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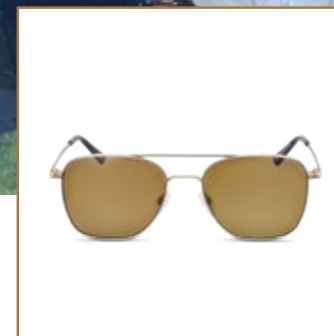
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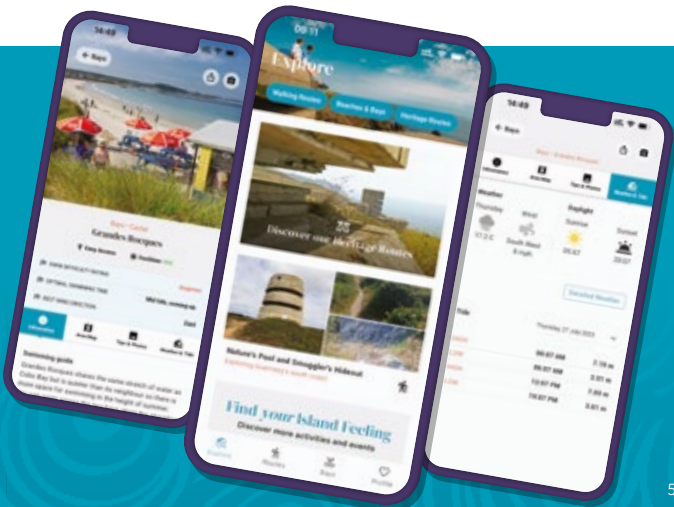
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A bright summer welcome from Aurigny

DAVE COX, DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

On behalf of all of us at Aurigny, we wish you a very warm welcome aboard today.

Summer is a special time with no end of reasons to travel and explore. As we spend more time outdoors, events spring back into action; In the UK, July brings some showstoppers – the excitement of Wimbledon and the speed and spectacle of Silverstone's British Grand Prix.

If you're spending time on the island, we'd highly recommend you make sure to catch one of our Seafront Sundays when you're here. The streets along St Peter Port's harbour are transformed into vibrant, car-free festival spaces. This year, events include 'Eat Drink and Be Local'; a celebration of Guernsey's rich local produce and food culture – something not to be missed.

If you're planning to travel further afield, it's worth noting that we have just

announced our exciting new interline partnership with the world's largest international airline, Emirates. That means you can now book global itineraries with Aurigny and Emirates to/from Guernsey at emirates.com. Benefits include through-checked baggage to your final destination, protection in case of delay, and significant savings on Air Passenger Duty. For more details, visit www.aurigny.com/interline

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Wherever your travels take you today, we wish you blue skies and a smooth journey ahead. Thank you for travelling with Aurigny.

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GUERNSEY AND ELECTRIC CARS. A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN?

Start any discussion about electric vehicles and you'll quickly see opinions divide. Driving has become such a normal part of daily life for many, so the idea of swapping from fuel to batteries inevitably sparks big views.

But is Guernsey really ready to make the leap?

Transport has been identified as the biggest contributor to Guernsey's carbon emissions by the States of Guernsey and its advisors. While there may be debate about just how big the impact is, one thing is clear: burning fossil-fuels affects the air we all breathe – so it's worth digging deeper into this important conversation.

IS VEHICLE CHARGING RESPONSIBLE FOR POWER STATION SMOKE?

You might see black smoke issuing from the power station chimneys – especially in the morning. Usually this happens when the fossil-fuel engines start up from cold after the night's shutdown, which can cause a burst of dark smoke for a few minutes as they fire up.

Sometimes these start-up sessions are followed up with photos on social media and comments suggesting its electric vehicles that are responsible for the smoke.

In fact, most people who charge at home set their cars to charge overnight to benefit from their overnight cheap times. The added benefit is that between 11pm and 5am, it's also the cleanest time to charge your vehicle as you can use 100% low carbon electricity from the European grid.

If you rely on public charge points, you may be charging during peak hours, especially in winter when the island leans more heavily on fossil-fuels for electricity. But just like topping up with petrol, you won't always need to fill up your battery.

How much electricity you use really comes down to how much you drive.

FORGET ELECTRIC – ARE HYDROGEN VEHICLES THE REAL ANSWER?

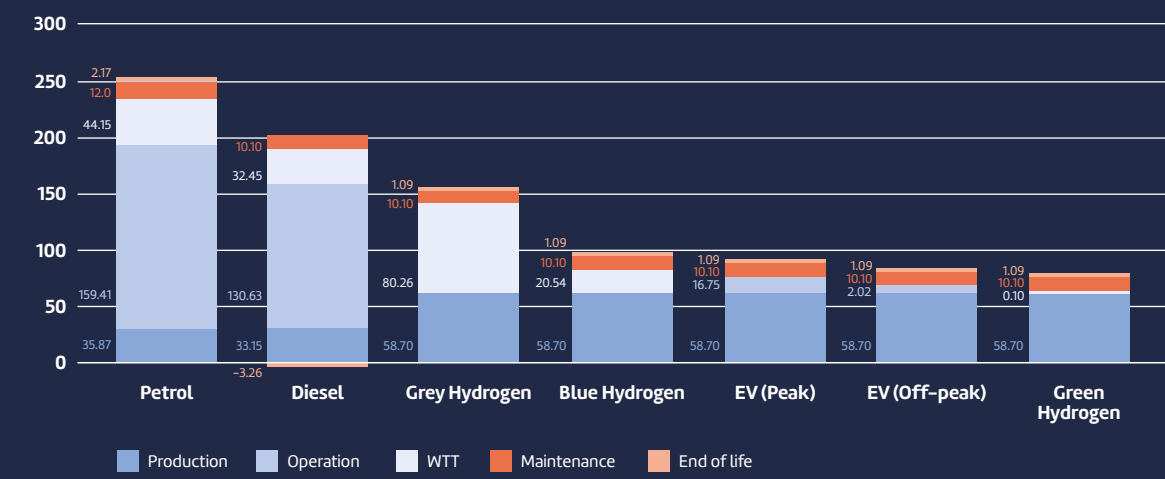
Hydrogen is likely to play a role in cutting carbon emissions, especially for things that are hard to electrify – like heavy-duty trucks and construction machinery. For example, long-distance heavy goods vehicles could be a great fit for hydrogen.

But the debate gets deeper when we start talking about types of hydrogen. As it's a complicated topic, here's a quick breakdown:

- **Grey Hydrogen** is made from natural gas (a fossil-fuel) and releases carbon into the air. It's the cheapest and most common type of hydrogen used today, but isn't a sustainable option.
- **Blue Hydrogen** also comes from natural gas, but this time the carbon is captured and stored instead of being released. It's seen as a stepping stone while cleaner options scale up.
- **Green Hydrogen** is the cleanest option as it's made by splitting water using 100% renewable electrolysis. No carbon emissions are released while this happens, but it's expensive and currently has limited infrastructure.

If the goal is to drive a greener transport movement, it makes sense to compare how much carbon each creates over its whole lifetime, from day one to the scrapyard.

Vehicle Lifecycle Emissions
(as of 31 December 2023)



WHAT ARE LIFECYCLE EMISSIONS?

Lifecycle emissions are the total amount of greenhouse gases released during any product's entire life - from making it, using it, and eventually getting rid of it.

The above graph shows how electric vehicles in Guernsey stack up against other options based on the grams of carbon dioxide equivalent produced per kilometre. This includes emissions at each stage of the vehicle's life:

- Making the vehicle (Production)
- Driving it (Operation)
- Producing and delivering the fuel or electricity (Well-to-tank)
- Keeping it running (Maintenance)
- Disposing of or recycling it (End-of-life)

The best time to charge an electric vehicle is off-peak between 11pm and 5am when you can fill up on 100% low-carbon electricity imported from the European grid.

ARE THERE ENOUGH CHARGING OPTIONS IN GUERNSEY?

Around one in five electric vehicles will likely rely on public charging, according to recent estimates. But that's still enough to show that we need to keep building up our charging network.

On a small island like Guernsey, it raises a key question.

Do we spread lots of chargers across the island, or focus on building a few well-equipped charging hubs?

Most EV drivers in Guernsey only need to charge their car once or twice a week, and just like with petrol or diesel cars, there's often no need to top up 100% each time.

That means even though public chargers are limited for now, there are still options that support everyday driving if home charging isn't an option.

Some people worry that not having a charger at home means they can't go electric. But EVs are more like petrol cars than phones in that way: if you don't fill up your tank with fuel everyday now, you won't need to charge everyday with an EV either.

It's a habit shift that Guernsey's charging network will develop alongside.

ARE EVS TOO EXPENSIVE TO BUY?

If you're keen to buy an electric vehicle, one option is to find a provider who offers discounted lending on green solutions such as electric vehicles.

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The good news is that EVs are now being built from scratch, not just adapted from petrol car designs. This means production costs are coming down.

Car manufacturers also want to stay competitive, so it's in their interests to make electric vehicles more accessible to secure a share of tomorrow's car market. This will help balance supply and demand in your favour.

Plus, electric car's as we know them today, will likely become tomorrow's average car, as we gradually shift towards electrification. And it's fair to say that once you're able to own an EV, it'll cost you far less to run.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

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www.electricity.gg/costtorun

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ABOVE L-R: CALVI; BASTIA OLD PORT.
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A QUICK GUIDE TO... ALICANTE

If you've not finalised your summer holiday plans yet, there's still time to book a trip to the Costa Blanca. Aurigny is offering direct flights from Guernsey to Alicante between 5 July and 9 August. So, what's to stop you?

There are many reasons to visit Alicante; whether it's sunbathing on the golden beaches, playing a round of golf, or exploring the historic sites and natural treasures, a week (or two) will soon fly by. Why not head to one of the nearby coastal towns? Whether you like night-life or a slower pace, culture or cafes, this area of Spain has something for everyone.

Let's start with the beaches. Alicante's town beach is **Playa del Postiguete**, and it's where the locals come for beach workouts, volleyball and after-work swims.

If you hop on the tram north, you'll find **Playa de las Huertas**, **Playa de San Juan**, **Playa de Muchavista** (with stunning mountain views) and **Platja del Carrer de la Mar**.

The L1 trams takes about an hour to get to downtown **Benidorm**. More of a tourist area than Alicante itself, there are more amenities close to the beach, including restaurants and cafes.

Interested in history? **Santa Barbara fortress** is of Arab origin, although much of its current construction belongs to the 16th century. There is a paved path to the top (suitable for all fitness levels, including being wheelchair accessible, although it can be steep in places), from where there are views of the city plus the surrounding coast and countryside.

It's free to walk around but pre-booking is required to explore the dungeons or inside some of the different areas of the castle. For castle tours (in English twice a day), check out castillodesantabarbara.com/en/what-to-see-and-do/

The old walled quarter with its network of narrow streets was built at the bottom of the fortress.

Also with Arab heritage is the 16th century Gothic church of **Santa Maria**, built on an old Arab mosque. It is the oldest still-active church in Alicante.

Opposite is the 17th century **Casa de la Asegurada museum**, which houses an important collection

of contemporary works by artists including Pablo Picasso and Eduardo Chillida. The Baroque façade of the Town Hall in the old quarter is impressive, as are the Jesuit school and the **Pro Cathedral of San Nicolas**, with its beautiful 15th century cloister.

A visit to the **Provincial Archaeological Museum** or MARQ for short, located in the old San Juan de Dios hospital, will reveal interesting information and remains about the ancient city in Iberian, Greek and Roman times. Entry is free to permanent exhibitions. The museum is closed on Mondays.

If nature is more your thing, then the **Carrascal de la Font Roja Nature Reserve** is halfway between Alcoi and Ibi in the Sierra del Menejedor.

Visit the city of **Elche** and its palm grove, declared a World Heritage Site, around 45 minutes from Alicante. At **El Palmeral**, enjoy water features among the palm trees.

Tabarca Island is the largest island in the Valencian Community. Packed with amazing beaches and wonderful restaurants, the cheapest and most self-sufficient way to get there is by ferry (approximately £20 per person. Under-4s travel free). Or take a catamaran trip which includes snorkelling in the marina reserve.

A QUICK GUIDE TO... CORSICA

With temperatures hovering in the low- to mid-20s during September, why not treat yourself to a late summer/early autumn break to the French Mediterranean island? Aurigny has direct flights operating from Guernsey to Bastia from 16 August – 27 September.

Bastia – a town now officially classified as a 'Town of Art and History' – is in the north of Corsica, an island 50 miles wide by 115 miles long.

The historical centre of Bastia, known as the **Vieux Bastia** (Old Bastia), is essentially the area between the **Citadel** (a fortified area that once served as the military heart of the town, with its towering walls providing protection from enemies) and the **Old Port**; here you'll find a maze of narrow streets lined with pastel-coloured buildings, local shops, and restaurants. The most notable landmark in the old town is the **Place Saint-Nicolas**, a vast square facing the harbour and surrounded by cafés and shops. This square is often a meeting point for locals and tourists alike, providing a great vantage point to watch daily life.

The Old Port is pedestrianised until 1 September, Monday to Saturday 6pm until midnight, and on Sundays from 9am until midday.

There's no lacking places of interest to visit – check out the markets, a central part of the

cultural experience. The most famous is the **Marché de Bastia**, near to the Old Port, where you'll find an array of fresh produce, local cheeses, cured meats, wines, and handmade crafts. One of the most notable museums is the **Musée de Bastia**, located in the old Genoese Governor's Palace – here you'll see exhibits ranging from prehistoric artifacts to more modern displays.

Another must-visit is the **Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste**, the largest church in Bastia, known for its neoclassical architecture and impressive interior.

Those looking for an expansive beach will need to head out a short drive away to discover some beautiful coastal spots, including **Plage de l'Arinella**, **Plage de la Marana**, and **Plage de l'Ostriconi**.

Hiring a car is the best way to discover Corsica. The road that winds around the **Cap Corse**, located to the north of Bastia, provides breath-taking views of the coastline and sea.

Head west to the small town of **St Florent**, known as the 'Corsican St Tropez' for its glamorous atmosphere and chic marine. The town is surrounded by lush vineyards and olive groves and is a gateway to the nearby Désert des Agriates, a protected natural area with wild beaches and hiking trails.

The charming town of **L'Île-Rousse** is named after the red-hued granite rocks that form the backdrop of the town. Its historic heart is centred around the **Place Paoli**, a lively square surrounded by cafés.

Calvi is further west again, and is one of Corsica's most famous destinations, known for its beautiful bay, medieval citadel, and vibrant nightlife.

Ajaccio, Corsica's largest city, is further south. If you are going for an extended time, why not consider visiting and even staying for a night or two? It's around 2.5 hours by car via the inland route, or 5.5 hours around the coast. Surrounded by mountains, Ajaccio's centre is built around the 16th century citadel, which is still used for military purposes. The old town is a mixture of large squares and narrow streets, complete with pastel painted houses.

Fun fact: Did you know that famous Guernsey resident Victor Hugo lived in Bastia as a child?

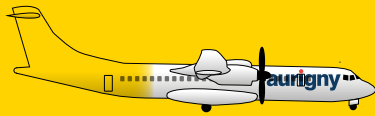


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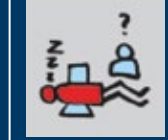
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Beach Guide

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PORTINFER

Sharing a car park and a kiosk with adjacent Port Soif, Portinfer sits in a rather large shadow. It holds its own remarkably well, largely because in terms of tides it's a convenient mirror image of its more illustrious neighbour – underwhelming at high, unbelievable at low.

Indeed, when the tide is at its lowest, it's arguably the best beach on the island. When the water level drops below about three metres, swimming virtually anywhere else becomes problematic because it's so shallow – you can end up doing press-ups in six inches of water. But here the beach rakes so gently for such a long way that you can always have a proper swim.

The bay itself consists of a broad sweep of sand pockmarked with clusters of rocks and countless puddles and rock pools. On an overcast day it can take on an almost sinister appearance, as the loose sand drifts silently amongst the dark grey pools. But under cloudless skies, as the sunlight glitters off the ocean and the wildflowers around the perimeter wave in the breeze, it's exquisitely beautiful. It's a little tricky to get

down from the car park over the rocks, but few things are more worth the effort.

Portinfer is popular with families, but it's perhaps best known amongst locals as Guernsey's alternative surfing location. For those who balk at the idea of being spotted surfing somewhere as unforgivably mainstream as Vazon, Portinfer provides a comparable (and some would even argue superior) experience. When conditions are good, the Atlantic breakers roll into the bay at a steady rate. And if you don't fancy getting stuck in, sitting on

a rock or a bench above the bay and just watching the surf and the surfers is very nearly as enjoyable.

As fantastic as Port Soif is, it would be a shame to neglect its less celebrated but just as lovely next-door neighbour. Portinfer serves as a reminder that some of Guernsey's best beaches lie just a fraction off the beaten track.

Taken from Guernsey Beach Guide

Optimum Tide: Low

Best Feature: Swimming is excellent even at very low tide.



IMAGE: @VISIT GUERNSEY.
TOP RIGHT: @ISLAND FAMILIES.



WHAT'S THERE ?

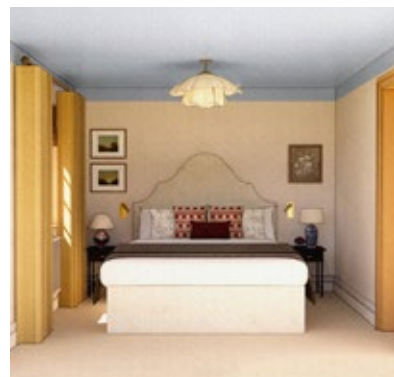


DOGS ON BEACHES

See gov.gg/dogsonbeaches for up-to-date information.



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HOW GOOD INTERIOR DESIGN ENHANCES LIFE AT HOME AND AT WORK

BEAUTIFUL SPACES ARE GOOD FOR BUSINESS AND EVEN BETTER FOR WELL-BEING. DARIA IWON, INTERIOR DESIGNER AT STUDIO, EXPLAINS WHY.

Like the clothes we wear or the music we listen to, interiors can reflect our personalities and enhance our lives.

Whether it's a cosy living room, a bustling restaurant, or a sleek office, good interior design isn't just about aesthetics – it's about creating an environment that feels harmonious and inspiring as well as functional and efficient. Considered, contextual design can elevate any space, making it more beautiful, enjoyable and even more productive.

CREATING A SANCTUARY

Whether you live in a traditional Guernsey farmhouse or a modern new-build flat, your home should be a retreat – a place of comfort and self-expression. From full-scale renovations to subtle refreshes, the right design choices can transform interiors into spaces that feel contemporary and timeless, universal and deeply personal. While the right colour palette sets the mood, carefully selected furnishings and lighting enhance both form and function.

Soft, neutral tones can create a calming atmosphere, while bold, vibrant colours bring energy and personality. And of course, practicality is just as important as aesthetics. Clever storage solutions, well-planned layouts and the right balance of textures all contribute to a home that looks good and feels joyful and effortless to live in.

A well-designed home provides a space to relax, breathe and think. As real-world environments grow increasingly functional, bright and overstimulating, it's more important than ever to experience that moment when you step through your door, exhale deeply, and think, I'm home. You can achieve this with intentional design that's curated for your unique personality.

DESIGNING EXPERIENCES

In Guernsey, we're lucky to have so many amazing restaurants and bars on our doorstep. These venues offer more than just food and drinks – at their best, they create memorable experiences.

In hospitality, interior design plays a crucial role in setting the right atmosphere, influencing how customers feel, how long they stay and how eager they are to come back. A well-designed space can enhance customers' experiences and help create that all-important local word-of-mouth buzz.

Whether you want warm and intimate for a fine-dining restaurant or bright and energetic for a lively café,

lighting is key to setting the mood. Seating arrangements should encourage both comfort and conversation, while finishes and décor elements should bring character and charm. From contemporary minimalism to rustic warmth, the right design can transform a restaurant or bar into a destination that people are eager to see – and be seen in.

BOOSTING PRODUCTIVITY AND WELL-BEING

Thanks to our thriving finance sector, St Peter Port has no shortage of offices. But how many have been designed with the necessary care and vision?

Contemporary office design goes way beyond ordering a few desks and chairs (though of course you usually need those too!). A well-planned workspace can improve productivity, encourage collaboration and support employee well-being. Thoughtful lighting, ergonomic furniture and a balance between open-plan areas and private zones all contribute to a more effective and enjoyable work environment.

More than just aesthetics, office design is about creating a space that enhances workflow and fosters creativity. A feature wall can inspire ideas. Breakout areas can promote teamwork. Managing acoustics can help maintain focus. Whether a space leans towards sleek minimalism or a more relaxed, creative atmosphere, interior design plays a vital role in shaping the workplace experience. It's also essential for impressing clients, and for attracting and retaining the best employees.

WHY YOU SHOULD WORK WITH PROFESSIONAL DESIGNERS

While you may have a vision for your space, bringing it successfully to life requires expertise, careful planning and a keen eye for detail. At Studio, we ensure that every choice – from layout to lighting – works seamlessly together.

Working with experts like us helps you to avoid costly mistakes. It also often gives you access to exclusive resources and materials. From sourcing unique furnishings to coordinating with tradespeople, we'll curate every element of your project, ensuring a polished and cohesive result.

Whether you're looking to refresh your home, elevate your venue or optimise your office, thoughtful interior design can make a massive difference. With the right vision, resources and expertise, any space can be transformed into something beautiful and life-enhancing – for your customers, your colleagues, or simply you and your family.



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THEY'RE BACK:

THE RETURN OF THE SPITFIRES TO GUERNSEY SKIES

AS SPITFIRES.COM HAVE ANNOUNCED NEW FLIGHT DATES FOR THIS SUMMER, GUERNSEY PRESS REPORTER LUCY ROUGET SHARES HER EXPERIENCE OF FLYING IN A SPITFIRE THE LAST TIME THEY CAME TO THE ISLAND.

I've flown a Spitfire. A phrase very few people in the world will ever be able to say. But I can. I felt the ease with which the nimble aircraft manoeuvred through the air, the smell of the fumes, and the vibrations of the engine through the plane.

For a journalist to be unable to find the words is quite ironic, especially me being the serial yapper that I am, but the views from the sky and the feelings I experienced have been difficult to put on paper.

Writing this, I've had the biggest grin on my face, but also at times tears in my eyes, reflecting on such special memories.

When the email came in announcing that Spitfires.com was hosting flights in Guernsey, I knew I wanted to head down to interview the team and pilots, and hopefully get a chance to sit in the Spitfire for a photo to show off to my family and friends. But being offered the opportunity to go for a flight in such an iconic aircraft was more than I ever imagined.

I express my apologies to my colleagues who had little chance to get a word in and volunteer, but it could not be anyone else.

I had to get myself in that plane.

While I am no aviation expert, my history degree specialised in British military history and my knowledge of the history of this aircraft dragged me in and I had to make it happen.

The flight date and time was confirmed, and everyone I spoke to about it thought I was crazy, but for me, the anticipation and adrenaline was building. It still hadn't quite sunk in that I'd landed myself this opportunity.

When I woke up on Friday morning, I had a series of safety videos to watch.

To my shock, I listened as I was told of all the risks and how to combat anything that could go wrong during my flight – but at least I knew how to get myself out of the seat and use my parachute, right?

I later learned that the Civil Aviation Authority approval for Spitfire flights works on informed risk and consent, so passengers know exactly what they're letting themselves in for, to manage expectations and not to dissuade people from climbing on board.

I arrived at the Guernsey Aero Club, a place I have been to many times for work, except this time I wouldn't be interviewing passengers coming and going – I was the passenger. The warm welcome from the Spitfire.com team did not go unnoticed, and any apprehensions I had from watching the safety videos disappeared as soon as I walked into the room.

Next thing I knew, Spitfire.com head of operations Mark Hillier was handing me a fireproof flight suit and things were under way.

I'm a good flyer, turbulence is fun to me, but when I learned that there was a sick bag in one of the leg pockets of my suit just in case, I was praying that it would not need to see the light of day.

I also carried a strap cutter in another pocket, in case I needed to cut myself out of my seat, and a list of the emergency procedures stuck to my leg with Velcro for in-flight reminders.

Once my life jacket was on and secured, I sat down with Toby Keeley, who would be my pilot for the morning, to discuss what was on the agenda and the experience I had waiting for me.

It was at this point I learned that I would have the chance to control the plane and see my little island home from upside down – an image that I have since reinforced over and over and engraved in my mind.

Toby spent 16 years in the RAF as a qualified fast jet pilot on the front line flying the Tornado GR4 and did a couple of tours over Afghanistan. He taught fighter pilot students for four years and spent his last three years in the RAF as a Red Arrows pilot, which he said was a 'dream come true'.

Now working as a commercial pilot for British Airways, Toby spends his free time flying Spitfires, and giving people experiences that they too have dreamt of.

