel cancer in the Bailiwick and this donation enables us to continue to do so.

'Bowel cancer is the third most-common cancer in Guernsey, with approximately 40 to 45 new cases each year. But, if detected early enough, over 90% of those diagnosed with early bowel cancer are successfully treated. If anyone notices any new symptoms, I'd encourage you to consult a healthcare professional.'

Ray & Scott raised the money through its Diamond Dream scheme.

Customers are given up to 20% off all diamond jewellery, excluding watches, with a minimum of 2.5%



being donated to charity. Customers can then choose to donate more money to charity.

'I'm so pleased to be able to donate this money to Bowel Cancer Guernsey. The charity does such amazing things in the local community and it's great to support them,' said Martin Search, director at Ray & Scott.

'The Diamond Dream scheme was initially set up in 2022 to celebrate our diamond anniversary. Thanks to the support from our customers, we've continued it over the years and have now donated more than £200,000 to local charities.'



# EN VOYAGE HEARS FROM THE NATURE COMMISSION ABOUT ITS WORK



The purpose of the Nature Commission is to protect and enhance Guernsey's natural environment within a generation.

To do this, the team works with government, businesses, the third sector, and the public to raise awareness and act as a 'voice for nature'. Our aims include connecting the community with nature, increasing knowledge through education, reducing pressures on nature, and building an evidence base for effective environmental management.

The Nature Commission also helps deliver the States of Guernsey 2020 Strategy for Nature. Our team includes ecologist Charlotte Burgoine, head of operations and education Angela Salmon, and CEO Jessi Jennings.

Workstreams underway in our first year that will help increase knowledge and raise awareness of the natural environment are the Bioblitz and State of Nature report.

## BIOBLITZ

A Bioblitz involves recording as much of the wildlife as possible in a chosen area over 24 hours.

This gives an indicator of species present, which can then be repeated in future years to see if anything has changed. In 2024, this event took place over three days in May at Bordeaux mound with the Nature Commission and La Société Guernesiaise. Experts collected data on one day and then shared their findings with school children over two days.

More than 300 children took part in species spotting activities. The children were really engaged with nature and learnt a lot about our local wildlife.

## STATE OF NATURE

A priority area of work for the Nature Commission is the production and publication of a State of Nature report for Guernsey and Herm every five years. 2024 will see the publication of our first State of Nature report, the purpose of which is to make publicly available an analysis of data from biological monitoring and recording schemes to provide a benchmark for the status of our wildlife. The report is to assist all islanders, including businesses and government, in better understanding the importance of our natural environment, and the impacts of activities on our habitats and species. Future repeat publications will report on changes to the state of nature so that we may identify trends in the populations of our wildlife and galvanize action to prevent further loss and to encourage protection and enhancement.

This first report will consider pressures on our wildlife so that we can better understand what is driving changes – this will help build evidence-driven management. Additionally, the report will identify ways in which individuals, communities, businesses, and government can help to slow and ultimately reverse the decline in our biodiversity.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Nature Commission is grateful to our funders for supporting the work we do. There are further funding opportunities available for individuals or organisation who would like to support the Nature Commission and the important work we do. If you would like to be involved in funding us, please contact [jessi@naturecommission.gg](mailto:jessi@naturecommission.gg).

Check out our website [naturecommission.gg](http://naturecommission.gg) to find out more about our work programme and how you can get involved, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn to see what we are up to.



## TIMELINE FOR NATURE COMMISSION ESTABLISHMENT

**2018:** The Guernsey Community Foundation (GCF) identifies threats to the natural environment and the need for more support for environmental charities.

**2020:** A GCF director, Fiona Bateson starts discussions with the States of Guernsey to establish a Nature Commission.

**2021:** The Strategy for Nature (SfN) is formally endorsed by the States

**2022:** Implementing the SfN requires additional resources, including paid staff and financial support. Discussions continue about establishing the

Nature Commission, to improve Guernsey's natural environment over the next generation.

**2023:** GCF secures funding for the Nature Commission for initial operational years and recruits a board. The board hires 1.5 paid staff, and the Commission commences work.