'I'm fulfilling an ambition of mine, but my number one priority is to make it as enjoyable as possible for people because it's a bucket list moment for them,' he said.

'My aim is to make it as safe and enjoyable as possible, which is why I like to give people control, and they can say to everyone "I've flown a Spitfire".'

'Quite often people are emotional as they get out of the plane and that's very rewarding. I remember getting quite emotional my first trip. It can be overwhelming, the smell, the vibration, the noise and being able to see the elliptical wings.'

These were all things I had yet to experience.

On the walk out to the Spitfire, the sun was shining and I felt many emotions – apprehension, anticipation but so much excitement.

Getting strapped into my seat was a task, and I was reminded of my safety procedures and given a tour of what everything meant in the cockpit and put on my helmet and gloves.

Things were getting real now.

As I closed my canopy, the rumble of the historic engine starting gave me shivers and only added to my adrenaline.

Taxiing to the runway in a Spitfire drew attention from onlookers, getting out their phones for a quick picture or video, reminding me of the adoration that people have for this iconic plane.

The take-off was smooth and the pure power from the Spitfire engine was like nothing I'd felt before as it effortlessly took to the air. While Toby was concentrating, I enjoyed the view and admired the seamless ascent of this Second World War plane.

We took off from the east towards Jersey and did an anti-clockwise orbit of the island.

The sky was slightly hazy, but this did not distract me from the awe of seeing the Guernsey coastline as a backdrop to the Spitfire's iconic elliptical wing. It was a completely different experience looking out of the Spitfire's canopy compared to the window of any commercial flight I'd been on.

We went as high as the airspace allowed on the day, which was about 7,000ft or about a mile high.

As we reached the south coast, Toby told me to rest my hands lightly on the central column. The dual control cockpits meant I could feel the movement and get a sense of how it was being flown. I felt how little movement it took to manoeuvre and how intuitive the aircraft was to its commands.

The next thing I heard was 'You have control of the plane'. Six words that still give me goosebumps. Okay, admittedly I didn't do anything crazy, but feeling the Spitfire move so easily exactly where I wanted it to has become a memory that I will never forget. My heart rate was through the roof having so much responsibility, but I was snapped out of my seriousness when Toby told me to look ahead to his cockpit and he was waving his hands around in the air. I really did have control of the plane.

After a few minutes of grasping the fact I was controlling a Spitfire, my stint of being pilot was up, and it was time for some aerobatics.

First up was a victory roll. While now used often in air shows, the move was originally a form of victory or celebration for pilots.

The plane pitched up gently and rolled to one side, going all the way around. Looking out of the canopy the whole time I saw Guernsey from all angles during





the 360-degree turn. Seeing your home upside down is difficult to comprehend if you haven't yet experienced it but getting a glimpse of the coastline reappearing as we came round the other side was breathtaking.

With about 1G of force, the motion was comfortable and I felt incredibly safe and secure despite being upside down in the air.

Once I'd regained equilibrium, it was time for a loop.

Flying at 280mph the plane went up, upside down and over back on itself. This was the most exhilarating part of my flight. The g-force was about 2.5Gs to 3Gs and going up made me feel heavy and crushed into my seat, my body compressing, but felt incredibly light when I was upside down. This aerobatic move felt slower than the victory roll, and I felt like I had more time to take in Guernsey while I was upside down, trying to paint a picture in my mind that I could remember for years to come. I was so full of adrenaline it took my breath away and my only reaction was to laugh at what I had just experienced.

Trying to digest being upside down, while still taking in the views and the experience was a difficult one to balance.

When Toby asked me if I wanted to do one more victory roll before we headed back in, I hesitated, and I'm still not sure why. But after a couple of seconds, I asked him to go again – I was in a Spitfire, when else would I have this opportunity? And I'm so glad I did because all I can think about is reliving that experience.

Once we finished the aerobatics, my flight was nearly over. We flew over the runway and turned out to the coast where the under carriage and flaps came down.

At this point the smell of the fumes seemed like they got stronger, or perhaps it was me making a mental note of it after such adrenaline-filled minutes.

The air was cool when we were flying, but things started heating up again as we started our descent.

Landing a Spitfire isn't like a typical plane. The pilot has to take a curved landing to see the runway because of the Spitfire's large nose. We approached the runway from an angle until the last minute when the plane rolled out and touched down.

With my canopy down, the fresh air flowing and taxiing back to the Aero Club, I couldn't help but take the

opportunity to wave at all of the passengers boarding a commercial flight, with no idea of the adventure I'd just experienced in such an iconic aircraft.

Since touching down again, there have been few moments I haven't had a smile on my face, trying to remember every part of this day.

I have to give a special thanks to Toby, for making this experience greater than I ever could have imagined, for making me feel safe and at ease the entire time and for allowing me to have the most amount of exhilaration and fun I've ever had.

I can't recall how many people I've already given an in-depth account of my flight to, each time remembering another tiny moment to add into the story. But once this feature is published, it'll also be sent straight to my former tutors and lecturers at the University of Plymouth, because what's the point in flying a Spitfire if you can't brag about it to anyone and everyone, especially those who will be most envious of you?

For anyone thinking about booking one of these flights, money comes and goes, but the memories made on that flight will last a lifetime. At the time, I was full of adrenaline and absolutely buzzing, but I'd be lying if I said that sitting down to write this didn't make me feel really quite emotional, reflecting on such an incredible experience and how much my grandpa would have loved to watch me doing it.

To those who know me in person, be warned, I'll be rambling on about this day for a very, very long time.

Hand-picked pilots from the Spitfires.com flight crew will command the Spitfire from the front seat with passengers strapped into the rear in their very own cockpit which is kitted out with a full set of instruments and flight controls.

For those who are feeling adventurous, there will be the opportunity to take the controls and fly this legendary aircraft for a short time themselves.

Spitfires.com will be based at Guernsey Airport on a selection of dates in July and August, and subject to demand, plans to base one of its Spitfires there every year. As such, Spitfires could continue to grace the skies above Guernsey for many years to come.

WHAT'S ON IN THE BAILIWICK?



ROCQUAINE REGATTA 2024. ©GUERNSEY PRESS.



CANDIE CONCERTS. ©GUERNSEY PRESS.

Until 28 September

CANDIE CONCERTS

The Guernsey Street Festival presents Candie Concerts, 3pm – 4pm, Sundays at Candie Gardens. Concerts are free – check out the schedule at guernseystreetfestival.com.

Until 30 September

GUERNSEY ICE CREAM ROUTE MAP

Guernsey Dairy's walking map includes seven self-guided walks around the island that pass by around 20 coastal kiosks and cafes. A loyalty card is also available, where you can collect the stamps for a free ice cream.

7-14 June

CREATIVE SARK WORKSHOP WEEK

A week of writing, craft, healing, floristry and more, exploring the creative hub that is Sark. To find out more about what's going on and when, take a look at the programme of events at creativesark.info.

8-14 June

BLOOMIN' ALDERNEY

Wherever you see a 'Bloomin' Alderney' garden open sign, take

a leisurely stroll through the garden and enjoy the flowers and landscaping. Opening times vary; daily updates displayed at Alderney Visitor Information Centre.

14 June

GUERNSEY TOGETHER FESTIVAL

The celebration of music, dance, and food & drink, famous for creating unforgettable summer memories, and most importantly a great Guernsey vibe, will be held on Saturday 14 June. This year is the fifth anniversary of the festival and will be headlined by BBC Radio 1's Rickie and Melvin, bringing their iconic energy straight to the stage. Tickets available, at the time of printing, at Eventbrite.

15 June, 13 July,
3 & 24 August

COBO BALCONY GIGS

Enjoy an afternoon of music on Guernsey's west coast.

25-27 June and
25-27 September

SIXFEST

Herm's Mermaid Tavern will be the home of SixFest, a sensory experience with six live bands at each festival, six types of still fruit ciders, six craft ciders and six craft brewed beers and ales, all priced at £6. Boat tickets to the island over the course of the festival are also £6 each way £12 return.

For tickets and more information on all events in Herm, see tickettailor.com/events/herm

27 June

CHAOS GUERNSEY

The motorcycle and music festival is back for its final year. For more information, please visit chaosevents.com

8 & 29 June, 13 & 27 July
SEAFRONT SUNDAYS

Enjoy an al-fresco vibe along the St Peter Port seafront on certain Sundays during the summer months. Each Seafront Sunday has a different theme, but all offer the chance to stroll along the seafront, enjoying the casual friendly atmosphere. On 8 June it's Arts Sunday, while 13 July is Motorsport, with the others being Eat, Drink and Be Local.

7 July

LE VIAËR MARCHI

The hugely popular Viaër Marchi (Guernésiais for The Old Market) is hosted by the National Trust of Guernsey on the first Monday in July and held at Saumarez Park. It heralds the start of the Guernsey summer show season. Showcasing traditional island crafts, favourite foods, music and dancing, this is a gathering enjoyed by generations of islanders and return visitors since the 1970s. See nationaltrust.gg/events.

11, 18 & 25 July
and 1 August

KPMG CASTLE NIGHTS

Experience a great evening of free entertainment and live music



WEST SHOW. ©GUERNSEY PRESS.

at Castle Cornet, one of Guernsey's most iconic locations. There are acts that all the family will enjoy, so take a picnic and make an evening of it. 6pm – 9pm, numbers within the Castle are controlled, so recommend arriving early as queues do build up.

18 & 19 July

SARK SHEEP RACING

A fun-filled day out for all of the family at the races. With food stalls, games and an evening of live music, there is something for all the family.

19-20 July

TORTEVAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Starting from Torteval Parish Church, walk the Scarecrow Trail through some of Torteval's delightful lanes. Popular with young and old alike, often with a current theme running through. Food and drink is available in the tents based in the fields in front of the church. Trail maps can also be picked up from here to guide you through the lanes to view all the scarecrows placed in residents' gardens. See page 26 for more information.

26 July-9 August

GUERNSEY STREET FESTIVAL

The main festival runs for two weeks in St Peter Port and celebrates all forms of entertainment, including performances from musicians, actors, dancers, fairies, puppeteers, storytellers, and superheroes – plus there will be stalls from artists, jewellers and many more. Check out the schedule at guernseystreetfestival.com.

26 July

ROCQUAINE REGATTA

The Rocquaine Regatta is a fun-filled day at Rocquaine Bay on the west coast of Guernsey. Unusual boat races take place throughout the day with fishing boats, small sailing boats and motorboats participating in casual yet highly competitive races. There is also free entry to Fort Grey Shipwreck Museum on the day.

4-9 August

ALDERNEY WEEK

The Channel Islands' biggest festival, featuring live music, entertainment for the kids, parties, carnivals and wild and wacky events for the whole family. More information can be found at alderneyweek.com.

13 & 14 August

THE WEST SHOW

Guernsey's premier agricultural and horticultural show.

20 & 21 August

THE NORTH SHOW AND BATTLE OF FLOWERS

See page 26 for more information about the two Shows.

NEW: VICTOR HUGO TRAIL

Follow in the footsteps of Victor Hugo via information boards with QR-linked audio files and learn more about the author and his exile in Guernsey. Two linked trails, sponsored by Moore Stephens, span 8km from the Guernsey Information Centre to Fermain Bay, via La Vallette.

Trail stops include Elizabeth College, Victoria Tower, St James, the Commercial Arcade and the Market buildings, all newly built during Hugo's exile.



WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE?



ABOVE: BRISTOL HARBOUR FESTIVAL. RIGHT: GROMIT UNLEASHED ©VISITBRISTOL.



BRISTOL

30 June – 31 August

GROMIT UNLEASHED 3 – FREE TRAIL

With a dazzling movie magic theme, celebrating the world of storytelling and film, the trail – which is raising money for Bristol Royal Children's Hospital – features everyone's favourite dog, Gromit, his inventor human, Wallace, the mischievous penguin, Feathers McGraw and a new character, Norbot, the new 'smart gnome' from the latest Aardman film, Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl.

18 – 20 July

BRISTOL HARBOUR FESTIVAL

Bristol's prime maritime event is a popular mix of world-class circus and on-water activities, music, family entertainment, food stalls and the many stunning ships which sail into the harbour.

24 – 27 July

FEAST ON – FOOD FESTIVAL

Experience the best of Bristol's top restaurants and chefs. As well as the food and drink stalls and banqueting area, there will be

cooking demos, panel discussions and entertainment.

8 – 10 August

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

Europe's largest hot air balloon event will see over 100 hot air balloons take off and fly over Bristol at dawn and dusk, as well as the popular Night Glows on Friday and Saturday nights. This free-to-visit three-day fiesta also has daytime aerial displays, fairground rides, entertainment, music, and many food stalls, too.

Check out visitbristol.co.uk for all of the above events and more.



BRISTOL BALLOON FIESTA. ©VISITBRISTOL.

Experience the magic of KPMG Castle Nights 2025



Join us at the historic Castle Cornet for a summer of live entertainment with KPMG Castle Nights 2025, featuring a series of FREE entertainment evenings perfect for the whole family.



Dates: 11, 18, 25 July and 1 August



Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm



Venue: Castle Cornet, St Peter Port, Guernsey



Live Performances: Over 150 artists across various genres

Free Admission: No tickets required, just come and enjoy the evenings

For more information, visit <https://arts.gg/events/kpmg-castle-nights/>

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WHAT'S ON SUMMER SHOWS AND FESTIVALS



OVER THE SUMMER, GUERNSEY HAS A PACKED EVENTS CALENDAR. AS WELL AS VISITING FOR THE ISLAND'S BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS, FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON, FROM THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL TO THE NORTH AND WEST SHOWS – THERE REALLY IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, WHETHER YOU'RE LOCAL OR VISITING THE ISLAND.

THE TORTEVAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

This much-loved festival is back for another year.

Over the weekend of 19 and 20 July, the two-mile circuit through the parish, starting at the church, will be full of individuals and families as they walk around the lanes of Torteval discovering the myriad scarecrows made by islanders.

'Entries are open island wide, and this is the second time we have opened it to people outside of Torteval,' said organiser Susan Brooks.

Susan has been involved since the festival started more than 20 years ago when she introduced the idea.

'It started as a church event aimed at bringing the community together,' she said. 'It's grown to around 8,000 people visiting and following the trail over the weekend.'

This year's festival is very much the same as previous years'. As well as the trail, there will be activities and stalls in the field adjacent to the churchyard.

The festival also supports local charities.

'If there are any additional profits, we will select other Guernsey charities to support,' said Susan.

For further information, see facebook.com/tortevalscarecrowfestival

ROCQUAINE REGATTA

The Rocquaine Regatta, also held on the island's southwest coast, is one of the many highlights in the Guernsey events calendar.

This year on 26 July expect a fun-filled day at Rocquaine Bay with a full day of free entertainment for all ages.

You can join the fun as a spectator or get involved with the sand events, beach games (including raft racing and sandcastle competitions) and live music.

Check out the stalls and spend a fun-filled day in the sun on Guernsey's beautiful coastline.

SOUTH SHOW

The South Show kicks off a month of summer shows in Guernsey.

Focused mainly on exhibits, there is plenty to see from cakes to vegetables, arts and crafts to flower arrangements.

Anyone living in the parishes of Forest, St Andrew's, St Martin's and St Peter Port is eligible to enter exhibits in the South Show.

The South Show takes place at St Martin's Community Centre on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 August.

WEST SHOW

On 13 and 14 August the West Show – which prides itself on being Guernsey's premier agricultural show – attracts the crowds for two days of entertainment in the arena, games, exhibits in traditional country show classes such as cakes, vegetables, flowers and arts and crafts, as well as livestock classes.

There is plenty to do with games and rides for the children, a pet tent, stalls, classic vehicles and food and drink for those making a day of it. Listen to live music from local performers in the evening.

NORTH SHOW AND BATTLE OF FLOWERS

The Guernsey North Show and Battle of Flowers has been one of the main outdoor events in Guernsey's summer calendar for many years. Run by the Northern Agricultural and Horticultural Society, it takes place in the wonderful leafy setting of Saumarez Park and attracts thousands of visitors.

On 20 and 21 August the show will feature exhibits from islanders as well as livestock classes. In more recent years, the North Show's emphasis has shifted to encourage more amateur involvement, with many 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 metalworking, embroidery and photography. There are also stalls and activities for children including rides, bouncy castles and shows in the main arena.

The Battle of Flowers takes place on the Thursday afternoon, and spectators can take part in judging the colourful floats decorated in paper or real flowers which are competing for the 'Prix d'Honneur'. The evening ends with an illuminated cavalcade around the arena and a magnificent firework display.

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GLORIOUS GARDENS

THE QUEEN'S NURSES BEHIND THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME.

The National Garden scheme started in the UK in 1927, after Queen's Nursing Institute council member Elsie Wagg came up with the idea of raising money for district nursing through open gardens.

609 gardens opened, raising over £8k. Today, there are more than 3,500 gardens across England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands, with last year's donations topping £3.5m. The first open garden in Guernsey was held in 2022.

Across the Bailiwick, the scheme is run by the Queen's Nurses. There are currently 16 Queen's Nurses in Guernsey.

'Per population Guernsey has the highest number of Queen's nurses,' said area organiser Patricia McDermott. 'It shows our investment in our nurses as Queen's nurses are trained to a high calibre, making sure people get a high level of care.'

Queen's nurses all start in the community but often work in different departments from working in residential and care homes to the hospital. The nurses

have to apply as individuals and have to provide evidence from patients, colleagues, students and managers on their suitability to become a Queen's nurse.

'My application required me to write more words than I had for my master's module I had just completed,' said Patricia.

It does not end at application though; Queen's nurses must continue to provide evidence annually on how they are continuing to develop professionally and what new patient centred initiatives they have introduced.

'It brings together everything we do as nurses,' said Patricia. 'We must keep demonstrating how we adhere to the ethos.'

BAILIWICK GARDENS

Six gardens will be open across the Bailiwick this June. Highfields, Les Ruettes, St Andrew's, is not a large garden, but what it does not have in size it makes up for in interest, with a mix of well-established shrubs, perennials and annuals.

Nearby is La Croute De Bas, Route De St Andrew, St Andrew's, next

door to Guernsey Rangers FC. The garden boasts a croquet pitch surrounded by hedges and flower borders, a greenhouse attached to a barn and a summerhouse.

In the north of the island at L'Islet is Les Vieilles Salines, owned by Liz Downing and her husband Mark.

Liz, a retired nurse, enjoys nothing more than working on the garden.

'I'm in the garden every day of the week,' she said. 'For me it's an absolute tonic – to be outside and to watch how things change and bed in across the seasons, it's wonderful.'

There are woodland areas to be discovered, a border containing a variety of azaleas and rhododendrons, which was inspired by the Augusta golf course, plus a fruit and vegetable garden, a stumpery, dry river area, a wildflower meadow and some fine specimen trees.

In Sark, there are also three gardens open, La Seigneurie, La Tour, and Le Grand Dixcart.

For further information on the National Garden Scheme, including gardens in Guernsey and Sark, see ngs.org.uk



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ALMOST 10,000 YEARS OF HISTORY HAVE BEEN PACKED INTO A NEW MINI-MUSEUM ON LIHOU TO BRING THE ISLAND'S PAST TO LIFE.

For a small tidal peninsula on the edge of the Atlantic, Lihou has a rich and vast history spanning many important dates in the history of mankind. A key part of The Lihou Charity LBG's work – the charity that runs the island – is to offer educational residential trips to every schoolchild across the Bailiwick, and it was hoped an educational centre could enhance these visits.

Lihou warden Steve Sarre approached the corporate social responsibility team at law firm Appleby in October 2022 about the project. Prior to this, Appleby's involvement with the charity had consisted of manning a slot at the West Show car park (which generates significant funds for the charity) and sponsoring and attending some events that the Friends of Lihou organise at various times of the year to help raise valuable funds for the charity.

'The museum has been something we have wanted to do for a long time,' said Steve.

In addition to the actual history of the island, Steve noted that when the schools come to visit he is also keen to share information about the island's natural habitat and wildlife. The remit of the museum was extended to include information about the island's fauna, flora and sea life, plus

information about the tides, RAMSAR sites and local places of interest, including the lighthouses.

The interactive museum uses artwork and artefacts, videos and sound recordings to trace the history of Lihou from the Mesolithic age to the present day. Illustrations by local artist James Colmer include a stunning oil painting of the island's famous Venus Pool.

The project enabled lots of the Appleby team to be involved, as not only did they project manage the physical build, but also created all of the content for the exhibit and the website.

Richard Sheldon, Managing Partner of Appleby Guernsey, said, 'This has been a tremendous project for the wider Appleby team to be involved with. Those who preferred to write could help collate the material, those who wanted to do something practical could help with the more manual aspects of painting and decorating and those who were project managing the development were completely hands-on at every stage of the build. We are proud to have been involved in delivering a museum and education centre for The Lihou Charity which will be visited and enjoyed by Guernsey school children for years to come.'

Appleby project managers Stuart Harrison and Lisa Upham added, 'One of the key criteria that drive our

CSR decisions is to support local charities and where ever feasible to partner with local businesses. We were fortunate to find a team of Guernsey-based master craftsmen to make our vision into a reality and we would like to thank the following people for being part of this fantastic journey:

Steve Sarre, Warden of Lihou;
Dr Philip de Jersey FSA, States Archaeologist; Dowding Signs; ESG Electrical Contractors; James Colmer Art & Design; Swan Joinery; Simon Harvey (Lihou website); Robbie Goldsmith (Former Guernsey lighthouse keeper); Anjali Ayres and The Sixth Form Centre; The States of Guernsey Culture and Heritage team.'

The new website can be found at lihouisland.org/gg/lihou-island-museum-education-centre





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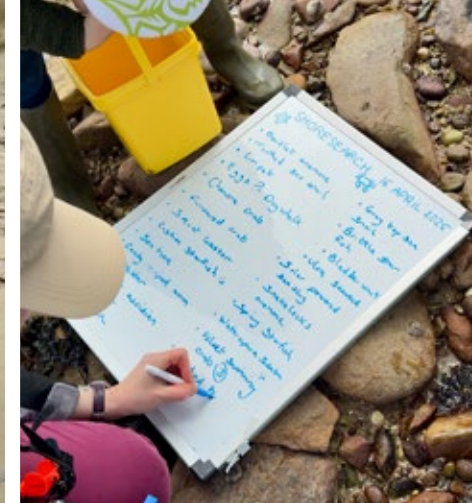
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En Voyage

WILDER LEARNING: EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH NATURE

Since 2022, the Alderney Wildlife Trust has been taking bold steps to reimagine what education looks like on island. We've been trialling a range of nature-based activities designed to inspire and support young people, from Forest & Beach Schools, to voluntary opportunities that highlight and harness children's strengths and capabilities. This hands-on approach to outdoor education has quickly become more than just a project — it's become a movement.

This discovery has been the driving force of a new Wilder Learning Initiative. At the heart of this initiative is a simple but powerful belief: every child deserves access to nature. Over the past two years, our work with Alderney's youth has shaped the development of a five-year education strategy. This strategy is rooted in the needs and voices of our community, and it aims to open up new, lasting opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and thrive through the natural world around them.

One of the most exciting aspects of this work has been our collaboration with Dr Mel Broadhurst-Allen, our Living Seas Officer and resident marine biologist. Through engaging and interactive sessions, young people are discovering science in a whole new light — one that is fun, accessible, and rooted in real-world experiences. Whether it's rock pooling on the shore or learning about marine ecosystems on the sand dunes, this work is sparking curiosity and building confidence in the next generation of environmental stewards.

The impact has been incredible. We've seen young people face their fears, develop new skills, and build lasting relationships with nature. From making their first shelter on the beach to identifying sea creatures along the coast, these moments of exploration often lead to deep connections — both with the environment and within themselves.

But we also know that not every child starts from the same place. That's why our focus for 2025 is to increase access for those who may face additional barriers: children with additional needs, those for whom English is an additional language, and those who simply haven't had the chance to engage with nature

before. We believe that access to the outdoors should not be a luxury — it is a right, and one that we are committed to protecting and expanding.

Our research and community engagement have also revealed something broader: education on Alderney faces real challenges. Geographic isolation, limited travel options, and a lack of host families on Guernsey all contribute to a system where opportunities can feel out of reach. At the same time, families and organisations across the island are eager for more accessible, engaging, and flexible learning opportunities.

This shared need has sparked something powerful. Through our Wilder Learning Initiative, we are not only supporting children — we're also beginning to build a network of local partners, educators, and advocates who want to be part of the solution. Our goal is for this strategy to become a catalyst for innovation and collaboration, helping to create a more vibrant, inclusive learning landscape for everyone on Alderney.

Nature has always had the power to teach. With the Wilder Learning Initiative, we're ensuring it has the chance to reach every child — no matter who they are, so that everyone has the opportunity to thrive in the natural world. The Trust is committed to increasing access to lifelong learning on island and will continue to understand and respond to the community's needs. We welcome sponsors and CSR commitments that directly support the Wilder Learning Initiative and if you are interested in developing solutions for vocational or informal education on Alderney, we'd love to hear from you.





MINI ADVENTURES: ISLAND HOPPING WITH CHILDREN



ISLAND HOPPING IS MORE THAN JUST A DAY OUT AND CAN BE A LOT OF FUN FOR BOTH LOCAL AND VISITING FAMILIES – NATALIE HENRY FROM ISLANDFAMILIES HAS CERTAINLY MADE THE MOST OF HER FAMILY'S VISITS.

The Bailiwick is made up of several sister islands, each offering something unique for families looking for a change of scenery, without going too far. Whether you're after nature, nostalgia, or just a chance to let the kids roam wild and free, here's her guide to island hopping with children from Guernsey.

HERM

Herm Island offers families a chance to slow down and let kids discover the magic of the outdoors. We always find it to be a peaceful paradise with no cars and no stress – little ones can bask in the island's beauty and enjoy the safe and stunning surroundings. The island itself is only 1.5 miles long and you can walk the circumference in about an hour-and-a-half (small people depending) and the only sort of traffic you'll encounter in Herm is the odd quadbike used by Herm staff. We've navigated the common with a double buggy and walked the coastline with a baby carrier, so it's perfectly easy to explore with kids.

Visiting Herm with children isn't about ticking off activities or finding endless entertainment, it's about something far more valuable: freedom. In Herm, kids are gifted the rare chance to roam safely, barefoot on golden sands,

through coastal paths, and across open common land where their imaginations take the lead.

Shell Beach makes for a fantastic hunting ground for treasures, from shells and sea glass to pretty little pebbles and other trinket – ours have spent hours scouring the sand to see what they can find. And with the kiosk now having a licence, you can enjoy a glass of Prosecco as they play.

Herm Gift Shop is an Aladdin's cave of wonders, where kids love spending their pocket money before a trip to the Mermaid. You can grab a bucket and spade or a ball to take down on to the beach before getting the boat back.

With no vehicles, no distractions, and no hurry, families will enjoy simple, unstructured play, which is why we absolutely love exploring Herm with kids of all ages – it truly is nature's playground.

GETTING THERE

Herm is just a 20-minute boat ride from Guernsey. Travel Trident runs a regular, year-round ferry service, including a popular evening dinner boat from May to September. You'll need to take little ones out of buggies to board and disembark, but they can sit in them when travelling if needed. Morning boats can fill up quickly in the school holidays, so it's always best to book in advance – tickets can be bought from the Trident Kiosk, situated by Weighbridge Steps in town, alongside the clocktower. If the kiosk is closed, tickets can be bought onboard.

ACCOMMODATION

Herm offers multiple camping choices including equipped tents, safari tents and pitch-your-own sites. There's also the White House Hotel and self-catering holiday cottages, so something for every style and budget.

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SARK

Sark is a dream for little adventurers – the absence of cars makes it perfect for cycling, walking, and exploring in complete safety. When you arrive, you'll walk through the tunnel to the bottom of Harbour Hill, the only route up to the village. The toast rack, as it's affectionately known, is an open-sided trailer 'bus' pulled by a tractor and costs £1.50. It is possible to walk up but it can be a bit of a slog with youngsters, and you'd miss out on all the giggles as you chug up the hill behind a tractor. Walking back down for departure is much easier, and you can always stop for an ice-cream and take in the views of Creux Harbour at the bottom before your boat leaves.

Getting around is fine on foot – Sark's idea of traffic congestion is a horse and carriage meeting a tractor. The roads in Sark are gravel and dirt, so expect to get a little dusty as you travel, especially if pushing a buggy or pram. There are multiple bike hire vendors on island, catering to families of all sizes with tag-alongs, trailers and baby seats. With Sark being car-free with only horse-drawn carriages and tractors, it's one of the safest places in the British Isles to ride a bike, and children so enjoy the freedom this brings. Accidents do happen though, and we're never without plasters in Sark!

Beyond the journey itself, Sark is dotted with magical places that are well worth a visit. Sark Henge is reachable on foot and is a lovely attraction for youngsters. Each of the nine stones is aligned with a local landmark or by the sun, marking the winter and summer solstice and the spring and autumn equinox. If you've got bikes or time to explore a little further by foot, there's a lovely picnic bench tucked away behind the Pilcher Monument – it's a great spot for a family picnic with an incredible view. Window in the Rock is a window cut into the cliffs by a former Seigneur of Sark, framing the view of Port Du Moulin Bay. It's a lovely walk down from La Seigneurie Gardens but may not be ideal for really small people given its proximity to a steep drop.

A pootle across La Coupée to Little Sark brings incredible views as well as a chance to visit the Adonis pool, dolmen, silver mines, and a photo opportunity at the Big Pink hair. There's a small but charming playground to enjoy, offering a fun pit stop between adventures, and children will want to spot the golden post box on the Avenue too. A favourite in the IslandFamilies household is the Isle of Sark Dairy's 24-hour vending machine where you can make up bottles of your chosen milkshake flavour whenever you like.

If you're staying overnight, be sure to head outside after dark and take in the sky. Sark was the first island community to gain the title of Dark Sky Island from the International Dark-Sky Association for its exceptional lack of light pollution, owed largely to there being no streetlights. All making for a stunning view at night, something older kids can appreciate.

Even as you wait to leave, Sark provides something magical; there's normally schools of fish and sometimes jellyfish to watch in the waters. And keep an eye out for seals and dolphins from the ferry – some lucky travellers get to watch them play!

GETTING THERE

With no airport on Sark, the only way to travel across is by sea. Isle of Sark Shipping offers a year-round ferry service across the nine-mile stretch which takes 35-50 minutes depending on vessel. Tickets can be bought online or from the ticket office situated at White Rock in town.

ACCOMMODATION

Sark has some beautiful hotels and guest houses, as well as self-catering, camping and glamping options, which means you really can pick whatever suits your family's needs most. If you're staying in Sark, most accommodations will sort luggage transportation for you.



ALDERNEY

Visiting Alderney with children is like stepping into one of their Enid Blyton stories, where adventure and discovery go hand in hand. It's the largest sister island in the Bailiwick and while small enough to feel manageable with little ones in tow, it's packed with wild, open spaces and a sense of history that sparks curiosity in every age.

Alderney's beaches can be a major highlight for families. From the sheltered white sands of Braye Bay, perfect for sandcastles, to the ideal swimming water of Saye Bay and more rugged Corblets, perfect for rock pooling, there really is something for every kind of beach day creating amazing holiday memories.

There are forts to clamber over, nature trails to wander, and woodland paths that feel like they lead to secret worlds. The island is rich with wartime and Victorian history, and children often enjoy playing in the old bunkers or looking for cannons. You can go to the watermill, visit ancient burial sites, tour the batteries and even go to a WWII German Hospital Bunker. Kids will certainly have their fill of exploring!

Alderney Railway, the only working railway in the Channel Islands, is a particular hit with younger visitors, as well as the Womble Trail. Elisabeth Beresford, creator of the Wombles, made the island her home for more than 30 years, and has been honoured with four-foot-high Womble sculptures that have been hand-carved with a chainsaw – the perfect photo companions for youngsters!

As well as the chance to spot puffins in spring and early summer, Alderney is famous for being home to blonde hedgehogs. The Alderney Wildlife Trust organises bat and hedgehog walks providing a chance to discover the nocturnal world of these amazing creatures – an ideal walk for young and old

Alderney might be small, but it's packed with things to discover – perfect for curious kids with energy to burn.

GETTING THERE

You can take a short flight to Alderney with Aurigny, which only takes 15 minutes, or you can travel by sea with a variety of different ferry providers depending on your needs and schedule.

ACCOMMODATION

From the four-star Braye Beach hotel to self-catering and guest houses, as well as camping and self-catering tents, there's something for all tastes.

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By Amanda Eulenkamp

I'm writing this having recently returned from a brilliant weekend in Paris, using Aurigny's direct flights (out on the Friday, back on the Monday bank holiday at the beginning of May).

Flying non-stop made such a difference to the minibreak – having landed on time, we hopped on the train to the city, headed to our hotel, dropped our bags and were in the Louvre just after 6pm. We walked miles, climbed countless steps (including to the top of the Arc de Triomphe), and saw all the sights we'd planned on seeing.

On the flight back, I caught up with a friend who had been to Disneyland Paris with her family for the weekend. Islanders are certainly making good use of these

flights, and why not? We're already planning a return trip to the French capital in 2026.

I hear so many people praising the ease of the direct flights, so if you're heading off on one this summer, then enjoy. We've included a quick guide to Corsica and Alicante in this edition of En Voyage, plus a longer piece on 'Beyond Nice', if you are fortunate enough to be heading to the Côte d'Azur.

Nearer to home, we explore the Bristol area, including a 48-hour guide to Cardiff, plus some fun things to do near Bristol airport. Head south to the jaw-dropping Cheddar Gorge and its caves – going there was a childhood treat for me, and writing this piece brought back happy memories.

With the welcome news about the interline agreement between Aurigny and Emirates, Jessamy Baldwin (who currently lives in Dubai) has written a superb insider's guide to the city. And I've shared some memories of my favourite city, Hong Kong, which I last flew to on Emirates via Dubai. My first flight there was in 1986, and it's fair to say that the city has changed quite a bit since then!

The interline agreement has certainly opened up the world for us all, with a single ticket offering security of travel. If you do decide to fly onwards via Dubai, then do have a stopover on one of the legs to discover the city and its surroundings – or even travel to Abu Dhabi, as I have done. Happy travels!



VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER ©ISTOCKPHOTO



LEFT: SAINT-TROPEZ. ABOVE: MONTE CARLO OPERA HOUSE. ©ISTOCKPHOTO

BEYOND NICE

THE FRENCH RIVIERA CONJURES UP A GLAMOROUS IMAGE OF STYLISH LIVING. WITH AURIGNY OFFERING DIRECT FLIGHTS TO NICE AT THE END OF JUNE (14 – 28), WE SHARE SOME PLACES TO VISIT BEYOND THE CITY.

Once you've landed at Nice Côte d'Azur airport, you'll find onwards travel excellent, from public transport (bus, train) and taxis to private helicopter transfers (why not arrive in Monaco in style?).

Hiring a car and driving along the famous Grande Corniche (the road was constructed by Napoleon and towers 1,600 feet above sea level – it starts just outside Nice and winds its scenic way to Menton) is also high up there on iconic 'things to do'.

VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER

Villefranche-sur-Mer is just a few miles along the coast from Nice. Luxury yachts and simple local boats float side by side in the harbour, while in the old quarter, you'll discover a maze of narrow streets winding from the shore upwards. The Rue Obscure – or 'dark street' in French – is 130m long and located in the heart of the old town. It is a historical passage dating back to 1260, and it certainly brings back the atmosphere of medieval

Villefranche. The imposing citadel of Villefranche-sur-Mer, built on behalf of the Duke of Savoy, was built from 1554 onwards.

Since Savoy became part of France in 1860, the citadel was used as a military base by the 24th Battalion of Alpine Chasseurs. In 1965, it was bought by the city council and later restored. Today, it houses the town hall, public gardens, and several free museums.

Beach lovers have several to choose from. Plage des Marinières is the largest beach – useful to know is that in summer it has a surveillance post and also is equipped with an anti-jellyfish net. Enjoy lunch or dinner with your feet in the water at one of the many nearby restaurants.

Plage de La Darse is located just west of the town in a sheltered position at the foot of the ancient ramparts – visit for a breath-taking view of the harbour. Those seeking an authentic atmosphere can head to Plage de l'Ange Gardien (pets welcome).

SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat is probably most famous for the breath-taking Villa and Gardens of Beatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild. The Villa has magnificent views across the fabulous gardens (which span more than seven hectares and feature nine different themes) to the Mediterranean (across the Bay of Villefranche and the Bay of Beaulieu) and the mountains that serve as a backdrop to the Riviera. Open 365 days a year, information and tickets can be found at villa-ephrussi.com/en

Slightly further along the coast again is Beaulieu-sur-Mer. Here you'll find the Villa Kerylos, an original reconstruction of an ancient Greek residence. Surrounding the villa is a tranquil garden with views over the Mediterranean. Guided tours take place twice a day, at 11am and 3pm. Currently, there is a temporary exhibition, 'The Gold of Time', running until 18 September. See villakerylos.fr for further information.

MONACO

Head east again, and you'll find Monaco. Take in the Monte Carlo casino, have your photo taken at the Grand Prix 'hairpin bend' (head to the Fairmont Hotel for this one), see the yachts in Port Hercules, stroll through the Jardin d'acclimatation (you'll see the famous Opera House), visit the Prince's Palace of Monaco, and finally sit at the Café de Paris in Casino Square for a well-earned drink!

ANTIBES, CANNES AND SAINT-TROPEZ

Heading west from Nice will take you to Antibes, Cannes and Saint-Tropez.

The ancient walled town of Antibes – instantly recognisable from its iconic skyline comprising old buildings sitting on the high ramparts above the sea – has a relaxed yet lively vibe, a thriving superyacht port (Port Vauban, the largest marina in Europe), and gorgeous old town of narrow cobbled streets, markets and cafes. It's famous for being home to the Spanish painter Pablo Picasso. Lovers of modern and contemporary art can visit the Picasso Museum, the former Château Grimaldi. Please note that between 16 June and 7 July, some areas will be closed.

Leaving Old Antibes and heading towards Cap d'Antibes, you'll discover two long, sandy beaches, Punteil and Salis, which are perfect for young children as the water is shallow. If you want to go off the beaten track, there are small, charming and completely unspoiled beaches in the south and on the west coast of Cap d'Antibes – however, take care, as not of all these beaches are supervised.

Cannes is for great shopping, has beautiful beaches, food, and of course the mini 'Hollywood Walk of Fame'. The 80 hectares Croix des Gardes garden is a natural space with six viewing points offering a 360-degree panoramic view, 20km of laid-out trails, and a forest of mimosas.

The famous Boulevard de la Croisette, at 3km long, has palm trees, wide sandy beaches, hotels, casinos and panoramic views of the Bay of Cannes and the Îles de Lérins. The Îles de Lérins is just a few minutes by boat from Cannes – visit the lush Île Sainte-Marguerite and its fort where the Man in the Iron Mask was imprisoned.

Saint-Tropez may exude glamour with its status as the preferred destination for the rich and famous. But head to its narrow streets to discover traditional restaurants shaded by grapevines

and cobbled lanes filled with boutiques.

It offers beautiful beaches, a millionaire lifestyle and exclusive nightclubs, but with a nod to its earlier existence as a tiny fishing village.

GRASSE AND INLAND

How about exploring more of the countryside on the Chemins de fer de Provence line? It runs from Nice to Digne-les-Bains, famous for its thermal baths and spas. In the summer months, you can take the 1920s steam train, the Train des Pignes, which will take you at a leisurely pace to Entrevaux, Annot or Le Fugeret.

A trip inland to Grasse by train or bus is a treat for perfume-lovers. You could even have a go at making your own at one of the major perfume houses, such as Molinard, Galimard and Fragonard. Find out the history of perfume making at the International Perfume Museum, the only one of its kind in the world. Check out museesdegrasse.com/en/presentation-museum. Make time to wander the narrow streets and discover architectural treats – or why not visit the cathedral, with its wealth of art dating from the 15th century?

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LEFT: RIVERSIDE GARDEN PARK; ABOVE: RIVER MOLE.

(JUST) BEYOND GATWICK

HAVE YOU EVER FLOWN INTO GATWICK AND HAD SOME SPARE TIME OR HAVE YOUNGER CHILDREN WHO NEED TO BURN OFF SOME ENERGY BEFORE A FLIGHT? WE HAVE SOME TIPS, THANKS TO READER AND TRAVELLER ROBERT CHILDS, TO HELP YOU WHILE AWAY THE TIME AND THAT ALLOW YOU TO GET SOME FRESH AIR AS WELL.

If you look at Gatwick with new eyes, you can see the surrounding countryside has been transformed to take account of the fact it is built on a flood plain – just look at the number of balancing ponds when coming into land. Gatwick has two non-operational areas of managed biodiversity that provide the majority of publicly-available walking areas.

Should you wish to leave your baggage and then go for a walk, Excess Baggage Company has left luggage facilities providing secure storage facilities at both North and South terminals. Pricing starts at £10 for up to three hours.

Riverside Garden Park can be found (on foot) by following the signpost to Horley from South

Terminal. Go under the bridge and as the path bears round to the right, follow the blue arrow on a pole to the park – it's around a 10-minute walk. The park is small but allows for a brief breath of fresh air compared to the terminals, and there are ducks as well as areas for kids to explore and run around in.

Sussex Border Long Distance Path is found by walking out from the Premier Inn (the one nearest to the shuttle at North Terminal) towards the roundabout, where you'll see a Shell garage on the other side of the road. Cross directly to the wood in front, move slightly right, and you'll see a sign for a public footpath. Enter a wooded area and the well-trodden path will take you around the back of the hotels and to the

River Mole. Please note that this path can get very muddy in winter.

River Mole is just a 15-minute walk from North Terminal. Public access is encouraged along much of the stretch around Povey Cross Bridge and the airport boundary. It is possible to see kingfishers and other wildlife, such as long-horned bees or dragonflies.

Gatwick Woodlands is perhaps a one-mile walk from South Terminal, and is a semi-natural area. Descend from South Terminal as though going to the car rentals on the right, but continue walking ahead. Just after the bend, follow the footpath signs between the flood defence systems and onto the woodland areas to find a series of clearly defined footpaths through fields and Picketts Woods.

BIODIVERSITY AT LONDON GATWICK

London Gatwick has more than 91 hectares of woodland, grassland, scrub and wetlands surrounding the airport, which the airport manages and monitors for biodiversity.

There are two key non-operational areas of Gatwick's landholding that it is actively managing and monitoring to enhance their biodiversity potential. One area is the North

West Zone and River Mole, the other is the Land East Zone, which includes the Gatwick Stream and the Gatwick Woodlands Biodiversity Area.

London Gatwick has been accredited by the Wildlife Trusts with its Biodiversity Benchmark since 2014, which is currently the only recognised standard that certifies business for wildlife enhancement.

Working adjacent to an airport comes with challenges. Certain species of bird such as swans,

geese, gulls, corvids, starling etc. provide a bird strike risk to aircraft. London Gatwick's biodiversity action plan is unique because they work with the bird strike management team and tailor habitat creation and management to be unattractive to these species, while encouraging species that do not pose a risk to the safe functioning of the airport.

Read more at gatwickairport.com/company/sustainability/biodiversity.html





DISCOVER DUBAI

A DAZZLING OASIS OF CULTURE, LUXURY, AND ADVENTURE BY JESSAMY BALDWIN

From its shimmering skyscrapers to sun-soaked white sand beaches, Dubai is a city that defies expectations. A cosmopolitan jewel in the UAE's desert landscape, it fuses modern marvels with ancient traditions, making it one of the world's most exciting destinations for travellers in 2025. Whether you're seeking luxury, culture, adventure or world-class dining, Dubai has something for everyone.

WHAT TO DO:

BURJ KHALIFA: A visit to the Burj Khalifa – currently the tallest building in the world at 829.8m – is an absolute must. From the observation decks on the 124th and 148th floors, you'll witness breathtaking panoramic views of the cityscape, desert and Arabian Gulf.

DUBAI MALL: No trip is complete without exploring the famous Dubai Mall. You'll find over 1,200 stores, an impressive indoor aquarium, ice rink, waterfall, cinema, several play areas and countless dining options. Be sure to watch the Dubai Fountain Display which happens in the lagoon daily

every 30 mins from 6-11pm. Eat at the Time Out Market just across from here for stunning views and a curated taste of the city's best food, drinks and culture. The Tap House boasts great views too (and they serve alcohol).

OLD TOWN: Venture to 'Old Dubai' where you'll find heritage architecture to peruse, quaint spots to people-watch and traditional foods in which to indulge. Quench your thirst at the famous Arabian Tea House and shop for bargains at the well-known Gold Souk. Next, hop on an old-fashioned abra boat ride across Dubai Creek from Deira to Bur Dubai for as little as Dhs1 (20p).

DESERT SAFARI: Embrace the desert vibes with sand boarding, dune buggy riding, camel riding, hot air balloon trips and traditional Bedouin-style dinners under the stars. There are multiple companies that offer this. Sonara and Noble camps are popular for evening excursions which combine multiple activities. Another place to sample the desert scene on a budget is by taking a trip to Hidden Cafe.

DUBAI MARINA: A full walking loop of the marina is around 7km (1.5-2hr walk at a relaxed pace). Get your daily steps in with a backdrop of waterfront views, towering skyscrapers, luxury yachts and cafes galore. Tie in a trip to JBR, a sandy public beach with buzzy promenade, or, thrill seekers can try the XLine Dubai Marina, the world's longest urban zipline. Another option is joining a sunset boat cruise.

SKI DUBAI: Located in the Mall of the Emirates, Ski Dubai features real snow, ski slopes, and a penguin encounter. Because who doesn't want to try skiing in the desert!

GLOBAL VILLAGE (OCT-APR):

Enjoy a multicultural theme park with international pavilions, street food, shopping and live performances.

HATTA DAM & HATTA HERITAGE VILLAGE: Just 90 minutes from the city, enjoy kayaking on turquoise waters surrounded by mountains and explore a restored traditional Emirati village.

LEFT: BURJ KHALIFA. ABOVE: DUBAI MIRACLE GARDEN; DESERT SAFARI RIGHT: SKI DUBAI; DUBAI MARINA; THE LOVE LAKES IN AL QUDRA; OLD TOWN; DUBAI MALL ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

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THE LOVE LAKES IN AL QUDRA:

Two interconnected heart-shaped lakes in the desert, great for a romantic picnic or Instagram-worthy sunset views.

RIPE MARKET (OCT-MAY):

A pop-up weekend market featuring local artisan treats, organic food, live music, a petting zoo, go-kart track, horse riding and other family activities in an outdoor setting.

THE DUBAI BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND DUBAI MIRACLE GARDEN:

Adjacent gardens providing a natural haven with mesmerizing structures of flowers and over 15,000 butterflies of different species.

WHERE TO STAY

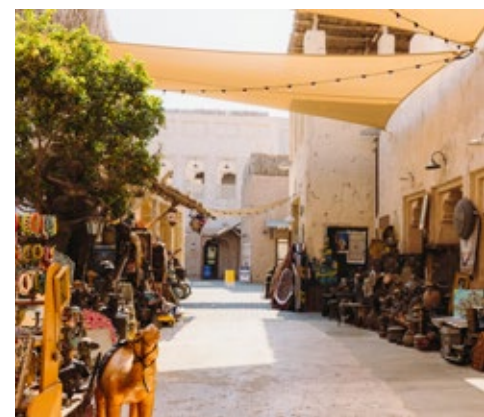
For an iconic luxury experience, the Burj Al Arab, with its sail-shaped silhouette and opulent interiors, remains a symbol of Dubai hospitality. Equally lavish but ideal for families, Jumeirah Beach hotel offers complimentary access to the Wild Wadi waterpark, while Atlantis on The Palm offers direct access

to Aquaventure Waterpark and The Lost Chambers Aquarium. The Westin, One & Only Royal Mirage, Anantara on the Palm, Raffles and Ritz-Carlton are also popular choices.

For those who prefer the heart of the city, Address Downtown and Armani Hotel Dubai place you right beside Dubai Mall and the Burj Khalifa. Travellers on a budget can enjoy high-quality stays at hotels like Rove Downtown or Zabeel House by Jumeirah, offering comfort and style without the premium price tag.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Whether it's your first visit or your 10th, Dubai continues to surprise and inspire. With world-class attractions, warm Arabian hospitality and a cultural scene that's rapidly evolving, it's no wonder this dynamic city remains a top destination for global travellers. So fasten your seatbelt and get ready to explore the dazzling magic of Dubai – an unforgettable journey awaits.





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ABOVE: PEAK TRAM.
 LEFT: HONG KONG SKYLINE AT SUNSET. ©ISTOCKPHOTO

HONG KONG: FRAGRANT HARBOUR

AMANDA EULENKAMP FIRST VISITED HONG KONG IN 1986. SINCE THEN, SHE HAS BEEN NUMEROUS TIMES, THE LAST BEING IN 2016, WHEN SHE FLEW ON EMIRATES VIA DUBAI. WITH AURIGNY NOW SHARING AN INTERLINING AGREEMENT WITH EMIRATES, THE WORLD HAS OPENED UP FOR LOCAL TRAVELLERS.

Hong Kong is probably my favourite city in the world. The first time I went was on honeymoon, back in 1986, and it was part of a larger Asian itinerary. The city's name means 'Fragrant Harbour', and refers to Victoria Harbour, which connects Hong Kong Island to Kowloon.