**2024:** A CEO is appointed, starting work in March. In August, the Nature Commission celebrates its first year of operation and releases its first State of Nature report, establishing a baseline for future progress.

## RBSI VOLUNTEERING SCHEME HELPS LOCAL COMMUNITY THRIVE

RBS International has teamed up with Guernsey charities to support the wider community.

The range of volunteering opportunities have ranged from planting trees with Guernsey Trees for Life to teaching children to read with Bright Beginnings Children's Centre and helped care home residents with the Guernsey Dementia Society.

Collectively the team has given more than 120 hours to assist with the efforts of various charities and organisations.

The team at RBSI has also worked with the GSPCA helping to clear the centre and assist with gardening.

'RBSI has offered their time and knowledge with a number of tasks around the animal shelter over the last two years and the team makes an instant positive impact each time they volunteer,' said Steve Byrne, manager of the GSPCA.

'They are always welcome here at GSPSA and we look forward to seeing and working with the volunteers again soon.'

The bank offers its workforce the opportunity to volunteer for three days a year during business hours.



Last year the Guernsey team logged 841.25 hours overall, equating to nearly nine hours per full-time employee.

'Our team is proud to live and work here on Guernsey and giving back to the community can make a real difference to people's lives,' said Susan Fouquier, Guernsey country head and institutional banking manager.

'RBSI is committed to building connections and helping where extra resource is needed. I want to thank everyone who gives time to the third sector.'



## NEW INITIATIVE BETWEEN SARNIA HOTELS AND GUERNSEY TREES FOR LIFE

As part of its sustainability plan, Sarnia Hotels has introduced an option for staying guests to choose not to have their rooms serviced daily, saving both energy and water, as well as reducing the amount of cleaning chemicals used.

In addition, the hotel group will donate money to Guernsey Trees for Life to assist with planting native trees and hedgerows.

Managing director of Sarnia Hotels Karel Harris donated £1,272 for the first two months of the initiative. Moving forward, donations will be made on a quarterly basis. 'I know how critical it is that we stop biodiversity loss, and planting native trees helps pollinators and birds alike,' she said.



## TISE HELPS STUDENTS STAY HYDRATED

Local giving platform giving.gg has now distributed more than £1m. to more than 120 deserving charities.

The web page was set up in 2016 to receive donations and facilitate charitable giving for members of the Association of Guernsey Charities.

'We are thrilled to announce this incredible milestone,' said association chairman Wayne Bulpitt.

'The steadfast support from donors and the dedication of our charities have made this achievement possible. The £1,014,920 distributed exemplifies the power of local giving to drive meaningful change within our community.'

The website was designed, built and run by volunteers for Bailiwick charities and voluntary organisations. Unlike other donation platforms, it allows 100% of donations to go to the good cause.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FAIRTRADE

This year Fairtrade celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Evolving from a grassroots movement to a global phenomenon, Fairtrade has provided three decades of practical commitment and solidarity to the men and women across the world who produce the items we rely on every day – from coffee, chocolate and wine, to cotton, gold and footballs. It has revolutionised the way we think about trade, our shopping and the goods we consume.

More than 2m. farmers and workers across Africa, Latin America and Asia are involved in the Fairtrade system. When families and dependents are factored in, that adds up to 10m. people all benefiting from the sale of products on Fairtrade terms – in particular the Fairtrade Minimum Price, which provides protection against volatile global markets, and the Fairtrade Premium, which enables investment in community development projects such as schools, water and sanitation facilities, and roads.

But Fairtrade's achievements would not be possible without the collective power of the voices of people

in communities such as Guernsey, standing side by side with producers. Guernsey was awarded Fairtrade Island status in 2006 and since that time campaigners have worked alongside more than 250 local businesses, schools, churches and community organisations to increase the range, volume and visibility of Fairtrade products on the island, encourage consumers to choose Fairtrade every time they shop, influence the States of Guernsey to adopt policies that positively impact small-scale producers in developing countries, and ensure climate and trade justice issues are understood and debated by the general public.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 9 to 22 September. Guernsey will be celebrating this special anniversary with a range of events and activities, including a Fairtrade wine tasting at the Old Government House Hotel on Thursday 19 September, a treasure hunt around St Peter Port and a schools' competition to design a Fairtrade 30th birthday cake. Details on how to participate can be found at [fairtradeguernsey.com](http://fairtradeguernsey.com) and on Facebook @FairtradeGuernsey.