Even though the translation harks back to the city's connection with the spice trade, I can still remember the pungent aroma that typified Hong Kong. On subsequent trips, that smell faded as the street vendors seemed to disappear from the main thoroughfares and air-conditioned walkways linking buildings was a cooler way to get around.

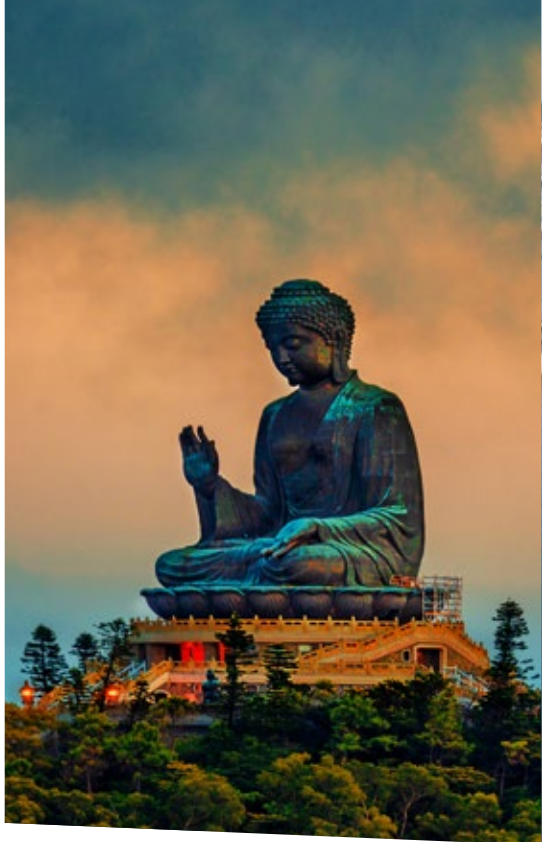
I've always stayed on the Island

rather than Kowloon side, although I love crossing the harbour on one of the famous Star Ferry boats to visit Kowloon (according to National Geographic, a crossing of Victoria Harbour on a Star Ferry has been named as one of the '50 places of a lifetime') – and you do get some of the best views of Hong Kong Island from that side!

For a birds' eye view, though, head up to the Peak, on Hong Kong Island. While you can take a bus or a taxi (or even hike if you're feeling fit!), the best way to get there is by taking the Peak Tram, one of the world's oldest and most famous funicular railways. The tram rises to 396m (around 1,300 feet) above sea level, and is so steep that the buildings you pass look as though they are leaning.

When you get to the top, you'll see the iconic Peak Tower, opened in 1997. Here you'll find restaurants, shops and entertainment venues. While the Tower is a stunning piece of architecture, do venture a mere minute or so away to the Peak Lookout, a 19th century heritage restaurant that is a Grade II historical landmark.

Or do what I like doing, which is to go up at least once in daylight (and take the 40 – 60 minutes' Peak Trail, which runs around the Peak and from where there are stunning vistas, plus the opportunity to see tropical forests and extensive birdlife), and once at night, to enjoy the light show that is Hong Kong. Check out thepeak.com.hk and also peaklookout.com.hk.



ABOVE L-R: MONGKOK DISTRICT; LANTAU ISLAND; ABERDEEN HARBOUR; THE PENINSULA HONG KONG; MACAU, CHINA; STAR FERRY. ALL IMAGES ©ISTOCKPHOTO

The city has seen much change during the 30 years that I've visited it, not least the handover from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China at midnight on 1 July 1997, which ended 156 years of British rule in the former colony. On each visit, new buildings had sprung up, each taller/grander/more modern than the last.

If you'd like to experience colonial style, then the Peninsula Hong Kong, referred to as the 'Grande Dame of the Far East', is the place to go for afternoon tea. The hotel (in Kowloon) was built in 1928 and expanded in 1994. While I haven't been for years, there always used to be a queue for afternoon tea; it was popular with residents and visitors alike. While afternoon tea is served from 2pm until 5.30pm (last orders 5pm), I recommend getting there early and allowing time as tables are on a first come first served basis.

peninsula.com/en/hong-kong/hotel-fine-dining/the-lobby-afternoon-tea has all the info.

On my 2016 trip, we had afternoon tea in as different a place as you could imagine: at the top of the International Commerce Centre,

overlooking Hong Kong Island. The Ritz-Carlton Hotel occupies from 102/F – 118/F, so if you want a room with a view, then this ticks that box.

I was lucky enough to have friends who moved to Hong Kong, so I always had an excuse to visit. To say that it is a vibrant city is an understatement; I remember bright colours, trams, the metro – a bustling city that never seems to sleep.

Each trip, though, I liked to head over to Aberdeen and browse the market (one of many in Hong Kong). Aberdeen Harbour is where you'll find the famous Floating Village. My favourite way to travel there was by bus – try and get the front seat on the top deck for an exhilarating ride!

I've also visited Lantau Island several times – it's one of the oldest fishing villages in Hong Kong and is well worth a trip. It's hard to beat eating freshly caught fish by the water's edge. The island's mountainous interior includes Lantau Peak, known for its sunrises (although I confess this is not a trek I have done!).

On my last visit, we headed over to Macau, the world's largest

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gambling destination, a one-hour ferry ride from downtown Hong Kong. Macau is a former Portuguese colony and is the only place in China where casinos are legal. Imagine Las Vegas with an Asian twist. I'm glad I went to experience it and it was interesting to compare the Venetian Hotel in both places... I'm also glad I went with somebody who had a good sense of direction, otherwise I'm sure I'd still be wandering around its 10,500,000 square-feet of floor space, trying to find my way out!

To summarise, there is so much about Hong Kong that I love... a harbour crossing on a Star Ferry... heading up to the Peak... wandering around the markets... just walking around Central and soaking up the atmosphere of the designer shops and hotels...

Generally, tourists spend three to four nights in Hong Kong as part of a wider itinerary. While that is probably enough to get a feel for the main sights in the centre, there is so much to pack into those few nights that I'd recommend extending a stay by a couple more.

Check out the Hong Kong Tourism Board's website discoverhongkong.com for further inspiration.

Hong Kong's new international airport opened in 1998. When I first flew there in 1986, and on a few other trips, it was to Kai Tak Airport... and that famous take-off and landing (allegedly the sixth most dangerous in the world) that felt like you were flying through and around all the high-rise flats!

On my last visit, I flew with Emirates via Dubai. I was attending a travel conference in Abu Dhabi, so effectively broke the journey there. I travelled in economy from Dubai to Hong Kong as it was a day flight – the seats and the cabin were excellent. On the overnight from Hong Kong to Gatwick via Dubai, I upgraded to business class, which was the most amazing experience. The airline really does do travel in style! Transiting through Dubai airport was seamless.

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48 HOURS IN CARDIFF



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FOR DINNER, VENTURE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOODS OF PONTCANNA AND CANTON, KNOWN FOR THEIR ECLECTIC DINING SCENES. FROM CONTEMPORARY EATERIES TO COSY PUBS, YOU'LL FIND A PLETHORA OF OPTIONS TO SUIT YOUR TASTE.

Cardiff, the vibrant capital of Wales, offers a delightful mix of history, culture and modern attractions. Whether you're a history enthusiast, keen foodie, or someone seeking scenic views, Cardiff has something special for every traveller, says Jessamy Baldwin. Read ahead for your perfect 48-hour itinerary to help you make the most of your quick visit.

DAY ONE: DIVE INTO CARDIFF'S RICH HERITAGE

Begin your journey at Cardiff Castle, a Grade I listed monument. Nestled in the heart of the city, this medieval fortress boasts Roman and Norman roots, with Victorian Gothic renovations adding to its charm. Explore its opulent interiors, climb the Norman Keep for panoramic views and wander through the lush landscapes. Within the castle grounds, the Firing Line Museum offers insights into Welsh military history, housed in a beautifully restored Victorian building.

Just a short walk from the castle, Cardiff Market is a Victorian gem offering a plethora of local produce, artisanal goods and tasty street food – perfect for a lunchtime meander. Don't miss The Market Deli, serving delights

since 1928. Adjacent to the castle, Bute Park provides a serene escape with its expansive greenery and tranquil paths. For dinner, dine at Giovanni's on The Hayes, an iconic Italian restaurant.

With over 40 years of history, it serves hearty dishes like minestrone soup and spaghetti carbonara in a nostalgic setting adorned with celebrity photos. Another option is The Potted Pig, a restaurant set in a former bank vault, offering a menu that blends British and European flavours.

DAY 2: EMBRACE CARDIFF'S MODERN CHARM

Begin your day with a short drive or bus ride to St Fagans, an open-air museum showcasing Welsh culture and history. Wander through more than 40 re-erected buildings, including a working bakery and a traditional Welsh chapel, all set against the backdrop of St Fagans Castle. Next, head to Cardiff Bay's Mermaid Quay, a bustling waterfront area brimming with eateries offering diverse cuisines.

Enjoy a leisurely lunch with views of the bay, sampling fresh local seafood or whatever floats your boat. After lunch, explore the Wales Millennium Centre, an architectural masterpiece

known for hosting world-class performances. Nearby, Roald Dahl Plass, named after the famed author, is a public space often featuring outdoor events and performances.

For dinner, venture to the neighbourhoods of Pontcanna and Canton, known for their eclectic dining scenes. From contemporary eateries to cosy pubs, you'll find a plethora of options to suit your taste.

Where to stay:

Hotel Indigo Cardiff: A stylish boutique hotel located in the city centre, offering modern amenities and easy access to major attractions.

The Royal Hotel Cardiff: A historic hotel combining Victorian elegance with contemporary comfort, situated near Cardiff Central Station.

Getting there:

Take the Airport Flyer Bus to Bristol Temple Meads train station. From here, get a train to Cardiff Central.

You can also take a direct National Express Coach from Bristol Airport to Cardiff Coach Station. There are also multiple car hire options from Bristol airport.



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CHEDDAR GORGE & CAVES: A SPECTACULAR DAY OUT

BY AMANDA EULENKAMP

When I was a little girl, I used to love going to Cheddar Gorge for a day trip and seeing the caves. If you've never been, I can highly recommend making time to visit.

When I was researching this article, I realised just how much had changed – but also, how much had stayed the same – at Cheddar.

The Gorge (England's largest, and a Site of Special Scientific Interest) is still spectacular, but it's now also part of the newly-formed Mendip Hills National Landscape.

Gough's Cave and **Cox's Cave** are two of Britain's oldest show caves.

Gough's Cave is the larger, with its amazing stalagmites and stalactites. See the soaring chambers of St Paul's Cathedral and the towering spires of Solomon's Temple.

Audio guides are available (including a version for younger explorers), plus brand new atmospheric lighting enhances the natural beauty of the cave. Look out for the Black Cat of Cheddar – a shadow cast by the light that looks like a cat wearing a bow-tie.

The temperature is a constant 11 degree Celsius – and it's the perfect temperature for ageing Cheddar

cheese! Shelves of maturing cheese can be seen within the cave.

Yeo's Journey: The Power of Water (Cox's Cave) is an immersive multimedia experience using state-of-the-art technology that tells the captivating story of how the caves were formed and evolved through the 'Power of Water'.

The **Museum of Prehistory** was re-imagined in 2016, and tells the story of how our ancestors lived through a 40,000-year struggle for survival during the last Ice Age. You can get a close-up view of flint tools, plus find out more about **Cheddar Man**, the oldest complete human skeleton ever found in Bristol, which was discovered in Gough's Cave in 1903.

Jacob's Ladder

Make the most of the view of the surrounding area by climbing the 274 steps of Jacob's Ladder. If you're fast, you should make it up there in around 10 minutes, but for a gentler climb, allow around half an hour.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Fans of escape rooms can visit The Vault or Caved In, two Cheddar-themed escape rooms. Or combine them both in the Ultimate Escape...

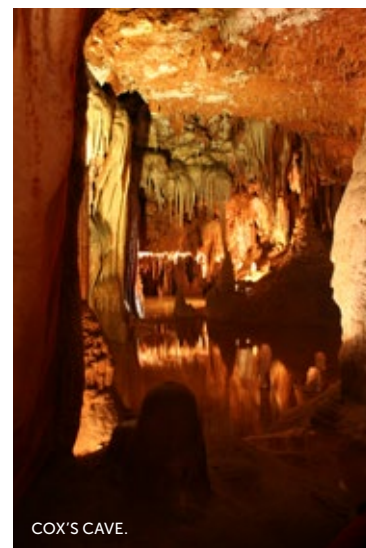
(solve both puzzles back-to-back and receive a discounted price).

For the adventurous, rocksport is on the agenda. Climb up rock faces and explore hidden, underground caverns.

Don't forget to buy some authentic Cheddar cheese while you're in the village!

Cheddar is around 20 minutes from Bristol airport.

See cheddargorge.co.uk for more information.



COX'S CAVE.



WOOKEY HOLE

Around 20 minutes from Cheddar, discover the wonderful Wookey Hole Caves.

I was always fascinated by the Witch of Wookey Hole, a tale that is around one thousand years old... Legend has it that a woman who lived in the Wookey Hole Caves was accused of witchcraft by the local villagers. Apparently, they were so desperate to rid themselves of her that they turned to Glastonbury Abbey for help. Father Barnard, who was armed with holy objects, including a chalice for protection, pursued the witch into the caves... the monk scooped water from the River Axe into his chalice, blessing it to create Holy Water. As he was unable to see the witch, he sprinkled the Holy Water throughout what is now known as Chamber 1. He heard a blood-curdling scream echo through the caves... then silence... but when he raised his candle, he saw the witch had turned to stone.

You can still see the legendary stone witch; look closely, and you can make out her bonnet, forehead, nose, and chin...

The Wookey Hole Caves, which first opened to the public in 1927, are the largest show caves in England. They were formed when rainwater filtered through the porous sedimentary rock of the Mendip Hills, slowly carving out the vast underground chambers. There are eight chambers to discover.

As well as the caves, there is plenty to entertain families at Wookey Hole, including a museum, a 4D cinema, soft play and circus play, plus places to eat and drink. Visit wookey.co.uk to plan your day.



ABOVE: EOWYN FALLA.
RIGHT: NEWTON PARK CAMPUS, BATH SPA UNIVERSITY.



ABOVE LEFT: THE ROMAN BATHS.
ABOVE: PULTENEY BRIDGE & RIVER AVON ©ISTOCKPHOTO.

COMING HOME

A NEW OCCASIONAL SERIES WHERE WE ASK A LOCAL STUDENT WHO IS STUDYING IN THE UK OR OVERSEAS WHAT IS THEIR FAVOURITE THING (OR THINGS) ABOUT HEADING BACK TO GUERNSEY – AND ALSO WHAT IS THERE TO DO IN THEIR NEW TOWN OR CITY FOR VISITORS?

► NAME: EOWYN FALLA

► UNIVERSITY: BATH SPA

First off, I'll introduce myself – my name is Eowyn Falla, I'm in my first year at Bath Spa University, studying BA (Hons) Architecture.

When asked about what I enjoy about coming home, it was initially difficult to pinpoint what I felt defines the feeling of coming back to Guernsey. However, one thing I was certain of was feeling as if I had always taken Guernsey for granted having never lived away before.

Coming home to Guernsey for me means reconnecting with the small things that have defined my daily life for so many years, the kind of details you don't always notice until you've been away and have missed them. The familiar faces, the familiar routes, familiar places, or listening to Guernsey's radio stations while driving through country lanes. I appreciate bumping into people I've known for years at the shops even more since living in Bath. Walking my dog with friends on Vazon beach is something I always look forward

to when I come back to Guernsey. These routines, however ordinary and simplistic they may sound, take on new meaning after a semester at university. They're the parts of home that bring me a great sense of comfort, stability, and identity – things that can be hard to find in a new place, no matter how exciting it is.

There's a strong sense of community on the island that becomes even more noticeable after time away. I've come to appreciate how both versions of the community offer something valuable. Guernsey brings a deep-rooted sense of belonging, where history and familiarity tie people together. Bath offers a space to grow, to meet people from different backgrounds, and to form your own networks. But after time away, it's the closeness of Guernsey that feels most grounding – the knowledge that, even after months apart, home is a place where you're always known. People in Guernsey greet each other by name, wave as they drive by, and stop for a

chat in the supermarket. This level of connection is less common in Bath. It's a kind of connection that can be taken for granted until you experience city life, where anonymity is often the norm and people tend to stick to themselves. In Guernsey, familiarity creates a feeling of belonging, no matter how long you've been gone.

Whenever I tell people at university, I'm from Guernsey it's like I've just admitted I grew up under a bridge. The confusion is immediate, 'where even is that?', 'is it part of the UK?' and 'what currency do you use?' are among the many questions of those unfamiliar with the little island in the English Channel I am lucky to call home. One interaction that will stick in my mind for a long time was being asked if I commute daily to Bath via the Eurotunnel! To them, Guernsey sounds like some mythical place that time forgot – no fast-food chains, no motorways, and barely any streetlights once you leave town. But to me, it's just home. A tiny island where everyone knows everyone.

One of the small but meaningful traditions my family has adopted whenever I come home from university is ordering a Thai takeaway and settling in for a movie night together. After eight weeks away, there is something incredibly comforting about slipping back into that familiar rhythm – good food, easy conversation, and simply just being together. While I sometimes envy my course mates who can pop home for the weekend, it's that long stretch away that makes coming back to Guernsey feel so special. The island has a way of grounding me, and those first evenings back surrounded by family and familiarity are some of my favourites.

Another key tradition my friends and I have started since heading off to university is our Saturday night out in town. It's become more than just a night of drinks and dancing, it's our ritual, our way of reconnecting after being apart for weeks or even months at a time, and an opportunity to recap with our friends who remain on the island. Once we're all back home, there's this unspoken agreement: the first Saturday night is ours. It's a chance to laugh, share stories from our very different uni lives, and slip effortlessly back into the rhythm of being back home. The familiar pubs, the late-night takeaway from Griffs, even the slightly chaotic group selfies – they all form a thread that ties us together through all the changes university life brings.

Bath is a beautiful city, an optimal city to study architecture in. The city is creative, historic, and full of energy. Its Georgian architecture, bustling streets, and vibrant student life have given me new perspectives and opportunities. It's a city that's easy to fall in love with, but it doesn't offer the same closeness and calm that Guernsey does.

With its golden stone buildings and ancient Roman roots, Bath is a city that effortlessly blends heritage with modern charm. Tucked away in the Somerset countryside, this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a picturesque escape filled with architectural beauty, cultural richness, and a timeless elegance that lingers long after you've left.

Bath's streets are something straight out of Bridgerton, from the stately grandeur of the Royal Crescent to the intricate facade of Bath Abbey. The city's Georgian architecture creates a cinematic atmosphere that feels both regal and welcoming. It's easy to lose yourself wandering through cobbled lanes, browsing artisan shops, or pausing at a sunny cafe for a flat white and a slice of cake.

Of course, no trip to Bath is complete without visiting the Roman Baths themselves – a window into a 2,000-year-old world of hot springs and ancient rituals. For a modern take on relaxation, the rooftop pool

at Thermae Bath Spa offers panoramic views of the city while you soak in naturally warm waters.

But Bath isn't just about the past. The city pulses with creativity and youth, thanks in part to its vibrant student population. Independent bookstores, quirky galleries, seasonal markets, and a thriving food scene give Bath a fresh and dynamic edge – perfect for those looking to experience something beyond the typical tourist trail. Studying here has challenged and inspired me. The city encourages creativity and offers a constant source of material to learn from, whether it's analysing urban spaces or drawing influence from classical design. It's a place where your surroundings push you to think deeper and imagine bigger things.

Coming home from Bath is always bittersweet; while I adore the city, it's in the small things, the familiar faces, the steady rhythms of island life that create a sense of ease and belonging I didn't realise I was missing. Being away has given me new experiences, new perspectives, and a deeper appreciation for Guernsey – not just as the place I'm from, but as the place that grounds me. No matter how exciting life in Bath gets, coming home will always feel like returning to something real, something constant.

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STRONGER CONNECTIONS: HOW SURE REDEFINED WORK ACROSS THE ISLANDS

BY LUCIENNE DE LA MARE, HR DIRECTOR, SURE

FIVE YEARS AGO, THE WORLD CHANGED, AND SO DID THE WAY WE WORK

At Sure, like many businesses, we had to adapt quickly to remote working during the pandemic. What was an emergency measure turned out to be the foundations of a new way of working, and a lasting professional culture that is stronger than it was before 2020.

Sure has always been about connections. Whether providing mobile, broadband and enterprise solutions across the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and beyond, or helping businesses stay secure and resilient - **our purpose is to connect our island communities for a better future.** It made sense that the way we work internally should reflect that too, connecting our people wherever they are.

DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE DISCOVERED SOMETHING VITAL: WHEN YOU TRUST PEOPLE TO DELIVER, THEY DO

Productivity did not drop when our teams worked remotely. Instead new ways of working digitally became normalised. That realisation helped us shift towards a flexible working model that is now a permanent part of life at Sure.

Today, our people have the choice to work in a way that balances business needs with personal wellbeing. It is not about being present; it is about delivering great outcomes.

Flexible working has allowed us to widen our talent pool and looks different to each person. Someone may work a day or afternoon remotely, another may work half their week from home, the point being the



individual can agree with their manager what will work best for them and their team.

It has helped us build a workforce that is even more inclusive and reflective of the communities we serve across the islands.

Operating across multiple islands once made collaboration a challenge. Now, with the right technology, such as Microsoft Teams, it is part of everyday life. Whether you are based in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man or one of our locations in the South Atlantic, everyone has the same access to conversations and opportunities.

We regularly monitor how our teams are feeling about all aspects of their jobs here at Sure, and data this year shows that almost 95% of Sure employees feel that Sure enables people to collaborate easily, even if remote. Many employees enjoy working at Sure for the flexibility because it suits their way of life.

Of course, flexibility brings its own challenges too. We have made a conscious effort to support wellbeing, encourage healthy boundaries between work and home life, and keep career development at the forefront.

Through regular conversations, leadership support and ongoing investment in our people, we are making sure that growth does not get lost just because working patterns have changed.

TECHNOLOGY THAT POWERS CONNECTION

As a telecoms business, we know how crucial good connectivity is, not just for our customers.

Sure's own networks and business solutions have been essential in enabling flexible working internally, proving that with the right infrastructure, teams can stay connected, resilient and productive from anywhere.

FIVE YEARS ON, IT'S CLEAR THAT FLEXIBLE WORKING IS NOT A TREND; IT IS A NATURAL EVOLUTION

If I had one piece of advice for other business leaders, it would be this: listen to your people. Trust them. Focus on the connections you build, not where people sit.

At Sure, keeping our island communities connected has always been our mission. Now, through flexible working, we are connecting our colleagues in new and even stronger ways - and that is something we are proud to continue.

DRIVING MOMENTUM IN GUERNSEY'S PRIVATE FUND SECTOR

BY ELAINE KENNEDY, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ZEDRA, GUERNSEY



Over the past six months, we have witnessed a significant and welcome upswing in private investment fund (PIF) launches in Guernsey. This trend reinforces Guernsey's reputation as a jurisdiction of choice for private fund vehicles and confirms its wide appeal to a diverse and sophisticated client base.

At a time when the global private markets industry continues to navigate economic uncertainty and shifting regulatory landscapes, at ZEDRA we have successfully launched nine new PIFs, each structured as a cell within the ZEDRA PCC No.1 Limited.

This surge in private fund launches is the result of sustained effort, deep collaboration, and is foremost a testament to the value we provide as fund administrators to clients looking to domicile and service their funds in Guernsey.

COLLABORATION

Central to this success has been the collaborative approach embedded across our Guernsey Funds Team. What made this period exceptional has been the team working together on all aspects of delivering the launch of the PIFs successfully. From undertaking due diligence and onboarding, client and adviser engagement, through to compliance and governance – every individual involved understood their role in the bigger picture and delivered with precision.



Speaking with Neil Fell, our Head of Fund Operations, he explained, 'The momentum we've seen was clearly sparked by client demand and we ensured their needs have been met with the urgency, insight, and the clarity they deserved. Our team has worked with diligence and care on behalf of clients and investors – alongside a wide range of experts such as lawyers, tax advisers and accountants to create a blueprint for future success.'

Beyond logistics and timelines, another layer of success has come from our ability to hold honest, informed conversations. In a regulatory environment where risk appetite varies and regulatory compliance is non-negotiable, progress often boils down to measured judgement which can only be achieved through working closely with all stakeholders.

CLIENT-CENTRICITY

Launching nine PIFs was no simple task; each structure brought its own complexity and required a high-touch, responsive service model. Having spearheaded our local efforts, Mark Cleary our Deputy Head of Funds, Channel Islands, notes that 'the 'how' mattered just as much as the 'what' in launching these new funds.' He added, 'We

didn't just deliver technical outcomes, we helped clients navigate the unfamiliar, helped shape their outcomes, and instilled confidence when it mattered most.'

From setting realistic expectations to ensuring deadline discipline, our team adopt a solution-driven, transparent approach that clients value. In a market where reputation and trust are paramount, ZEDRA's commitment to a proactive approach continues to resonate.

'COLLABORATING WITH ZEDRA TO ESTABLISH OUR PRIVATE FUND WAS AN EXCELLENT DECISION. THEIR TEAM PROVIDED DEEP EXPERTISE AND NAVIGATED THE COMPLEX PROCESS WITH IMPRESSIVE EFFICIENCY AND WERE ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO DEAL WITH. WE ARE THOROUGHLY PLEASED WITH THEIR SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO A LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP.' ZEDRA CLIENT.

BUCKING THE TREND

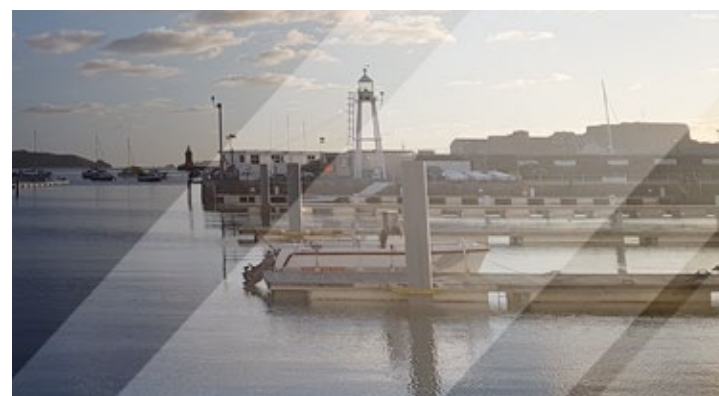
New fund launches have been muted globally in recent years and servicing centres such as Guernsey have been unavoidably impacted. Against this wider trend, the recent growth we have seen in our Guernsey office is extremely promising and affirms that our service proposition is competitive and our ability to meet client demand is unequivocal.

HOW ZEDRA CAN HELP

Our team of experts serve private families/offices, fund managers, investors, advisers and promoters who demand high-quality support, deep knowledge, and a global outlook to fund administration services.

If you are considering launching a private investment fund in Guernsey or are seeking a fund administration partner who is responsive, knowledgeable and committed, get in touch at enquiries@zedra.com.

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GIFA INVESTMENT CHALLENGE 2024/2025 WINNERS



The Ladies' College's Tyche Team and the Young Boys Investment Club from Elizabeth College came out on top in the Guernsey Investment and Funds Association's Investment Challenge.

All year 10-13 students are invited to take part in the challenge, which ran from 1 October 2024 to the end of March, and aimed to give students an insight into investment management. The initiative was led and administered by the GIFA managers sub-committee.

'Our goal is to encourage interest in investing and give students first-hand experience of how global events can affect financial markets and the companies that they have selected. We hope that investing through such an interesting period will have sparked further interest in the type of work our sector does. It was great to see high levels of participation and engagement – thank you to everyone who took part and to the schools and teachers for their support,' said committee chairman Harry Bazzaz.

A record-breaking 150 teams, made up of more than 300 students from six schools and colleges, entered this year's challenge. Each team started with a notional £1m to invest in a choice of 12 stocks, with the aim being to grow it as much as possible over the six months of the competition.

In the years 10 and 11 category, first place was awarded to Tyche Team with a total return of 31.44%. Second place was awarded to Elizabeth College's Super Sellers and third place to The Stock Markers, also from the college.

In the years 12 and 13 category, first place was clinched by Young Boys Investment Club with a 34.04% total return. Second place was awarded to Murder on Zidane's

Floor, from the Guernsey Institute, and third place to Elizabeth College's W Eaton.

The winning teams won £600, £300 and £200 respectively.

As part of this year's challenge, participants were encouraged to provide rationales for their stock choices each month.

The judges were impressed with the reasoning shown by many of the teams, and awarded a prize of £600 to Diamonds Are Forever from Elizabeth College who considered the merits of individual stocks while also showing awareness of other factors, including the impact of Donald Trump's presidency, on assets such as gold and the US dollar.

The 2024/25 Gifa Investment Challenge was generously supported by Butterfield Bank, Rocq Capital, White Star Capital, Titan Wealth and Rathbones. Next year's challenge will start in October.

FORT BUYS COGENT

Independent offshore trust and corporate services provider Fort, based in Guernsey and Alderney, has bought local competitor Cogent.

Fort said that the deal reflected its commitment to 'thoughtful and sustainable growth' and Cogent said it would allow succession planning for its founders, linking with a trusted partner to preserve the company's legacy and values. Both companies said that there was a 'cultural alignment' in the deal.

'This acquisition marks an exciting chapter for our business as we push with our ambitious growth plans,' said Graham McCormack, CEO of Fort. 'We are proud to welcome the talented team of Cogent into our family. Together, we are stronger, more agile, and better equipped to provide world-class trust and fiduciary solutions to our global client base.'

The integration will deliver expanded service offerings, and to new jurisdictions, with deeper technical expertise and increased scale, while maintaining a director-led personalised approach clients of both businesses have come to expect.

'Succession planning is a critical milestone for any business, and we are confident that Fort is the right steward for our staff and clients. Their reputation, shared values, and client-first ethos make them the ideal partner to take what we've built to the next level,' said Nick Ferris, co-founder of Cogent. The transaction has received all necessary regulatory approvals and is effective immediately.



ENERGY GROUP INTRODUCES RENEWABLE FUEL

Guernsey Energy is introducing its first renewable fuel solution for three local businesses and organisations. Les Bourgs Hospice, Bean 14 and the 8th Guernsey Sea Scouts will receive BioLPG gas to start their green energy journey.

‘We’re excited to launch this trial with three local businesses, and be able to offer BioLPG to them as a tangible step towards a more sustainable Guernsey,’ said Guernsey Energy and Islands Energy managing director Darryl Goddard. ‘This renewable gas makes it so easy for people to choose a more sustainable energy option, without having to upgrade their businesses or homes. We’re looking forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on our environment.’

This trial aligns with the strategic direction set by Islands Energy Group, Guernsey Energy’s parent company. In 2022, IEG committed to accelerating the islands it serves towards a shared net-zero future by 2050. The strategy includes reducing its carbon footprint and decarbonising the gas transported through its networks.

‘We’re delighted to receive this new energy solution from Guernsey Energy,’ said Les Bourgs CEO Rob Jones. ‘Transitioning to cleaner gas supports our commitment to sustainability, and reflects Guernsey’s pledge to reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.’



BLUE DIAMOND IN EXCLUSIVE DEAL WITH ALAN TITCHMARSH



Alan Roper, left, from Blue Diamond Garden Centres, with Alan Titchmarsh on the Blue Diamond stand at last year’s Chelsea Flower Show. Image ©Peter Frankland

Blue Diamond has linked with TV gardener Alan Titchmarsh as the exclusive plant supplier to his new YouTube channel.

Mr Titchmarsh presents weekly episodes on the channel and uses Blue Diamond products and plants.

‘I’ve always been a proud supporter of the UK gardening industry, and I’m thrilled to be working with some of the best in the business on my new channel,’ he said.

Alan Roper, managing director of Blue Diamond Garden Centres, added: ‘Alan Titchmarsh is the royalty of the gardening world, and his wealth of knowledge and experience is second-to-none. YouTube is the perfect platform to reach out to a new gardening audience and so I am delighted that Blue Diamond Garden Centres are able to support Alan in his new venture.’

The Guernsey-based garden centre has set itself up for further growth with a refinancing deal agreed with NatWest International. Now the leading garden centre group in Britain by sales, Blue Diamond continues to grow through acquisition of privately-owned centres across the country, and opened its 50th centre on 1 May.

NatWest has provided a £100m. financing facility to Blue Diamond, one of its longest-standing customers. The bank has split the total transaction equally with Barclays. The cash will help to finance future acquisitions.

RULEWISE SELECTED FOR 2025 FINCRIME TECH50

Guernsey-based firm RuleWise, which delivers AI-powered compliance intelligence, has been recognised among the world’s top innovators in financial crime protection. The list, curated by FinTech Global, highlights the tech firms making the greatest impact in helping financial institutions tackle money laundering, fraud, sanctions breaches, and compliance risk.

The 50 chosen firms represent the most forward-thinking solutions in the financial crime and compliance space, addressing urgent challenges such as AI-driven fraud,

sanctions evasion, and the demand for automation in regulatory compliance.

‘We are honoured to be recognised in the FinCrimeTech50,’ said Simon Kirkpatrick, co-founder of RuleWise. ‘Our mission is to empower compliance teams with clarity, control, and confidence in a rapidly shifting regulatory environment. This recognition reflects the strength of our AI-driven platforms and the trust placed in us by clients across 14 jurisdictions.’

HSBC MAKES PHILANTHROPIC DONATIONS TOWARDS CI MARINE PROTECTIVE PROJECTS



HSBC Channel Islands and Isle of Man has donated £300k to support the Blue Marine Foundation – an international marine conservation charity established to protect and restore life in the oceans around the world – and its work in protecting Jersey and Guernsey’s ocean habitats. The donation is split over three years, running until 2028.

The donation will support public education programmes such as the ‘snorkel trail’ initiatives in both Jersey and Guernsey, and expansion of the ‘hand dived’ mark to promote and reward sustainable fishing practices.

‘HSBC have a long-standing commitment to support the communities where we operate, and we are proud to help the Blue Marine Foundation deliver a range of initiatives designed to drive positive change that will benefit the marine environment for future generations,’ said HSBC CI/OM CEO Warwick Long.

PR WORK EXPERIENCE AT BLACK VANILLA

A three-day work experience opportunity for young people interested in public relations is running again this July.

Black Vanilla has organised the programme for the past few years for students in years 12 and 13, giving them insight into reputation management, media relations, social media and internal communications. Students will gain hands-on experience and hear from local media, event suppliers, and industry experts who will share insights into how these industries collaborate.

At the end of the three days, students will put their skills into practice by presenting their ideas to a panel of experts.

‘We really enjoy hosting this workshop each year and I look forward to meeting and supporting the next generation of PR and creative professionals,’ said Chloe Chescoe from Black Vanilla.

‘We have extended the content of this year’s event to give students a broader understanding of the industry and the career opportunities available. The event has sold out very quickly in previous years, so we encourage students to book early to secure their space.’

The event will be hosted by the GTA.

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF SITUATIONS RECRUITMENT

Two members of the team at Situations Recruitment have bought out the minority stake of former long-time owner Jenny Mitchell to take over ownership of the company. Managing director Melissa Campbell holds a 90% stake with director Kenieta Domaille holding the remaining 10%.

The company was established nearly 40 years ago and has consistently flourished. Its model is not based on individual commission for consultants.

‘I am thrilled to now own Situations alongside my co-director, Kenieta, who has been with the agency for four years. This new ownership structure reflects our current leadership team and also lays the groundwork for future succession planning,’ said Mrs Campbell.

Mrs Domaille added: ‘I’m delighted to be increasing my stake in the company. I genuinely believe in its ethos and potential and I am excited about where we’re headed. Working with Melissa has been fantastic, and I’m looking forward to continuing our collaboration to drive the business forward. I’m confident that together, and with our fabulous team, we can continue to grow the business in providing a quality service to both candidates and clients.’



OAK GROUP ACQUIRES BAHAMIAN FIDUCIARY BUSINESS

Opera has expanded Oak Group with the strategic acquisition of Amber Trust, a Bahamian fiduciary business.

The acquisition underscores Opera’s ambition to grow its ultra-high-net-worth client portfolio and build a dedicated service offering. Amber is a well-established trust company that offers proactive fiduciary services and concierge-level service to ultra-high-net-worth individuals and families. Amber’s asset structuring services support families with a global asset base seeking long-term wealth succession. Its service portfolio also includes family governance advice and assistance with establishing and operating single-family offices. The business is led by managing director Katie Booth.

‘This acquisition is an exciting opportunity to enhance our global reach and provide deeper, more focused services to our ultra-high-net-worth clients,’ said Kim Sgarlata, Group CEO. ‘We believe that Amber’s expertise and strong client relationships, combined with Oak’s resources and technology, will create a powerhouse of bespoke services for our clients across the globe.’

Security risks don't wait. Neither should your strategy.

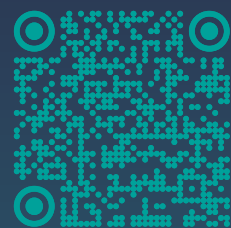
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THE COST OF IGNORING SECURITY

BY DOUG BELFORD, CLIENT RELATIONSHIP MANAGER, CLARITY.

Are you still wondering whether the cost of IT security is worth it? With recent incidents in mind, it might be time for a change of heart. The lucrative enterprise of cybercrime is on the rise, and the criminals behind it don't care what harm is done, so long as they get paid. These cybercriminals are not just targeting big business or finance firms - they are coming for anyone who is not protected.

From attacks on Edinburgh Council's education department and schools to more recent incidents involving Marks & Spencer, Co-op, and Harrods, ransomware attacks are making headlines more often than ever. The reported costs - not just from ransoms, but from the wider impact - are eye-watering.

Take M&S, for example, which began with hackers impersonating employees while contacting the retailer's IT help desk.

Hackers were then able to convince the help desks to reset the impersonated employees' passwords, granting them access to the network, and the means to deploy the ransomware.

The result:

Online shopping for the clothing and homeware sections of the business was suspended, costing an estimated £3.8m per day. M&S shares dropped by approximately 5%, wiping roughly £500 million off its value.

Reputational damage was significant, and operationally, there were long gaps in online service provision, profits lost, and in some cases, empty shelves - all due to the cyberattack.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS?

In the case of M&S, a stricter help desk policy around password resets might have avoided the whole disaster. Introducing more measures around technical control, such as two-factor authentication (2FA), would certainly have made it more difficult for hackers to access employee accounts.

It is crucial to understand the level of risk that you face - and where that risk lies. You may need to review staff procedures, identify outdated parts of your IT infrastructure, or what software needs updating on

employee devices. Once you know this, you can begin mitigating these risks through policy, procedure, or technical controls.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

One issue that companies often face is that senior team members may not have the same level of security understanding or technical knowledge as IT professionals, and as such, may require some guidance as to what the risks are and the options available to mitigate them.

Clarity's highly qualified team of security professionals can sit down and talk to you about your company's security needs and what the various solutions might look like.

At Clarity, we pride ourselves on taking the highest level of security and have had our own policies and procedures externally verified to the ISO 27001 standard.

If you have concerns about your business security, please get in touch at Doug.Belford@seekclarity.com or 01481 701234, and we will be happy to assist you.





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SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR INSURING GLOBAL ASSETS IN A MOBILE WORLD

AS THE WORLD BECOMES INCREASINGLY INTERCONNECTED, HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUALS (HNWIS) AND GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURS ARE EMBRACING MORE MOBILE LIFESTYLES, OFTEN MAINTAINING RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES, AND VALUABLE ASSETS ACROSS MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS. THIS GLOBAL MOBILITY PRESENTS UNIQUE CHALLENGES IN ASSET PROTECTION AND INSURANCE, NECESSITATING A NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF DIVERSE LEGAL FRAMEWORKS, REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS.

Sophie Jones, Client Director at Howden, explores how Howden, a leading global insurance broker, addresses these complexities by integrating sustainability and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into bespoke insurance solutions.

NAVIGATING THE COMPLEXITIES OF GLOBAL ASSET INSURANCE

Traditional insurance models are often designed for individuals with assets confined to a single country. However, today's affluent individuals may own a private jet in New York, a yacht in Monaco, an art collection in Geneva, and a primary residence in London. Each asset is subject to distinct legal and regulatory frameworks, making a one-size-fits-all insurance approach inadequate.

Key factors complicating global asset insurance include:

- Diverse legal frameworks: Each country has unique insurance regulations, tax structures, and liability laws.
- Currency fluctuations: Policies and claims settled in multiple currencies can affect coverage costs and claim values.
- Political and economic risks: Shifts in governmental regulations, economic instability, and geopolitical conflicts can impact insurance requirements.

- Environmental risks: Different regions face varying environmental challenges, such as pollution liabilities in urban areas or natural disasters like floods and hurricanes, exacerbated by the emerging climate crisis.

INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY INTO INSURANCE SOLUTIONS

Recognising the profound impact of climate change on asset protection, Howden has embedded sustainability into its core operations. The company's Climate Risk & Resilience team offers specialised support, guiding clients through climate-related risks as part of the transactional diligence process. This proactive approach is vital in an era where environmental factors significantly influence asset valuation and insurability.

In 2024, Howden launched a pioneering insurance facility covering the leakage of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from commercial-scale carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects. This first-of-its-kind product aims to unlock essential investments supporting the global transition to net-zero emissions. By providing coverage for environmental damage and revenue loss resulting from CO₂ leakage, Howden is facilitating the scalability of CCS technologies, which are crucial for mitigating climate change.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FOR URBAN RESILIENCE

Understanding that urban areas are particularly vulnerable to climate-related risks, Howden has partnered with the Sustainable Markets Initiative and the Resilient Cities Network to establish the Global Risk and Resilience Fellowship. This innovative program connects insurance professionals with city leaders worldwide to develop practical solutions addressing urban climate vulnerabilities and enhancing long-term resilience. By embedding insurance expertise within city leadership teams, Howden is contributing to the creation of sustainable and resilient urban environments.

ADVOCATING FOR ESG INTEGRATION IN UNDERWRITING

A comprehensive study conducted in 2022 in collaboration with Fidelis revealed a positive correlation between higher ESG ratings and improved underwriting performance. This finding underscores the financial benefits of integrating ESG considerations into risk assessment and reinforces Howden's dedication to promoting sustainable business practices within the insurance industry.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE HOWDEN FOUNDATION

Beyond corporate initiatives, the Howden Foundation plays a pivotal role in supporting climate resilience and social impact projects. In a notable collaboration with Climate Resilience for All and the Self-Employed Women's Association in India, the Foundation backed the Women's Climate Shock Insurance and Livelihood Initiative. This program provided rapid financial assistance to 50,000 women affected by extreme heat, exemplifying Howden's commitment to protecting vulnerable communities from the adverse effects of climate change.

ENSURING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ACROSS BORDERS

One of the significant challenges in global asset insurance is maintaining compliance with varying

regulations across jurisdictions. Each country has distinct licensing requirements, tax implications, and liability considerations that must be meticulously managed. For instance, some regions impose strict foreign ownership restrictions affecting property insurance, while others mandate local underwriting, limiting international coverage options.

Howden's expansive global presence, spanning 55 countries with a team of 20,000 professionals, enables clients to navigate these complexities effectively. By collaborating with specialized legal and regulatory experts, Howden ensures that all policies adhere to local laws while maintaining consistent and comprehensive global coverage.

PIONEERING THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE INSURANCE

As assets become more globally dispersed, managing their insurance requires adaptability and a deep understanding of evolving regulatory and sustainability landscapes. Howden's expertise in handling complex cross-border insurance scenarios positions the company as an indispensable partner for HNWIs and businesses seeking seamless and effective protection.

The insurance industry's transformation through sustainability is evident, with investments in green technology, sustainable construction, and eco-friendly assets being recognized and rewarded through innovative insurance solutions. Howden acknowledges that the role of insurance extends beyond mere protection; it serves as a mechanism for risk management and a catalyst for promoting sustainability and preserving long-term wealth. By combining deep industry experience with sustainability-focused solutions, Howden is charting the course for the future of global asset insurance.

For more information about Howden's sustainable insurance solutions, contact Sophie Jones at sophie.jones@howdeninsurance.co.uk or visit howdengroup.com/uk-en

Future Forecast:

Your path to retirement confidence

By Luke Mapley, Chartered Financial Planner at Gower



Planning for retirement might not be top of your to-do list – but it should be.

If you're in your 40s or 50s, the future is closer than you think. At Gower, we believe financial confidence starts with a clear view of where you're heading. That's where Future Forecast comes in.

See your future clearly

Imagine knowing when you're on track to retire. Future Forecast, Gower's bespoke financial forecasting service, helps you visualise your financial future. With expert guidance, we map out your income, savings and investments alongside your life goals, from retiring comfortably to supporting your children or ticking off that travel wish list.

But it's not only about numbers. It's about peace of mind. Understanding where you stand today empowers you to make smarter decisions for tomorrow.

Why Generation X needs to act now

If you're aged between 45 and 60, you're part of Generation X—the backbone of today's economy. You're likely juggling work, family, ageing parents, and perhaps your own health. Retirement may feel distant, but now is the crucial time to shape the lifestyle you want.

Future Forecast provides the answers to questions I frequently hear:

- Will I have enough to retire comfortably?
- Can I help my children financially without jeopardising my own future?
- What happens if my circumstances change?

How Future Forecast works

Our process begins with a conversation. We'll sit down together and discuss what matters most to you.

Next, we'll analyse your current savings, pensions, investments, and income streams. We'll test different scenarios using sophisticated forecasting tools, projecting how your finances could evolve.

Finally, we'll recommend tailored steps to optimise your future. This might mean adjusting your pension contributions, reviewing investments, or exploring your risk appetite as you approach retirement.

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STRATEGIES FOR AN EVOLVING INSURANCE MARKET



Guernsey Finance recently welcomed newly appointed Guernsey International Insurance Association chair James Stewart, who is also client services director at Artex Risk Solutions, to the Guernsey Finance Podcast.

Also joining James was Jody Bisson, deputy chair of GIIA and director at WTW Management Guernsey. Guernsey Finance found out all about GIIA's strategy for 2025 and onward, as well as how Guernsey's insurance industry is evolving to meet the needs of a changing world and what makes it so uniquely placed to do so.

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELVES AND YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE INDUSTRY TO DATE.

JB: I'm a director at WTW management in Guernsey, and I've just taken on the role of deputy chair supporting James in GIIA. I'm a qualified accountant with 30 years' experience working in financial services in Guernsey. Predominantly, I've worked in the insurance management sector where I am currently today, but previously I've held roles as an underwriter, fund accountant, a financial advisor and also had a brief spell in banking. So, a diverse background, but predominantly working in the captive management space.

JS: I'm a chartered insurer. I've been involved in insurance management in Guernsey for almost 18 years now. I've been with Artex for three years, and prior to that I was with Willis Towers Watson in similar roles, having responsibility for servicing our clients and managing relationships with them.

GUERNSEY'S INSURANCE INDUSTRY HAS MANY STRENGTHS. IT'S AN INNOVATOR, IT'S HOME TO AN EXTENSIVE ECOSYSTEM OF SERVICE PROVIDERS AND REMAINS

EUROPE'S LARGEST CAPTIVE DOMICILE. WHAT VALUE DOES THIS HOLD FOR PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS IN THE UK AND EUROPE?

JB: It shows that Guernsey is a safe, secure, reliable place to come and do business. We have been providing captive insurance management services for over 100 years. With that comes a vast degree of service providers that are knowledgeable and experienced to support you, whether that be the insurance managers, auditors who understand the regulatory environment that we operate in, and the lawyers to facilitate any form of business.

WE'VE HEARD A LOT RECENTLY ABOUT A SOFTENING MARKET. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR GUERNSEY AND HOW DOES THAT INFLUENCE OUR OFFERING?

JS: Historically, captives have done better in a hard insurance market. When premium rates have been high, capacity has been reduced and there's been a greater obvious financial driver to set up or place business into your captive.

I think what we are finding now is that as our industry has matured, so have many of our clients.

They're more experienced at running their captives. They see the captive as a core part of their overall risk financing toolkit. They're seeing benefits of deploying their captive in a soft market as well as a hard market, taking control of their overall insurance spend and smoothing that cost of risk.

Many clients are now taking a captive-first position. So rather than looking at their insurance program and thinking where they might slot in your captive, they're looking at the captive as a primary risk retention vehicle and then at what risks should be seeded into the commercial insurance market.

JB: When you look at the hardening market, people set up captives very reactively. We're now seeing a more proactive approach. The potential there is for extra funds to be available, which means that you can be prepared when the hard market comes. With the technology that's coming through at the moment, the movement between soft and hard markets is a lot quicker. Having a captive set up in that soft market so that you're ready to react far quicker when the market changes is a tool that a lot of clients now want to have in their armoury.

LAST YEAR'S GUERNSEY AIRMIC EVENT DISCUSSED HOW GUERNSEY HAS BECOME A GO-TO JURISDICTION FOR HUMANITARIAN-FOCUSED INSURANCE STRUCTURES. WHAT ARE SOME RECENT EXAMPLES OF THIS?

JB: In Guernsey, we've set up structures for the International Federation of Red Cross with a catastrophe bond, which was to protect against losses related to wildfires. Most recently, working with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Guernsey has helped develop a guarantee scheme to cover war-related risks in Ukraine. This is to help support the revision of reinsurance capacity and address ongoing challenges posed by the war in that country. Hopefully, this should then help businesses have confidence that their assets are protected and allow regeneration in this area.