## REDWOOD COMMUNITY GRANT LAUNCHED



Compliance and governance specialist Redwood Group has launched the RedGood Community Grant, to provide

financial support to individuals and not-for-profit organisations making a positive difference in Jersey and Guernsey.

The RedGood Community Grant will be open all year round, with islanders invited to apply for funds to cover any costs incurred from helping to improve their local communities. The RedGood Committee, comprising a diverse selection of staff from across the Group, will then assess all entrants every quarter, and a maximum of £2,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant.

'As a business, we've always been passionate about supporting charitable initiatives in the Bailiwicks of both Guernsey and Jersey, where Redwood operates,' said James Wood, Redwood's chief executive. 'Over the years, we've donated to several local causes and we're proud to support our staff with their individual fundraising efforts.

However, we wanted to offer a solid foundation for individuals and charities to access the funds needed to achieve sustainable, long-term success.

'We're looking forward to supporting the causes that matter the most to islanders and helping to make a difference to our local communities, both now and into the future.'

For more information and to apply, see [lp.redwoodgrouplimited.com/redgoode](http://lp.redwoodgrouplimited.com/redgoode).

## JULIUS BAER COMMITS TO STATES SCHOOLS

Julius Baer Guernsey has offered a donation of £750 to every State primary and secondary school across Guernsey, Herm and Sark.

Recognising the critical role education plays in shaping the future of society, Julius Baer has provided financial support to the States primary schools since 2017 and recently introduced the investment into the States secondary schools. The bank aims to ensure that all children on the island have access to the resources they need to thrive and succeed.

'At Julius Baer, we believe in supporting the schools and communities we serve,' said Alexandra McInnes,



head of Julius Baer Guernsey. 'Our donation is aimed at enhancing the daily experiences of students and staff, whether through educational resources or practical amenities like the new water fountain at St Sampson's. We are proud to contribute to the well-being and success of the schools across the Bailiwick of Guernsey as a whole.'



The Guernsey Tourism Partnership is dedicated to representing and promoting tourism related businesses in Guernsey.

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# THERE IS NO EVIL WITHOUT A REMEDY

## N'I'Y A PAS D'MA SÀNS ERMIÈDE

Witchcraft on this island was not always hidden. Most dark sorcery eventually came to light.

Those who believed they were under the evil spell of a sorcerer had to find a way to counteract the dark magic. To do this, charms and potions were needed. No ordinary person could brew such concoctions, the unfortunate victim would need the help of a white witch. There was an important difference in the world of magic between a true witch, who worked for the Devil and a white witch. White witches could recognise whether someone was cursed, they could discover who had cast the spell and most importantly counteract the evil influence.

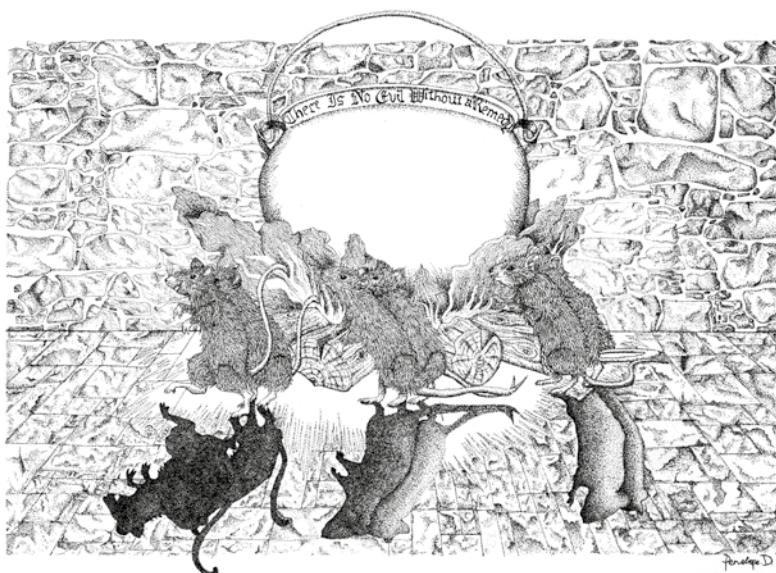
After all, it is most important to remember that there is no evil without a remedy. As helpful as white witches were in times of desperate need, to have such powers, they also needed a great knowledge of the dark magic they were fighting against. If angered, they might be tempted to use dark magic. Therefore, the white witch was feared, as much as trusted.