WHAT MAKES GUERNSEY SO WELL PLACED TO FACILITATE THESE DEALS?

JS: We have a large base of insurance and accounting professionals who are well-versed in managing captive insurance vehicles. We have a fantastic pool of non-executive directors here in Guernsey.

The legal investment management industry here is also equally well-versed in delivering the services that captives require. Over the decades, we've built up a regulatory regime that understands the risk profile that captive insurance has. And the regulatory approach reflects this.

GIIA IS THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY FOR THE ISLAND'S INSURANCE INDUSTRY. HOW DOES GIIA WORK WITH GUERNSEY FINANCE?

JS: We work very closely with Guernsey Finance. A big part of what GIIA does is promoting our industry and the services we offer. A lot of our work with Guernsey Finance is channelled through our Market Development Committee, which is the sort of engine room within GIIA for that business development section of what we do.

It's been great having Willie Lewis, Guernsey Finance's insurance representative, on board. He's got tremendous industry knowledge, tremendous industry contacts, and has helped us, along with the Guernsey Finance events team, arrange events that we put on both here in Guernsey and in the UK.

This includes road shows where we go out and meet with other professionals in the insurance industry in London and talk about what their clients are looking for, what services Guernsey offers and where we can provide solutions.

UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, WHAT IS GIIA'S FOCUS FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO? WHAT'S THE BIG VISION?

JS: There is a lot going on right now. The UK government has commenced a consultation on setting up a captive insurance regime in the UK.

Captive insurance is a big proportion of what we do here, and Guernsey is a long-established domicile. So, we need to make sure Guernsey is properly positioned to take advantage of potential opportunities that are coming out of this more mainstream focus on captive insurance.

The other big thing we've got this year is our second Airmic conference in Guernsey along with the UK's insurance management professional representative body. We are looking to build on last year's success this September.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE AIRMIC GUERNSEY EVENT AND WHO IS IT AIMED AT?

JB: The event aims to raise the profile of Guernsey. We're recognised as a leading captive centre, and for us, we want to share that expertise that we have here in Guernsey.

The actual title of the event is 'Leading the way in international risk financing' because Guernsey has been at the forefront of innovation and development in the captive insurance space for many years now.

It is aimed at people that have their captives already established in Guernsey, so they can understand what Guernsey's doing to support them, but also those risk managers that are considering establishing captives. Attendees can meet with various professionals that are over here, and they can also understand the direction that Guernsey is travelling with regards to captive insurance management.

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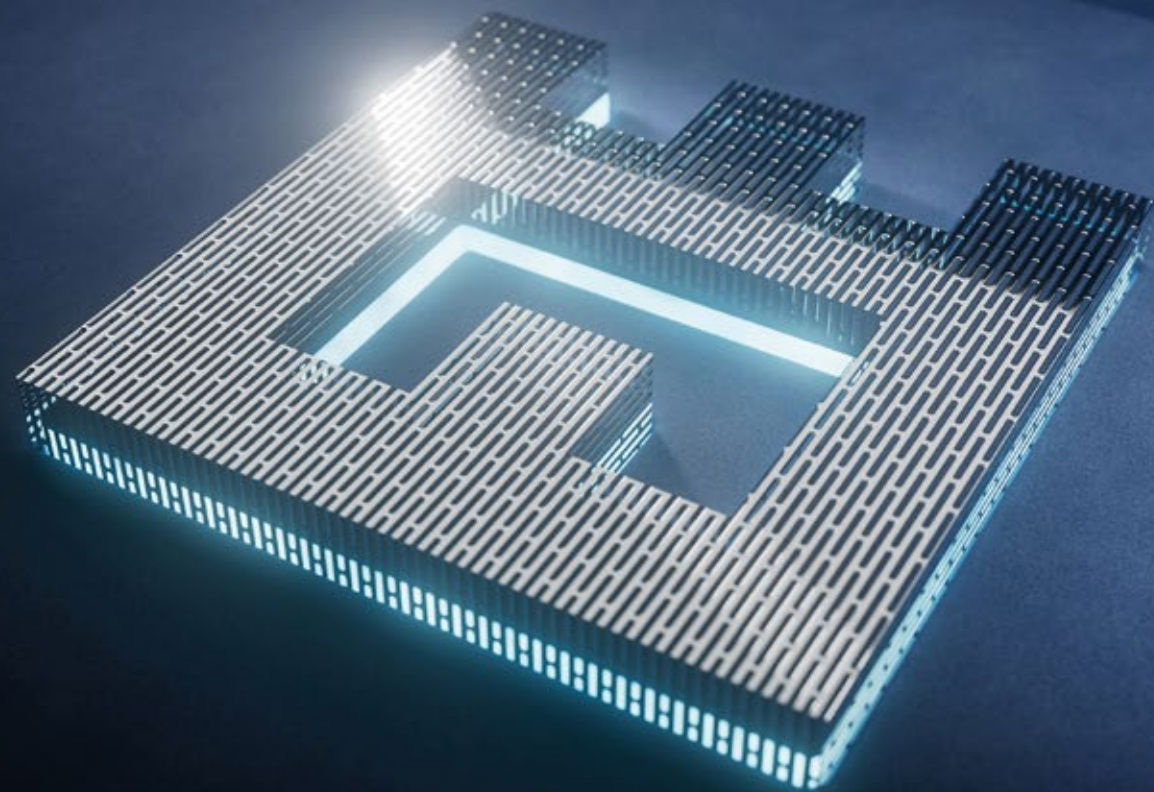


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FORT'S STRATEGIC EVOLUTION



THROUGH M&A AND INTEGRATION EXCELLENCE.

BY JACK CASTLEMAN, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, FORT

Fort was founded in 1973, and its accelerated growth over the last two decades has largely been driven by a series of carefully planned and seamlessly executed acquisitions. These transactions have reshaped the business, diversified its revenue streams, and strengthened its competitive standing within the Guernsey financial services landscape. During this time, Fort has successfully completed and integrated five key acquisitions, and in early 2025, it announced the addition of a sixth — highlighting its disciplined, integration-focused approach to acquisitions.

Fort's acquisition journey began in 2007 with the purchase of Balchan Management Ltd, an independent trust and corporate services provider. Since then, Fort has followed a consistent philosophy: acquiring culturally aligned, high-quality businesses and integrating them in a deliberate, controlled manner. This approach ensures the preservation of each firm's core strengths while delivering long-term value and continuity for clients and staff.

The subsequent acquisitions of Kensington Corporation Ltd, Charter Trust Company Ltd, Harbour Trustees Ltd, and Trinity Trust Company Ltd remain foundational to Fort's business today. Strong client and staff retention serve as clear indicators of the approach's success.

In April 2025, Fort reached another significant milestone with the completion of its acquisition of Cogent Ltd, an independently run and owner-managed trust and corporate services provider based in Guernsey. This strategic move reflects Fort's commitment to thoughtful, sustainable growth and further enhances its capabilities to serve a global client base with continuity, expertise, and integrity.

A key driver behind Fort's success in acquisitions has been its steadfast focus on cultural alignment and integration excellence. Integration is not simply a technical process following a transaction — it is a strategic bedrock that enables long-term value creation. By aligning systems, cultures, operational frameworks, and client delivery models, Fort fully captures the

value of each acquisition while sustaining momentum post-deal — without compromising the director-led, personalised service clients expect.

When executed effectively, integration creates real, measurable value. It transforms potential into performance — bringing people, processes, and platforms together to drive greater efficiency and deliver a seamless, enhanced client experience. It unlocks both cost and revenue synergies by streamlining operations, eliminating duplication, and opening up cross-selling opportunities. Integration also minimises disruption, accelerates returns, and safeguards the strategic intent behind each deal. Ultimately, it ensures that newly acquired capabilities enhance — rather than dilute — the broader business, supporting sustainable growth and long-term strategic alignment. Through this focused, intentional integration strategy, Fort continues to build on its position as a leading, independently owned financial services provider. This not only presents acquisition opportunities in Guernsey and further afield, but also drives organic growth. Being independently owned, offering a director-led service model, and having an average staff length of service of over 10 years all contribute to the continuity of service that clients seek in a fragmented market. Client and employee experience are key, and we are aligned and experienced in consistently delivering a model that achieves longevity with both parties alike.

While we recognise the strategic advantages that come with increased scale, we remain deeply committed to preserving the personalised, high-quality service that has long defined Fort and its trusted partner firms.

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IT as it should be



PREPARING FOR AI: INSIGHTS FROM RESOLUTION IT'S GUERNSEY AND JERSEY SEMINARS ON DATA AND DEVELOPMENT

WAYDE FINCH, DIRECTOR OF DATA & DEVELOPMENT AT ZENZERO,
EXPLORES THE FINANCE INDUSTRY'S APPETITE FOR TRANSFORMATION AND AI.

Towards the end of April, I had the pleasure of hosting seminars in Guernsey and Jersey, focused on how data, development and AI are reshaping the financial services sector. We welcomed delegates from leading finance and professional services firms across the Channel Islands, all eager to explore how smart data strategies and thoughtful automation can drive better decisions, streamline operations and elevate client service.

A SHARED CHALLENGE: READINESS FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Across both events, one message came through loud and clear: while business leaders understand the potential of digital transformation, many feel their organisations aren't yet ready to take the leap.

Some cited budget constraints or competing project priorities. Others pointed to technical debt – legacy systems, fragmented platforms and unreliable data – as major barriers to progress. The reality is that many firms are struggling to lay the groundwork needed to successfully adopt automation or AI.

WHAT THE DATA TELLS US

To dig deeper, we surveyed attendees before the seminars. The results highlighted the extent of these challenges:

- **54% of respondents** reported that their business data is scattered and difficult to access consistently.
- **45% said** that while data can be retrieved quickly, its quality varies significantly.
- When it comes to reporting on staff and client profitability, **75% admitted** that insights are only accessed occasionally, often delayed and inaccurate.
- Nearly **50% of respondents** still rely heavily on manual, repetitive processes in day-to-day operations.

These insights paint a clear picture: although there is a strong appetite for data-led transformation and AI adoption, foundational issues around data quality and system integration are holding firms back.

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

The Channel Island finance industry is eager to embrace innovation, but real transformation demands more

than enthusiasm – it requires preparation. Effective AI integration isn't about layering new tools over outdated infrastructure. It demands a strategic commitment to simplifying systems, consolidating data sources and eliminating manual inefficiencies.

All organisations face competing priorities, and it's understandable that initiatives promising immediate returns often take precedence. However, postponing investment in digital transformation can create significant challenges down the line. Building strong foundations now, by modernising systems, consolidating data and streamlining processes, is essential for long-term success and resilience. By prioritising these projects today, businesses can future-proof their operations, strengthen their competitive advantage and ensure their business models remain sustainable and adaptable in a rapidly evolving financial services sector.

SO, HOW DOES THIS WORK?

Before you dive into the world of cutting-edge tech and AI-powered insights, take a moment to look inward. Too often, businesses rush to invest in the latest digital tools, expecting an immediate return. But here's the truth: **most organisations are sitting on untapped potential** – tools, data, and systems already in place but vastly underutilised.

The smartest starting point? A comprehensive review of your current setup. Understanding what technology and data you already have is critical. By consolidating platforms, aligning processes, and ingesting data from across your organisation, you lay the groundwork for true transformation – often without spending a penny on new tools.

From there, it's about making that data work for you. Cleansing, structuring, and transforming it into an accessible, user-friendly asset ensures every stakeholder can extract value from it. Only once your data estate is in order can you unlock the real power of artificial intelligence.

The magic happens when clean, connected data fuels smart, AI-driven decisions. But the real ROI begins with getting the basics right.

If you're ready to find out what we are doing for our current clients and how we can help you get the most out of your current systems and prepare your business for AI, reach out!

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HOW TO DIVERSIFY YOUR PORTFOLIO INTO EUROPE AMID THE TARIFF STORM



IN A YEAR DEFINED BY ECONOMIC FRICTION, TARIFFS HAVE TAKEN CENTRE STAGE RESHAPING GLOBAL MARKETS AND DRIVING A SHIFT IN INVESTOR STRATEGY.

One word has defined the global economy in 2025 so far: tariffs. Craig Allen, Head of Investment Management at Julius Baer Guernsey, highlights opportunities for growth and resilience amid ongoing trade tensions.

Since President Trump declared tariffs on a host of countries on what he dubbed 'Liberation Day', global markets have been impacted, and uncertainty has made investors nervous. One of the biggest questions is whether it's time to divest investments away from US stocks. Now, as the US tightens its fiscal belt, Europe is loosening its own as it embarks on a significant departure from decades of austerity.

We are now halfway through 2025, but for many it feels as if we have already lived through a whole year; and while investors had already begun to rotate out of mega-cap and other US-based stocks, President Trump's tariff announcements have intensified the trend. The main US stock indices flirted with bear market territory back in April and analysts are weighing up the likelihood of stagflation or a recession in the US. What is certain is that we are in for a period of uncertainty and that market volatility will persist for some time.

As the global negotiations with the US unfold, our analysts have highlighted alternative regions in equity markets that present diversification opportunities. While Europe is not immune to tariffs, its valuations, fiscal stimulus measures, and sectoral growth potential make the European market attractive to consider relative to the US.

FISCAL POLICY AND LOCALISED GROWTH

As tariff negotiations progress and governments grapple with their responses, it seems clear that just as the US prioritises itself, Europe must do the same; fiscal policy might well be a better way to weather the trade wars. As Europe focuses on improving its ageing infrastructure, small- and mid-cap stocks should benefit. These companies have less global exposure than large caps and should therefore suffer less from disrupted global supply chains and currency fluctuations.

INFRASTRUCTURE: A BRIGHT SPOT

With infrastructure spending expected to receive a big boost (in Germany at least), companies involved in the historically underutilised construction industry should benefit. Added to that, these companies tend to buy source materials and produce their goods locally, rendering them more immune to global trade issues. Our analysts believe that mid-cap industrials and materials companies, as well as European utility companies, stand to gain the most from forthcoming government investments in transportation, energy grids, and housing projects.

RESILIENT FINANCIALS

European financials reached new highs early in 2025 but have since fallen back due to increased US tariffs. We still expect resilient earnings-per-share consensus trends. However, in a recession scenario, loan losses might tick up, the rate curve could flatten, and non-interest revenues might decline due to lower market values and reduced activity. Regardless, we expect European banking stocks to outperform their US counterparts, given their cheaper valuations. European banks also benefit from more-resilient credit portfolios, as they have fewer unsecured loans and maintain the flexibility to continue share buybacks.

With growth opportunities across Europe, the best strategy currently is to diversify portfolios by reducing exposure to US equities and deploying cash closer to home. Europe's fiscal measures and sector-specific opportunities make it an attractive alternative for investors seeking growth and stability.

*If you're looking for personalised and expert investment advice reach out to **Craig Allen** at craig.allen@juliusbaer.com to start the conversation.*

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THE NEW PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR LEGISLATION EXPLAINED



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The States of Guernsey is set to roll out new housing standards legislation on 1 July 2025, marking a significant step forward in regulating the rental market and enhancing safety and welfare. Overseen by the Director of Housing Standards, the new legislation establishes a framework to ensure that rental properties adhere to essential standards for quality, safety, and living conditions.

For tenants, it means stronger legal protections, better living conditions and greater transparency. For landlords, it means new compliance requirements, registration and licensing obligations and the need to adopt best practices in property management.

So what will the new legislation look like?

Landlords must complete and submit a registration form within a prescribed timeline to the Director of Housing Standards to secure their inclusion in the Register for Landlords. Failure to register may result in a landlord being found guilty of an offence and liable for a fine. There is an obligation to re-register every three years.

A landlord who isn't resident in Guernsey must appoint a Guernsey resident representative and provide details of that representative in the registration form.

Rental properties must meet fundamental safety and quality standards, such as structural integrity, functional plumbing, operational heating, and certified safety of electric, gas, and oil installations. Fire safety compliance is also a critical component of the standards.

Landlords must address any deficiencies to bring properties up to the required standards. Tenants have protection against substandard living conditions and can report instances of non-compliance to the relevant authorities.

The legislation categorises hazards into two key groups, hazards posing serious risks to health and safety (Category 1), and less severe hazards that still significantly affect health and safety (Category 2).

An authorised officer may inspect rental properties to assess their condition, state of repair, and adherence to minimum standards. If hazards from either category

are identified, appropriate enforcement action may be taken. The legislation provides a variety of enforcement measures to address such issues, ensuring swift and effective responses to safety concerns.

Landlords renting Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) must apply for a specific licence and ensure their properties meet enhanced safety standards. These include adequate fire exits and sufficient bathroom facilities for tenants. Licences must be renewed periodically to maintain compliance.

The definition of an 'HMO' is complex but generally refers to any dwelling in which three or more people live where at least one of them is not part of the same family as the others, and certain facilities (such as cooking facilities) are shared between them. Some 'house shares' will be included in this definition, even if the landlord only lets the property to one person.

Guidelines under the new legislation also set limits on the number of tenants based on dwelling size to prevent overcrowding, which poses health and safety risks.

Landlords in particular should check that the terms of their current leases comply with the new legislative changes. In all cases, Babbé advises seeking legal advice.

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GUERNSEY A DESTINATION OF CHOICE

Guernsey offers more than just scenic coastlines and a relaxed island lifestyle—it presents, for many, a compelling fiscal opportunity. With no capital gains tax, no inheritance tax, caps on personal income tax, and a headline 0% rate for Guernsey companies, Guernsey can be attractive for those looking to optimise their financial affairs. With a politically stable environment, high-quality healthcare and close proximity to the UK, it's clear why many high-net wealth individuals choose to make Guernsey their home.

Tax Capping for Guernsey Residents:

Depending on an individual's Guernsey tax residence classification there are various tax caps available:

- > **Open Market Cap - £60,000.** Available for the first four years of Guernsey residence. Requires the purchase of an open market property within 12 months before or after becoming tax resident. The purchase must generate minimum document duty or anti-avoidance duty of £50,000 (property cost of approximately £1.4m).
- > **Foreign income tax cap - £160,000.** 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 - £320,000.** A global cap utilised by individuals with substantial Guernsey source income.
- > **The "Standard Charge".** 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.

Guernsey (including Alderney) property income and withdrawals from Guernsey pensions, are taxable in addition to the tax caps.

Other potential benefits:

There are other significant tax incentives for Guernsey residents:

- > **Capital Gains Tax** - Guernsey has no CGT. Non-UK residents are also outside the scope of UK CGT on most disposals (excluding direct and indirect disposals of UK land and property).
- > **Inheritance Tax** - Guernsey does not levy inheritance, wealth or estate taxes. Long term non-residents of the UK are also outside the scope of IHT on most non-UK assets. A long-term non-UK resident is broadly one who has been non-UK tax resident for 10 complete UK tax years (this period is reduced in some circumstances).
- > **Company Taxation** - The Guernsey company tax rate is 0%. For UK companies where shareholder control is in Guernsey, there is the ability to claim double tax relief for UK Corporation tax paid. Dividends paid to Guernsey (and not UK) tax residents are also, for the most part, exempt from UK tax.
- > **Pensions** - The potential to receive UK pension income, including a lifetime flexible drawdown, free from UK tax. UK pensions come into scope of UK IHT from 2027 so this is perhaps of even greater benefit to Guernsey residents.

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WHY LONG-TERM INVESTING STILL MATTERS – EVEN WHEN CASH LOOKS ATTRACTIVE

BEX GOATER, DIRECTOR AND FINANCIAL ADVISER AT NETWORK INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING, LOOKS BACK OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, IN PARTICULAR AT HOW WORLD EVENTS HAVE SHAPED THE INVESTMENT MARKETS.

It's been a funny few years, hasn't it? And by funny, I mean funny peculiar, as it hasn't been funny ha ha very much.

In the last five years, we've had Covid, a war in Europe (and while any war is abhorrent; the proximity of this one has meant its impacts have been felt stronger here), soaring inflation, aggressively increasing interest rates, and Trump's arrival in the White House for the second time leading to a potential global trade war, to name just a few.

When my children (or potential future grandchildren) are doing their history GCSE, it's conceivable that quite a bit of the 2020s will feature in the syllabus! Crazy.

What is interesting is that a lot of the above has impacted most people in their daily life; Covid is an obvious one, but rising living costs have been felt by the masses. And interest rates leading to higher mortgage payments has not been the most fun, particularly after over a decade of historically low interest rates.

But in addition to this, it has also been a bit of a rollercoaster for the investment markets. And 2022 was one of only a handful of years in history where both equities and bonds ended the year in negative territory, as the two asset types often move in opposite directions, meaning they are ordinarily good diversifiers.

This, coupled with higher interest rates available on cash savings than we'd been used to (for a while at least), and it's not surprising that I had a lot of clients asking me why they should invest, and not just stay in cash, with many thinking that cash was actually looking like a better investment, even over the long term.

Firstly, I think it would be useful to try to explain why we expect other investments to outperform cash (over the long term), and really it all comes back to risk vs return, and the fact that in order for anyone to take a risk (investment or in everyday life), the return on the risk has to be worthwhile. Otherwise, why would anyone take the risk?

So, to explore this further, the interest base rate, which impacts the interest available in a bank account, simply demonstrates what is achievable from taking very little risk. At the time of writing this, the Bank of England base rate is 4.25%, so if we can get 4.25% (or somewhere close to it) simply from holding funds in a bank account, anyone with any sense would need a higher level of return to invest in anything else, or else why take a higher risk level? Therefore, government bonds (generally seen as the next lowest risk investment, depending upon the country, of course), are going to need to pay a higher interest rate than what you can get from your bank, or they'll not have anyone offering to buy them. And countries always need to borrow money – they've got countries to run.

Following on from this, companies also need to borrow money, for a number of reasons, and they therefore have to offer higher rates again on corporate bonds in order to persuade people to lend them money – thereby increasing the return, given the risk is higher. The riskier a company is perceived to be, the higher the interest rate they have to pay, much like with any lending arrangement.

And then this leads us to equities – when companies want people to invest into them for an ownership stake, which is generally considered a higher risk, as lenders will be repaid first before investors (and interest is generally agreed and promised, whereas profit distributions are not). So, companies simply have to be able to deliver greater returns to their investors, or else they wouldn't have anyone willing to risk investing.

Depending on their levels of borrowing and equity investment, and the rates of return expected by various stakeholders, a company will have a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) – essentially, the average return it must generate from its operations to satisfy both lenders and investors. This acts as a benchmark the company knows it must meet or exceed, and a company will understand that it does have to deliver this.

So, basically, cash sets the bar, and other assets must deliver over this bar, at least over the long term.

This isn't necessarily the case in the short term, as the investments can be volatile, and impacted by many short-term events. However, historically, over the long term, the riskier investments have always provided better returns than lower risk investments, and, cash.

Indeed, historically over the long term, cash has delivered losses in real term, meaning, after the impact of inflation is considered, the real value of the cash held as decreased. In other words, its buying power decreases over time.

The below chart¹ demonstrates both of my points quite well over the last 15 years. Not only has a 'balanced' (medium risk) investment outperformed cash, as we would expect, but it has also grown ahead of inflation (Consumer Price Index), meaning the real value of the investment has increased. Conversely, over the period, cash has provided returns far below inflation.

So, what do we need to take from this?

Well, despite the cash rates at the moment, if you have a long time period, it is expected that your cash will lose value in real terms.

This means that depending upon your own personal circumstances, and in particular, your timescale of the investment, you may want to consider taking some risk, in order to achieve better (and hopefully real) returns over the long term. And hopefully, this article may have helped you understand why that is the case.

Even for those who can and do want to invest, it is always important to retain some funds in cash (or cash equivalents) in order to be able to fund short-term or unexpected capital requirements without having to access investments at what may be an unsuitable time (when the markets are down). Therefore, a balanced approach, combining both cash for short-term needs and investments for long-term growth, is often the most prudent strategy for many individuals.

As noted, there is not one size fits all answer here, so please do contact a financial adviser to discuss the options accordingly before making any decisions.

If you would like to discuss this further with a qualified financial adviser, please get in touch with Network Financial Planning on 01481 701400 or at advice@network.gg for a free initial review to discuss your personal circumstances.

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DISPUTE RESOLUTION: ANOTHER POSITIVE FOR GUERNSEY PLC



BY ALEX THORNTON DE MAUROY, COUNSEL AT CAREY OLSEN

Confidence in Guernsey is growing. And so it should be.

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It is the Court system, the judges and Guernsey's array of legal practitioners that provide much of this dimension.

From the Bailiff through to the hardworking Court administration staff, Guernsey's Courts have dealt with significant and sizeable cases that would draw attention even among the biggest cases of London's Commercial and Chancery Courts. Furthermore, the roster of Advocates across the jurisdiction is impressive, being a role that, for those with an English background, combines the work of a 'solicitor' and 'barrister'.

Qualifying as an Advocate is a rigorous process, involving three key requirements. An 'Aspirant' will first qualify as a solicitor or barrister in England & Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland. Generally, they will then study with the Université de Caen Normandie and pass oral examinations to obtain the 'Certificat d'Etudes Juridiques Françaises et Normandes'. Finally, they must pass the extremely rigorous Guernsey Bar Exams.

The range of firms and quality of practitioners in Guernsey is a testament to the hard-fought and continuous problem-solving capability of its adversarial system – which is supported by this demanding process of qualification, as well as Guernsey's close links with the English Bar and the UK judiciary. Indeed, from the Royal Court, appeals are heard by the Court of Appeal (whose judges include eminent King's Counsel, as well as judges from the courts of the other Crown Dependencies and the Bailiff), followed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Carey Olsen's dispute resolution team is consistently ranked as 'Tier 1' in both major legal directories, and has leading Advocates across all aspects of its practice. The team:

- Currently acts in a leading regulatory case that may significantly impact the regulatory enforcement process here in Guernsey;
- Successfully acted in all three Court appeals of decisions by the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority;
- Advised the liquidators in relation to the largest liquidation-related claim passing through the Guernsey Courts in recent times; and
- Acts in many of the key trust-related cases.

Guernsey must continue to fire on all cylinders, and, in a time of global transformation, a jurisdiction that can offer innovation and opportunity – alongside stability in the form of a mature and robust legal system – is a very attractive place to conduct business. As Guernsey's reputation continues to grow worldwide, this important consideration should not be underestimated.

Alex Thornton de Mauroy is Counsel in the Carey Olsen dispute resolution team. Having trained and worked at a leading international law firm in London from 2012 to 2021 before moving to Guernsey, Alex has now been recognised as a Future Leader for Commercial Litigation in Guernsey by Lexology.



5 TIPS FOR YOUR PRE-RELOCATION VISIT TO GUERNSEY

Many people decide to relocate to Guernsey after a previous visit to the island. They may have fallen in love with its lifestyle, drawn to its safety or wish to live in an English-speaking environment close to the sea.

Whatever the reason, visiting as a tourist and living somewhere are very different, so before you fully commit to a move, it's worth visiting the island with the right mindset to get a realistic understanding of what life in Guernsey could be like.

Locate Guernsey is a government agency that provides free information and advice for businesses and individuals looking to move to the island.

In this article, the team share a few suggestions for making the most of a pre-relocation visit.

Meet estate agents - Relocating to Guernsey is very straightforward, thanks in part to its two-tier property market. Homes are registered as being on the Open Market or the Local Market.

Whilst the Local Market is reserved for those with familial connections or holding Employment Permits, the Open Market is the key to residency for most new arrivals. Holders of UK passports or Right of Abode in the UK can come to Guernsey and buy or rent an Open Market home. This allows them to live in Guernsey indefinitely if they wish to, and they can work or set up a business or simply live off savings and investments.

It's therefore worth meeting with an estate agent when you're visiting the island. This will help you to better understand the property market, get to know the people you'll be working with, and they can better understand

your requirements. If you have time during your visit, viewing properties can also be useful.

If you have children, visit schools - For any parent considering a relocation, ensuring their new home is right for their children is of high priority.

The island has an excellent educational offering, with private and public schooling available. Guernsey follows the same curriculum as the UK, so children can quickly find their feet in their new school. If you are considering one of the three private schools, you can arrange school visits to decide which is best suited for your children.

Drive around the island - Exploring as much as you can during a visit will allow you to feel more at home, make sure island life is right for you and decide which part of the island you like



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most, which will help when it comes to choosing a new home.

Hiring a car is a good way to explore at your own pace, but bear in mind that roads can be narrow and we have unique road markings, so it's worth doing a little research before you hit the roads.

Connect with mutual contacts - Moving home is a big adjustment, and it can feel daunting leaving behind your existing networks.

Connecting with mutual friends is a simple step to quickly establish your new network on the island. Guernsey residents are very proud of their home, and you will likely find that if you reach out to someone you know in Guernsey, they will be happy to share their thoughts about island life or connect you with other like-minded people ahead of your move.

Meet with Locate Guernsey - Of course, if you're visiting the island, please take the time to meet with one of the Locate Guernsey team.

We aim to provide a service that can streamline the transition of your family or business to the island so that moving is easy and stress-free.

Could Guernsey be the ideal location for you and your family? If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with the Locate Guernsey team:

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Open Market - Guernsey



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FINDING YOUR FEET IN GUERNSEY

RELOCATING CAN BE DAUNTING, BUT ONCE YOU HAVE DECIDED ON GUERNSEY YOU CAN GET HERE QUICKLY AND EASILY. SWOFFERS' HEAD OF LETTINGS, SUE NICOLLE, EXPLAINS WHY FINDING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION BEFORE BUYING THE PERFECT HOME MAY BE AN OPTION FOR YOU, WHILE THE AGENT'S HEAD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, JESSICA GUILLIARD, DISCUSSES HOW HER SERVICE TAKES THE STRESS OUT OF LETTING.

There are many advantages to living in Guernsey, but the most compelling reason for moving is the lifestyle enjoyed by islanders. The people who come here tend to be those who appreciate all that the island has to offer, which includes a more relaxed lifestyle, great education, and a high-quality housing market for both buyers and renters.

Following the change of government in the UK, demand for properties has grown. Whether you are holding out to buy the perfect property or want to take some time before deciding if the island ticks all your boxes, renting can be an option worth considering.



SUE NICOLLE

As Sue explained: 'Many applicants take the opportunity to rent while they look for the right property to buy. There are lots of considerations, such as settling in families and choosing the right schools and so on, and we know just how important it is to find the right property or location.'

Renting also brings a level of flexibility. If you have a property or asset to sell in the UK but want to leave the UK before the transaction completes, this can speed up the process, allowing you to move at a time which is convenient.

'It is very simple process to relocate to Guernsey if you are planning to rent a property, particularly if you're a British passport holder,' said Sue.

The starting point for an Open Market rental is in the region of £30,000 per annum, rising to £120,000-plus per annum for the most spectacular properties. There is a wide range of properties available, from unfurnished blank canvases to fully furnished and equipped homes, which may be advantageous if you are planning on retaining your existing property.

'We have a variety of applicants including singles and couples arriving to work, plus families seeking a safe environment with excellent private and state education

options, and others simply to enjoy the lifestyle that the island offers,' said Sue.

Those with a work permit, often granted for essential workers, can rent on the Local Market, where prices are somewhat lower.

Swoffers also offers a comprehensive property management service, including a bespoke service which is often used by clients who live on the island part-time.



JESSICA GUILLIARD

'We provide our clients with a tailored service to meet their needs, which often includes finding tenants who need a temporary base while they look for something more permanent,' said Jessica Guillard.

'Our lettings and management team work closely together to offer a complete service, providing prospective tenants with good and frequent communication, making the process of letting an easy and straightforward process. For our landlords, we advise and help to get the property ready for occupation. From a management perspective, we take all the stress away while keeping them fully informed.'

Swoffers also offers a service for owners who wish to leave the island temporarily and keep their home unoccupied.

'For owners who do not wish to let their home, that's no problem. The team will provide the essential services that ensure the property is maintained in the client's absence. We've been in the property market for a long time, and we know what our clients really need, which is why we have created a bespoke management service for owners who need peace of mind.'

Whether you're looking to relocate to Guernsey, a landlord, or in need of a property management service, please get in touch with us today. Call 01481 721757, or email rentals@swoffers.co.uk.

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FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GUERNSEY PENSIONS

BY CHRIS HARDS, PARTNER, OGIER

Ogier Partner Chris Hards provides an in-depth look at the advantages of Guernsey's pension schemes, covering Guernsey's domestic and international plan options and how this can benefit both employers and employees. With his extensive knowledge in pension planning, Chris explores why Guernsey stands out as an ideal location for pensions and explains the impact of the introduction of secondary pensions for local businesses. Discover the key insights in his top five things to know about Guernsey pensions.



GUERNSEY: PENSIONS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Guernsey was among the first places globally to regulate pension providers and hosts many of them under a regime that meets international standards. Guernsey has been providing international and domestic pensions for over 50 years and has established itself as a centre of excellence in the creation, administration and management of pension schemes. In 2017, additional pension regulations were introduced for individual pension offerings, enhancing Guernsey's regulatory framework and providing individuals, employers and employees with the comfort, security and certainty desired when planning for retirement.

AVAILABILITY OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SCHEMES

Guernsey stands out as a rare jurisdiction offering international pension schemes for both individuals and employers. For employers, international plans can be fully tailored to meet the requirements of the employer including offering the same pension plan to employees wherever they are located. This avoids costs and saves time for the employer, as well as offering flexibility to the employee should they re-locate.

Guernsey residents can choose from occupational pension schemes, Retirement Annuity Trust Schemes (RATS) and Retirement Annuity Contract Schemes (RACS) for their domestic pensions. RATS and RACS can be structured flexibly so that an individual can craft a scheme solely for their own benefit or join an existing multi-member scheme.

Guernsey also offers pension schemes accommodating both residents and non-residents that allow for tax-neutral transfers from foreign pension schemes. These provisions let individuals consolidate their pension pot while, subject to individual circumstances, retaining any benefits from their original pension scheme.

PENSION BENEFITS AFFORDED BY GUERNSEY LAW

Like elsewhere, pensions in Guernsey receive favourable tax treatment to encourage individuals to save for their retirement. The benefit applies to both individual and occupational schemes. Tax application will differ based on residential status, age and the nature of the benefits being provided. For non-Guernsey members, Guernsey schemes are generally tax neutral while, for Guernsey residents, tax-relieved funds will be subject to tax when drawn but with certain tax-free elements.

PENSION FLEXIBILITY AFFORDED BY GUERNSEY LAW

A key benefit of choosing a RATS is the ability to control the investment of the fund at member level or advisor level. This allows for favourable tax treatment of the scheme while not losing the ability to direct the nature of investment within certain parameters. Depending on the scheme's rules, it is generally possible to transfer between schemes, consolidate pension pots and to close membership if the funds are small.

SECONDARY PENSIONS

On 1 July 2024, new legislation was implemented where Guernsey employers with more than 25 employees were required to offer an 'approved scheme' that complies with Guernsey's secondary pension law. From 1 October 2025, the legislation extends to all employers.

The secondary pension helps employees resident in Guernsey to save for their retirement beyond social

security. While the scheme is voluntary, auto-enrolment applies unless an employee opts out and employers cannot discourage participation.

The YIP (Your Island Pension) is a scheme open to all employers to enrol their employees. Minimum contribution levels are set to gradually rise reaching a minimum total pension contribution of 10% of earnings by 2032. Although approved schemes have stricter rules for benefits and transfers than non-approved schemes, many Guernsey pension providers have adjusted their schemes to allow for members to use the scheme as both their occupational (approved) scheme and as an additional private pension.

HOW OGIER CAN HELP

For expert legal advice on structuring and managing your pension or incentive plans, Chris Hards and the team at Ogier offer a depth of experience in private wealth and pension matters. Delivering tailored legal solutions to meet your specific needs. Contact us to learn how we can support your objectives with our in-depth expertise.

Chris Hards is a partner in Ogier's Private Wealth team in Guernsey. For more information, email chris.hards@ogier.com or visit www.ogier.com.

GUERNSEY HAS BEEN PROVIDING INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC PENSIONS FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN THE CREATION, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PENSION SCHEMES.

HSBC APPOINTS CFO FOR CHANNEL ISLANDS AND ISLE OF MAN



Moses Mwanandimai has been appointed CFO for HSBC CIOM. Based in Jersey, he will provide financial leadership for the bank across the jurisdictions as well as head the team responsible for financial planning and analysis.

Mr Mwanandimai has a wealth of international banking experience, having joined HSBC 16 years ago in Bermuda. He joined the Jersey office five years ago as Head of Business Finance CIOM, with responsibility for strategic financial planning and business performance support.

NEW RELATIONSHIP MANAGER AT LOCATE GUERNSEY



Gill Mabbett, who has more than two decades of business development experience across Scotland and the Channel Islands, has joined Locate Guernsey as Relationship Manager.

'We are absolutely delighted that Gill is joining the Locate Guernsey team to help promote Guernsey as the ideal destination for HNW and business relocation,' said Jo Stoddart, Director of Locate Guernsey. 'With a foundation in marketing and counselling, she brings empathy, strategic insight, and a very strong work ethic and will be a huge asset to our team.'

OAK GROUP STRENGTHENS GOVERNANCE SERVICES



Nicole Barnes has been appointed Senior Manager within Oak Group's growing Company Secretarial team. She has more than two decades of experience in corporate governance and company secretarial services.

'Oak's governance team plays a crucial role in helping our clients navigate an increasingly complex regulatory environment. Nicole's appointment is a testament to our ongoing investment in talent and our dedication to delivering the highest standards of governance. Her expertise will enhance the guidance we offer and further strengthen the support we provide to our clients,' said James Tracey, Managing Director of Guernsey Funds.

SEVERAL PROMOTIONS FOR BLACK VANILLA



Channel Islands and UK PR and events agency, Black Vanilla, has promoted a number of its staff.

Chloe Chescoe has been promoted to Account Director and People Lead. She has been with the agency for more than four years, and has played a key role in client management and expanding Black Vanilla's presence in the UK.

Alec Farrell, Molly Paul and Lucie Stephenson have each been promoted to Account Executive roles in PR, digital and events respectively. Senior Account Manager Katy Melhuish has also taken on the agency's AI lead role, extending the remit of her current responsibilities.

GUERNSEY FINANCE APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN



Paul Sykes, Managing Director at Aon Guernsey, has taken up the role of Chairman at Guernsey Finance. He brings a wealth of expertise to the position having commenced his career in Guernsey 35 years ago.

'It's a tremendous privilege and an exciting responsibility to be taking over from our Chief Minister [Deputy Lyndon Trott OBE] as Chair of Guernsey Finance. I share with Lyndon the same love for Guernsey which manifests into a mission and purpose to promote and serve the island.'

PROPERTY TEAM EXPANDS AT F&F



Two experienced senior conveyancers, Sarah Gaudion and Knatachaa Cardwell, have joined the property team at Ferbrache & Farrell.

'The growth of the property team at F&F LLP is a testament to our commitment to excellence and innovation in the field,' said managing partner Alastair Hargreaves.

'Welcoming Sarah and Knat is not just about expanding our

expertise – it's about enriching our culture and driving forward our shared vision. We are thrilled to have them on board and look forward to the contributions they will undoubtedly make.'

PROMOTIONS ACROSS GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY AT FORT



Joe Woodward has been promoted to Head of Private Client, where he will be responsible for directing and overseeing all aspects of Fort's private client services.

In addition, Lauren Lawrence, Glenn Drake, Mark Robins and Rob Titterton Have been promoted to Trust Manager.

'These promotions are not only well deserved, but also a reflection of our commitment to building a strong, client focused leadership team for the future. With ambitious growth plans ahead of us, these promotions could not come at a better time,' said Graham McCormack, CEO.



DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT AT SAVILLS

Kieran Lee BSc, MRICS (Chartered Surveyor) has joined Savills as a Director, with the brief of expanding its Building and Project Consultancy business stream.

Educated in Guernsey before attending university, he has over 30 years of experience in building consultancy and surveying covering a wide variety of commercial premises, including office buildings, retail units and warehouses.

'We are delighted that Kieran has joined us. Our team driven by Paul Watts has seen tremendous growth in recent years and with Kieran alongside Paul and Joe Brown, we now have three Chartered Building Surveyors in the team allowing us to expand the scope and breadth of our client services,' said Tony Rowbotham, Head of Office at Savills.

SKIPTON INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS NEW CEO



Susan Fouquier will become the new Chief Executive Officer of Skipton International on Monday 1 September, following the retirement at the end of June of current CEO, Jim Coupe.

She is currently the Managing Director of Institutional Banking and head of Guernsey for Royal Bank of Scotland International at NatWest, which she joined in 2000. Her appointment as CEO represents the opportunity to deliver long-term growth potential for Skipton International.

NEW CEO AT GUERNSEY COMMUNITY SAVINGS



Joe Brown has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Guernsey Community Savings.

After a long career in finance, Mr Brown

will lead the charity's small team, plan and coordinate its services, help to serve clients, and work to reach more islanders who are struggling to access traditional banking services.

'With Joe in this role we are well placed to help and support more financially excluded islanders by arranging access for them to a bank account and advising them on managing their budgets. I began working to set up GCS as far back as 2016 and Joe's appointment enables me to step back from the day-to-day running of GCS while remaining involved as Chair,' said GCS founder and chairman Peter Neville.

FIRST FEMALE CHAIR AT GIBA

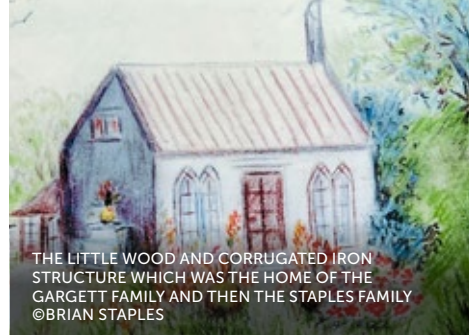


Joanne Peacegood has been appointed as the first female chair of the Guernsey International Business Association.

Ms Peacegood, a non-executive director and former

chair of the Guernsey Investment & Funds Association (GIFA), brings a wealth of experience to the role. She has served as deputy chair on the GIBA Executive Council for the past two years and has been a Council Member for six years. She takes over from Paul Sykes who will remain a council member.

'I'm proud to be appointed as Chair of GIBA at such an important time for Guernsey's financial services industry. I look forward to building on Paul's strong work and I would like to thank him for his leadership over the past two years. His dedication and expertise have been invaluable in representing Guernsey's financial services industry,' she said.



THE LITTLE WOOD AND CORRUGATED IRON STRUCTURE WHICH WAS THE HOME OF THE GARGETT FAMILY AND THEN THE STAPLES FAMILY ©BRIAN STAPLES



THE CHATEAU AFTER ITS EXPANSION IN READINESS FOR FRENCH ATTACK BUT BEFORE ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT BY THE GERMAN MILITARY ©PRIAULX LIBRARY



THE POWDER MAGAZINE IS NOW THE DOMINANT STRUCTURE WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE OLD CASTLE



AN ARTIST'S DRAWING OF THE IVY CASTLE FROM ABOUT 1800 ©BRIAN STAPLES



SARAH AND JOE GARGETT, THE FIRST FARMERS AT THE CHATEAU, PICTURED IN ABOUT 1894



THE INNER MOAT HAS BEEN RESTORED



THE INNER SANCTUM

HIDDEN TREASURE

Often referred to by historians but seldom visited, the Chateau des Marais is one of Guernsey's ancient treasures, and as Rob Batiste discovered, the old 'Ivy Castle' is looking good.

At one time, they called it the Castle of the Marshes – an 800-year-old chateau whose outer moat was once filled by over-topping seawater and whose grassland formerly provided a welcome garden retreat for one of Guernsey's 18th-century Lt-Governors, William Brown.

The Chateau des Marais arguably claims the prize as Guernsey's most hidden and unexplored public treasure, tucked away as it is amid housing developments near to the island's east coast. Out of sight, out of mind, you could say. Indeed, it had already fallen into disrepair as early as the 14th century and when the ruins were quickly overtaken by ivy, it gained its colloquial name – the Ivy Castle.

After eight centuries, it's safe to say the old castle of refuge has seen better days, but this is no abandoned, crumbling relic. Far from it. On a recent visit, I found this ancient gift from Duke Robert of Normandy in surprisingly fine

fettle – both its inner sanctum and grassy surround, with picnic benches outside the water-filled moat, well maintained and attractively tidy.

Yet, it remains hard to imagine Guernsey's green-fingered 52nd Lt-Governor wanting to spend large parts of his summers digging his spuds down this way. Surely Lt-Governors have servants to do that?

That we know he did is due to the detailed diaries of the recently published journals of one Charles Mollet, a well-to-do landowner who lived between 1742 and 1819. Mollet and Lt-Governor Brown were good pals and spent many an hour together at the chateau during the latter's nine-year tenure as the island's royal representative from 1784 to 1793.

Mollet knew Lt-Col Brown from their days together in the military and the former regularly records their meetings at the Chateau des Marais – 'a dilapidated medieval fort on the east coast', as Mollet described it. The journal notes Brown had 'a garden laid out' there and went this way to relax.

It was off the beaten track then and remains so more than two

centuries later. In the 21st century, it is an incongruous setting for a fort. Standing atop its inner walls, peering through the trees, you realise that you are merely a couple of hundred yards from the brand-new Victoria Park football stadium.

However, when it was originally built on its hougue – 'hill' in Guernsey's own language of Guernésiais – Chateau des Marais could breathe in its wild surroundings. There would not have been a building within a long kick of its outer walls and the sea only had to break through the eastern seaboard – which it reportedly did often – for the outer moat to receive a salty top-up.

These days that moat is totally dry, in contrast to its inner counterpart that back in the 1980s received a thorough clean with the aid of a JCB digger.

It used to be assumed that the powder magazine within the castle walls was the ancient chapel of St Mary of the Marsh. In truth, the chapel stood to the west of the chateau. Local historian Ferdinand Brock Tupper recorded that in 1852 'the rocky mound in the centre of the inner bailey was shamefully quarried away to a

considerable depth for the purpose of furnishing metal for roads and one of the jambs of the principal gateway removed to allow carts passing through'.

But what of its origins?

A little over a thousand years ago, when these islands were part of the dukedom of Normandy, it's thought that monks of Mont St Michel were banished north from there and landed in Guernsey. Here they soon made themselves at home and formed a community of their own on the north coast, calling it St Michel after the great abbey they had left.

One very stormy day early in the year 1000, those on lookout saw a fleet of Duke Robert of Normandy's ships scraping past the island's treacherous Brayes reef. They landed on the large sandy bay opposite the monastery of St Michel, where they desperately cast anchor. This led to the naming of Guernsey's northern bay – L'Ancrese, meaning 'the anchorage'. It's said the St Michel monks gladly offered shelter and hospitality to Duke Robert and his men and, in return for their kindness and goodwill, he built two castles for the protection of the island in 1036.

One was at Jerbourg, at the south-east point of the island, and the other was on the marshy land off the east coast – our very

own Chateau des Marais. Being on a mound commanding the long, low shore, this site was thoughtfully chosen and its periods of dilapidation have been briefly interrupted by periods of threat-inspired rejuvenation, as its strategic position has been appreciated anew. Stone walls and a magazine were added in the 18th century to repel the French, and in the mid-20th century a concrete command bunker and several machine gun posts were added to ward off the Allies – the latter being built on the orders of occupying German forces.

Courtesy of a 1907 Guernsey Press feature, we now know that the area between the inner and outer walls contained two small cottages at that time, one of these being for the official keeper of the rundown castle. This government appointee talked of dungeons underneath the 'inner eminence', but even then, nobody could track them down.

Just a couple of decades earlier, butcher Joe Gargett and his wife Sarah had farmed the castle and lived in an old stone house there and as recently as the 1920s, the Staples family lived in one of the Ivy Castle's long-gone cottages.

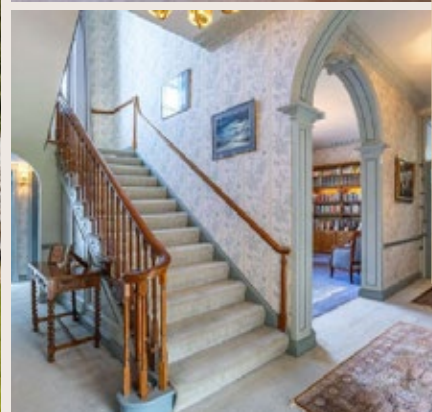
Brian Staples had a brother, George, and sister, Annie, born there. That close family link led to Brian spending much of his youth around the Ivy Castle where his grandparents lived in a timber-built

cottage with corrugated iron walls, a painting of which proudly hangs on a wall at his home.

He tells a charming story of George returning from extended military service in the early 1950s and – being unable to find somewhere to live – identifying a spot just inside the main gates to build a house with wood cut from the slopes of the moat. Before he could complete it, the States – Guernsey's government – got wind of his intentions and found him an alternative house in double-quick time. George and Brian Staples even grew potatoes in the slopes rising out of the moat, while Brian recalls the time spent in his youth skating in the fields just outside the main walls during a particularly wintry period.

It was during the 1950s that the States debated knocking the ruins down. However, by the 1970s the focus was on restoration, with the Ancient Monuments Committee president Conseiller Paul de Garis describing the site as 'one of the most important ancient monuments in the island'.

Around the same time, Victor Coysh of the Guernsey Press wrote that the Chateau des Marais was 'a beautiful place – quiet, wooded, the haunt of birds and beasts, the home of flowers, an oasis in a rather arid corner of the island'. The same can be said today.