White witches would use a variety of charms. The most powerful was known as *la bouiture* (the boiling). To create this charm, a white witch would gather the ingredients together in a cauldron. The main ingredient was the heart of an animal pierced with pins. Once the cauldron was filled, it was placed on the fire. The exact ingredients are of great secrecy to the white witch.

This charm was used in the following tale, to discover the creator of an evil spell to break a curse.

A family living on a farm in Guernsey believed that, for many years, they had been under the influence of dark magic and that a curse had been placed upon them. Their health had declined, their cattle fell ill and not one of their crops would grow. It was plain to see that they were bewitched. They had to discover the cause of their misfortunes.

Luckily, the family knew a cunning man skilled in white witchcraft. This man would use the charm of



*la bouiture* to reveal the identity of the ill-natured true wizard, or witch, who had cursed the family. The white witch put the cauldron on the fire with the remedy inside. As soon as the concoction began to simmer, the family noticed the effect of the charm. Suddenly, six mice entered the room. They walked two-by-two in a line. These little messengers, with grey-brown fur coats and long tails, cast shadows on the floor of the kitchen. The water began to boil, producing steam. Little droplets of the potion began to run off the edge of the cauldron. As soon as these droplets hit the ground, the mice vanished and, in their place, stood a lady who they all knew very well. They had discovered the source of their misfortune ending the dark magic ruling over them.

Just as secret as the ingredients of this sorceress. Due to the trouble she had caused, the family chose not to reveal her name. However, legend has it she was called *La Dame au Voile*.

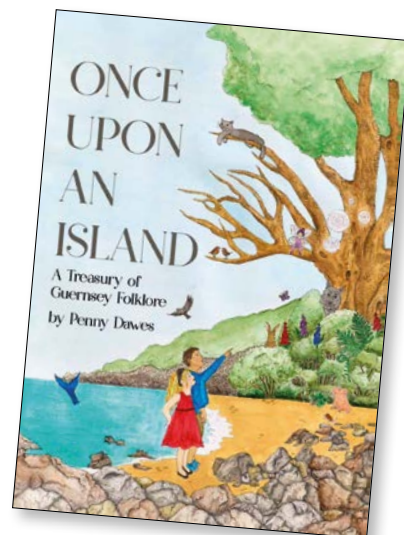
### The Origin of the Tale

White witches were often suspected to be the cause of any misfortune when they were called upon for advice. People believed these so-called white witches would exploit the uneducated islanders. They would observe common minor illnesses and learned 'cures'. For

example, how to reset dislocated bones or how to cure warts. There is no doubt that they had some skill in curing diseases.

There appear to be three main theories relating to white witches. They were either cunning, powerful people who could use their magic powers for good, or they were devious tricksters in disguise, or the white witches believed they had supernatural powers sent to them from Heaven. In fact, they were just very good at healing the human body of common ailments and had a basic knowledge of human anatomy.

*The Fairies' Hollow* is taken from *'Once Upon an Island', A Treasury of Guernsey Folklore*, written and illustrated by Penny Dawes.





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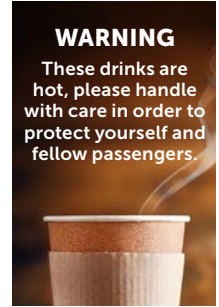
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