ABOVE: THE STAR'S FRONT PAGE ON 19 JUNE.
RIGHT: MANY PARENTS FOUND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO.

EVACUATION: AN UNPRECEDENTED UPHEAVAL

JUNE 2025 MARKS THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOST DISRUPTIVE PERIOD OF UPHEAVAL IN CHANNEL ISLAND HISTORY, AS THOUSANDS FLED TO THE UK TO ESCAPE THE ONRUSHING GERMAN MILITARY. SIMON DE LA RUE REPORTS ON THE EVACUATION OF MORE THAN 40% OF GUERNSEY'S POPULATION DURING A FEW FRENZIED DAYS IN 1940.

In the early months of 1940, Guernsey was still selling itself as a holiday destination. Advertisements in national newspapers portrayed the island as a place where war-weary UK residents could forget about the tribulations of conflict and relax for a few days.

By mid-June of that year, the picture was looking decidedly different. German military forces were spreading across France with a rapidity that took even Hitler by surprise and Channel Island leaders and their UK counterparts were very soon faced with a conundrum – should the islands be defended, or left to their fate?

Early meetings on the subject in London heard arguments to increase Britain's military presence. Very quickly, this stratagem was reversed and the decision was made to demilitarise the islands. Most men of fighting age had long-since joined up and were fighting or training overseas, so the very sudden departure of British troops made many islanders feel nervous about their prospects – with their fears fuelled by stories shared by refugees arriving from Cherbourg.

In this context, notification of arrangements to allow islanders to evacuate to the UK was taken by many to be an order to leave. On 19 June, The Star front page screamed 'All children to be sent to mainland tomorrow', while the Evening Press went with 'Evacuation of children – Parents must report this evening'.

School-age children had to be registered at their schools by their parents by 7pm that evening in order to

be allowed to leave, while pre-school children had to be registered with their parish rectors. Those in the schools of St Peter Port then had to assemble at 4am – just nine hours later – at the White Rock jetty. Parents were not allowed to attend the embarkation point. Teachers were expected to take them there – and travel with them.

Three hours later, these teachers and their students were still sitting there, waiting for the first boat to arrive. The Antwerp did eventually arrive and left with 1,154 passengers at 10am. The Felixstowe left with 437. The Haslemere – commandeered for the occasion because it happened to be in the harbour – was next to leave at 2.30pm with another 300. More than 700 secondary-school children departed on the Batavier IV at 11.30pm. As the day ended, more than 2,500 children had left Guernsey in the space of nine hours. An official report of the day's events later declared that a great deal of disruption had been caused by those parents who were changing their minds about whether to send their children away. Another 2,000 left the following day.

Nobody knew how long it would be before these young islanders would be free to return. Neither was it known how soon the Germans would arrive. Thousands more fled the island over the next few days – reducing a population of about 41,000 to about 24,000 before the Luftwaffe's brutal bombing attack on St Peter Port on 28 June, which killed 33 people, followed within two days by the arrival of the occupying forces.

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ABOVE L-R: CHILDREN WERE TOLD TO TRAVEL WITH GAS MASKS AND OVERCOATS; CHANNEL ISLAND EVACUEES ARRIVED AT WEYMOUTH IN DORSET; A GROUP OF GUERNSEY EVACUEES ARRIVING AT CREWE TRAIN STATION; A FAREWELL CEREMONY IN STOCKPORT IN 1945; REX (FAR LEFT) AND DAVID (FAR RIGHT) PATTIMORE SAY GOODBYE TO THEIR BELOVED 'NAN' BENNET AS THEY LEAVE GLASGOW; A PLAQUE WAS UNVEILED BY THEN BAILIFF OF GUERNSEY SIR GEOFF ROWLAND TO MARK THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2010

'My brother Derek and I were evacuated with our parish school,' Lloyd Le Boutillier tells me from his home in Toronto, Canada.

'The whole thing was quite a shock. We walked down the lane from the school towards St Andrew's Church and there were lots of buses lined up. We got on board, with our clothes in a brown paper bag and off we went into Town. I don't think we realised how serious it all was. We were just excited to be riding on the new Bluebird buses, as they didn't usually ply our route.'

Within hours, Lloyd and Derek were on a cargo boat to Weymouth, leaving their little brother Paul behind with their parents.

Also making the journey were Nina and Velma Ferguson. They arrived at the White Rock departure point with their five-year-old sister Jeanette but the long delays were frustrating and confusing for her, and as it began to get dark, Jeanette got upset and started to cry.

'That was enough for the harassed teachers to decide not to take me with them,' Jeanette told the Guernsey Press in 2010, 'so two kindly St John Ambulance men took me home.'

Their parents had planned to take a later boat but this had not happened by the time the Germans arrived, and so Jeanette spent the rest of the war in their company and that of her eldest sister Ruth, but without the two middle sisters.

'I missed the boat, as it were, and was one of only a few hundred children left on the island for the duration of the war,' Jeanette said.

'I was missing the company of my sisters and added "God bless Nina" and "God bless Velma" to my nightly prayers.'

Everywhere you looked in Guernsey at this seismic time, families were being torn apart.

Evacuees were given a medical at the Pavilion Theatre in Weymouth before being packed onto trains heading for towns far and wide. The principal locations were

Glasgow in Scotland, Nantwich in Cheshire and a host of towns in Yorkshire and Lancashire – Barnsley, Bradford, Brighouse, Doncaster, Halifax, Huddersfield, Leeds, Wakefield, Burnley, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, St Helen's and Stockport.

In some cases, children were gathered in town halls and prospective foster parents would come and choose which ones to take away. Others were delivered to their new homes by road, one at a time.

Some of these refugees counted English as their second language, after the Guernsey tongue of Guernésiais. The evacuees' experiences in this new and strange land, with its black-and-white cows and industrial landscapes, were astonishingly disparate. Some were cherished and treated with love and care, while others were taken in as a source of cheap labour.

Jack Bennet of Burnside, Glasgow turned up to his local hall and invited David Pattimore to his home. He and his wife had been unable to have children and the invitation came despite his wife really wanting a little girl. But David's brother Rex objected, saying 'my mother's last words to me before we left Guernsey were to keep an eye on him'. They were both taken in and within days they had been bought new clothes and were getting used to new experiences of comfort, such as central heating and carpets.

For the 60th anniversary of the evacuation, Brian Short shared his harrowing story of prolonged terrorisation by the woman he was billeted with in the same city.

'As the years dragged on, certain things I did were, in her view, not up to standard, and I was beaten or thrashed until I was on the floor in floods of tears,' he said.

'I got beltings with the handle of a bread knife. I ended up on the floor – the lower I got, the less she could hit me.'

'Lloyd was fortunate to be placed with a Scottish woman called Mrs Lyon, a wealthy spinster,' says Lloyd's brother Paul.

'I visited her in about 1963 and the house had servants – it was breakfast on a silver tray, that sort of thing. I believe she had a link to the Bowes-Lyon family.'

Derek, he explains, had 'a totally opposite experience'.

'He was taken in by a family near Liverpool who really didn't want to look after anybody but they wanted the money. He had a terrible time. He was locked in a cupboard under the stairs when there was a bombing raid, while the older people in the household went to the shelter. It was pretty horrendous. Even years later, Derek used to get really upset in a thunderstorm.'

Nina and Velma were split up. Velma was diagnosed with 'outgrowing her strength' (being tall for her age) which led to her being housed in a school for children with disabilities and, later, a convalescence home. She briefly met Nina when she travelled down to London to be her bridesmaid. Nina had left the island as a 14-year-old. Her family at home discovered she was married via a Red Cross message which read 'Happy, fit, also Velma. Getting married in September. Don't worry. Love'. The message took nine months to reach them, so they knew she was married – though not to whom – by the time it arrived.

When Victory in Europe was declared on 8 May 1945, Winston Churchill announced to the House of Commons that 'our dear Channel Islands are also to be freed, today'.

He was wrong about the timing. The obstinacy of the deluded hardline Nazi Admiral Friedrich Huffmeier meant that the German forces in command of the Channel Islands did not surrender until 7.15am British Double Summer Time the following day.

It then took many weeks for evacuees to gain permission to return to Guernsey, as the numbers were carefully controlled. Guernsey had suffered dire food shortages, with many dying of starvation and evacuated homes had been wrecked beyond recognition by billeted soldiers.

'My older brothers were strangers to me,' says Paul, of Lloyd and Derek's return.

'Lloyd came back in late July and was of course a man, by then – he was 16.'

'It was so crowded on the jetty,' says Lloyd, 'I couldn't see my mother for the longest time. She was just another face in the crowd. But eventually she spotted me.'

Both Nina and Velma returned and settled in Guernsey, while Jeanette – intrigued by their UK adventures, perhaps – went the other way and ended up settling in Sheffield.

Brian thanked God for being reunited, at last, with his loving parents.

'I never told them how often I was punished for next to nothing,' he said, 'I will never go back to Scotland.'

When David and Rex returned to St Peter Port, they barely recognised their emaciated parents, and they, in turn, could hardly understand their sons' broad Glaswegian accents. The strain of having to go back to living in a small home with lino on the floor and 'very basic food' was eased by the adventure of having weird concrete bunkers to explore.

And the boys retained a close bond with their 'Uncle Jack and Auntie Nan Bennet' in Glasgow – such a lifelong bond, in fact, that throughout his subsequent career as a sports journalist, Rex used the surname Bennet.

For every heart-rending story of penury, there is another of heart-warming nurture. The evacuation of thousands of young islanders during the Second World War truly threw the extremes of human behaviour into stark relief. Ironically, some of the most positive experiences of evacuation ended with estrangement between evacuee and birth parent, while some of those who suffered returned with renewed appreciation for their old life. It was a time of unprecedented upheaval, which we can all hope will never be repeated.



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MIGHTY MAYA

OLIVIA THOMPSON REPORTS ON THE LOCAL STAR'S RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS.

Maya Le Tissier has her sights set on Switzerland ahead of this summer's UEFA European Women's Championships.

After a great season with Manchester United, the Guernsey professional is hoping that her strong performances at club level will be enough for her to be named in the Euros squad.

'If I can just keep performing for Man United, then that's all I can do,' Le Tissier said.

'It's obviously up to the management what they do at England, but there's nothing else I can do other than perform more for United and hope for the best, really.

'It would be a dream come true to go to the Euros with England. I'll really hope for the call.'

The reigning European Champions are in group D with France, the Netherlands and Wales, and have their first group stage match on Saturday 5 July.

While this would be her first senior major tournament, Le Tissier got a taste of what the build up to international tournaments are like at the 2023 Women's World Cup as she travelled with the Lionesses as a reserve and trained with them in the lead-up to the tournament.

She said that experience has motivated her ahead of the Euros.

'It was bitter-sweet. At the time it was horrible, but now looking back on it, it was a great learning curve for me and I had a really good time out in Australia as well.

'I was still young, so I was still kind of learning and getting around the squad.

'But I feel now that I want to push on with England and play as many games as I can for them.

'As I said the only thing I can do is play well for Man United, that's all I can focus on.

'I want to use that motivation from back then to try and get into this squad.'

Now with seven senior caps, Le Tissier revealed that she enjoyed being in and around the squad on camp and hopes to keep building on what she has already achieved and get some more starts with England.

'I think we have a great culture at England, a great group of girls as well,' she said.

'We're always really together and it's fun to be on camps.

'I love training with England and I really want to push to get some more starts now.'



Sport

LIONESS LEGACY

Youngsters had a chance to learn from Manchester United Women captain and England Lioness Maya Le Tissier recently.

Le Tissier, who was in the island with Puma, hosted a training session with some of the island's young footballers.

'It's been so, so special. This is one of the best things I think I've done coming back to the island,' she said.

'I haven't really done anything like this before. I sort of just left and played football and went to Brighton, went to United and now I've actually been able to come back and with the help of Puma, we've been able to put this event on for everyone.

'It's really nice to see that we're making a difference and hopefully there can be many more people that will come through from my pathway as well.'

After the training session, she held a question-and-answer session with the children. She said her best piece of advice for them was to enjoy their football and keep working hard.

'I think you can see now that you can do it. Alex [Scott] has done it for the boys, I've done it for the girls, so why not work hard and enjoy the football and try and get to the top,' said Le Tissier.

She added how Guernsey's new home of football Victoria Park will also be really beneficial for youngsters coming through.

'It's incredible the place that you have here down at 'Vicky Park'. It's just amazing having this on the island, and it will support the youth coming through, boys and girls.

'I think if I'd had this, I would just be down here every single day having a kickabout. Growing up, I was just playing because I love the game and I hope these guys can do this too.'



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CRICKET: THE EUROPE FINAL

BY GARETH LE PREVOST

The Guernsey men’s cricket team head to the Netherlands this summer for one of the biggest tournaments the island has ever played in and they have been advised to relish the roll of underdogs by a former England player and coach.

In his role of Essex director of cricket, Chris Silverwood saw first-hand what some of Guernsey’s top players are capable of when he joined his county’s academy side in the island in April as they faced their hosts in three matches as part of the Academy Series held over two weekends at the KGV.

The Sarnians used the matches as part of their preparations for the ICC



CHRIS SILVERWOOD ©TONY CURR

2025 Men’s T20 World Cup Europe Final, which is the final part of the qualification process for next year’s 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, meaning Guernsey are potentially one tournament and four games away from ‘the big one’.

They won their sub-regional qualifier last summer to join Italy, Jersey, Scotland and hosts the Netherlands in the Europe Final, which starts on 5 July.

‘Sometimes it’s good to be the underdogs,’ said Silverwood, who played six Test matches for England as a fast bowler.

‘Ultimately, yes, they must believe. Yes, they’ve got to enjoy themselves while they’re out there. But secondly, let the other team wear the pressure. It’s up to them really.

‘I mean, if you come up against Scotland, it’s up to them. It’s their game to lose really and as Guernsey, you’ve got nothing to lose. Just go out there and give it everything, because you never know.

‘And if you do win, you could be on the way to a World Cup. I mean, how good is that? It’d be brilliant, wouldn’t it?’

The Academy Cup in April started



BROTHERS TOM (LEFT) AND OLLIE NIGHTINGALE ©PETER FRANKLAND

with the visit of Hampshire and Surrey academies to the KGV over the long Easter weekend when they and Guernsey played in a multi-format tri-series.

Essex followed a week later, playing the hosts in a 50-over contest and a T20 double-header over two days.

Guernsey won the first two matches, with the final T20 ending in an exciting tie that also included a super over in which the sides still could not be separated.

Island men’s team captain Ollie Nightingale felt the Academy Series was highly beneficial for his squad.

‘It’s good to play different people. I think you find with [the academies]

that they’ve got a couple of really standout players and then perhaps slightly weaker players as well, but they’re well drilled, they’re highly skilled – a talented group of people.

‘We’ve had over three teams and it’s been enjoyable,’ said Nightingale, whose team’s fixture list also includes matches with the MCC, Jersey and The Challengers before they head to the Netherlands.

Silverwood believes Guernsey have the tools at their disposal to cause some upsets in the Europe Final tournament.

‘They move well in the field, they look well organised and, as we saw,

there is some power in that batting line up, which is what you need in T20 cricket as well.

‘The bowlers go about their business and again it’s just about experience really and the more you play, the better you get.

‘It’s just making sure that they’re tracking in the right direction all the time and working together as a team. If you do that in these T20 competitions, you never know. If one guy has a day out, they can win the game for you on their own. And so why not?’

‘You’ve got to go in there believing you can do it. So I think the biggest



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thing for the guys is when they step over that line against whoever it may be, Scotland or whoever, they believe that they can win. That’s half the battle, really.’



IMAGE (L-R) ADAM WAKEFORD, LUKE LE TISSIER, LUKE BICHARD, DAN LE MESSURIER, CHRIS COLCLOUGH. ©JOHN ROSS PHOTOGRAPHY.

CRICKET NEWS

Canaccord Wealth and Griffins Cricket Club are celebrating 10 years of partnership by signing a three-year extension to their sponsorship agreement.

Following Canaccord Wealth’s recent brand refresh, the club will now be known as Canaccord Wealth Griffins.

‘We are incredibly grateful to Canaccord Wealth for their continued support in enabling us to provide the number of opportunities that we do. We look forward to winning more games of cricket as the Canaccord Wealth Griffins in the coming years,’ said Canaccord Wealth Griffins’ club secretary, Daniel Le Messurier.

Chris Colclough, head of wealth management, Guernsey, said: ‘We are so proud of our partnership with Griffins CC. It is important to me, and the rest of the Canaccord Wealth team, that we play a strong role in supporting the communities in which we live and work. I am very excited to play our part in Griffins’ exciting journey.’

Since 2015, Canaccord Wealth’s support has enabled Griffins CC to achieve several significant milestones:

- Griffins have been instrumental in developing Guernsey cricket with a robust pipeline of young players advancing to the adult game; 15-year-old Ed Robinson earned a call-up to the full Guernsey squad for the 50-over Inter-Insular.
- Several Canaccord Wealth Griffins players represented Guernsey at the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup European Sub-Regional Qualifier.
- In 2022, the club’s A Team became the first Guernsey team to qualify for the European Cricket League in Malaga.
- Griffins have won numerous trophies, including three Evening League Division One titles, two Evening League Division Two titles, five Weekend League Championships, and the club’s first-ever Channel Islands League victory.

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Make a difference – Give back to your community through volunteering, supporting local charities, or mentoring younger students.

Adventure awaits – Hike, camp and explore the great outdoors, gaining independence and real-world problem-solving skills.

Build friendships and have fun – Meet like-minded young people, challenge yourself and enjoy the journey!

BUSINESSES: BE PART OF THE JOURNEY

The DofE isn't just for young people, it's a brilliant opportunity

for businesses to engage with motivated, enthusiastic young volunteers. By offering volunteering placements, you can:

Support the next generation – Help young people gain valuable experience and grow in confidence.

Enhance your company's social impact – Demonstrate your commitment to the community and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Gain passionate, hardworking volunteers – Many young people bring fresh ideas, energy and a desire to make a difference.

From animal shelters and environmental projects to local businesses, charities and care homes, there are so many ways you can support the DofE.

If your business is looking for enthusiastic young volunteers, get in touch today!

THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERS

Behind every successful DofE journey is a team of dedicated volunteers who give their time, energy, and expertise to support young people. From expedition leaders and mentors to those offering behind-the-scenes help, volunteers are the backbone of the programme, ensuring participants receive guidance, encouragement, and practical support at every stage.

Volunteering with the DofE is not just about giving back – it's an opportunity for personal growth. Many volunteers develop valuable skills such as leadership, communication, and problem-solving while making a real difference in their communities. Whether it's helping young people gain confidence, overcome challenges, or achieve their goals, the impact of a supportive volunteer is immeasurable.

The programme offers a variety of ways to get involved, from helping train participants for their expeditions to mentoring individuals through their skills and volunteering sections. Many volunteers say they gain just as much as they give, forming meaningful connections and gaining a deep sense of fulfilment.

If you're passionate about empowering the next generation and want to be part of an inspiring journey, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you can offer your expertise, time, or simply a listening ear, your contribution could shape the future of a young person. Get in touch today and be part of something life-changing!

OUR YOUTH COMMISSION TEAM

With a dedicated team of four staff members, we are currently running programs across six school centres, one alternative provision group that supports disengaged young people, and the prison. Alongside this we provide support staff to four centres in order for them to meet the appropriate staffing needs of their expedition. Additionally, we manage our own open silver and gold residential group, with plans to take them to Alderney in August for their qualifying expedition and residential.

In the first quarter of 2025, we have organised and delivered training

sessions to support leaders in their centres, including First Aid and Guernsey Expedition Leader Training. Our aim is to ensure our adults are upskilled to support our young people's DofE journey.

With over 550 young people enrolled onto the award, our team is busy training participants for their upcoming expeditions and supporting centres in delivering their programmes.

THE YOUTH COMMISSION FOR GUERNSEY & ALDERNEY

The Youth Commission is a local youth organisation dedicated to supporting and empowering young people by providing services that enhance their well-being, personal development and opportunities for participation in society.

Operating across Guernsey and Alderney, the Youth Commission offers a wide range of programmes, including youth work, advocacy, mentoring and support services. Our work focuses on ensuring that young people have a voice in decisions that affect them, as well as access to safe spaces, guidance and activities that promote confidence, resilience and life skills.

Since becoming an independent charity in 2013, we have evolved and adapted, partnering closely with the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture and other key stakeholders. Our commitment is to provide innovative, needs-led services that respond directly to the voices and experiences of young people across Guernsey and Alderney.

Youth work across the Bailiwick plays a crucial role in supporting young people's personal, social and emotional development. It provides a safe and inclusive space where young people can build confidence, develop essential life skills and form positive relationships. Through informal education, mentoring and recreational activities, youth work empowers young people to navigate challenges, make informed decisions and contribute meaningfully to their communities. It is a voluntary and youth-led process that fosters engagement, resilience and a sense of belonging, ensuring every young person has the opportunity to thrive in a supportive environment.

OUR VISION

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A PARTICIPANT'S EXPERIENCE

'The residential was a great way for me to interact with and get to know a bunch of people I would never normally talk to and form unlikely friendships, which in turn resulted in us having a lot of fun for the time we spent away together. I also think it taught me a few new social skills, as previously I hadn't had to socialise with people younger than me, so getting to know them and helping them out when necessary was interesting. I also enjoyed the social aspect in the evening when we would sit around and just talk – swapping life stories was especially interesting.'

(19-year-old participant, Open Gold Residential, 2024)

YOUTH COMMISSION HITS THE ROAD



The services offered by Guernsey's Youth Commission make a significant difference to the lives of many young people. But with some struggling to access its provision, the charity wanted to take its offering into the community. With physical premises hard to come by, the answer came on wheels.

From DJ decks to VR headsets, and board games to outdoor activities, the new bus has been carefully designed to attract the young people it wants to help.

'The Bus Stop' project was the brainchild of Michelle Turberville. 'Our two permanent youth clubs can be difficult for some young people to get to,' she said. 'We wanted to remove any barriers to them accessing our services, so the obvious answer was to go to them. The bus means we can pop up all over the island, wherever we think we're needed.'

The vehicle has been carefully designed to offer young people entertainment, education and support. DLM Architects offered its expertise, led by Matthew Fox.

For him, it was key to find out exactly what the users wanted: 'One of the first things we did was to go to the youth clubs and speak to the young people. They were so engaged and creative and had some great ideas, it was really helpful to hear from them.'

Flexibility was key when it came to the design. The bus will offer a sheltered inside space in the winter, but open up in the summer months. A warm, welcoming space, it has bench seating and fold-up desks for games and activities along with a small area for making drinks and snacks.

The project required considerable financial assistance, with Skipton International the headline sponsor. For Chief Commercial Officer Charlotte Dunsterville, it aligned perfectly with the bank's charitable aims: 'Skipton's ethos is entirely focused on making Guernsey a better place to live. Young people are the future of the island and a project like this will benefit many of them. We are very excited to see the bus out and about on the island's roads, and we're proud to have played our part.'



Haley Camp at GIFA Dinner 2025.

GIFA SUPPORTS BOWEL CANCER GUERNSEY

The Guernsey Investment & Funds Association (GIFA) has chosen Bowel Cancer Guernsey as the beneficiary of £2,555 from their GIFA Dinner 2025.

The donation will support the charity as it continues to raise awareness of bowel cancer in Guernsey and

supporting early detection efforts. It is the third most common cancer in Guernsey, with approximately 40 to 45 new cases each year.

'Bowel Cancer Guernsey plays a vital role in early detection and saving lives, and we're proud to support their work,' said GIFA Chair Haley Camp. 'Our members aren't just committed to making a meaningful difference in the community – many of us have personal stories of how cancer has touched our lives. For me, this cause is especially close to home: I lost my mum to bowel cancer in 2008. It's incredibly meaningful to see the funds raised at our annual dinner going to such an important charity – one that may help prevent another family losing someone they love.'

Sara Gould, Honorary Treasurer and Director of Bowel Cancer Guernsey, said: 'This generous donation from GIFA will directly support our ongoing efforts. Bowel cancer can affect anyone, but with early diagnosis, many cases can be treated successfully. Every conversation, every screening and every test taken could mean another life saved.'

Bowel cancer is often treated if caught early. For more information on symptoms, screening, and support, visit bowelcancerguernsey.org.gg.

'BUILD FOR GOOD' LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT GUERNSEY CHARITIES

A new not-for-profit initiative, Build for Good, has launched to provide charitable causes in Guernsey with architectural expertise and construction support.

Led by The Drawing Room in partnership with Rihoy & Son, the initiative aims to help local charities transform their spaces to better support the vital work they do.

Its first project will support Guernsey Counselling Service LBG (GCS) in creating a welcoming and functional premises for their clients. GCS offers a professional counselling service to those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. To continue providing this essential support, GCS has recently secured its own premises, which requires a full refurbishment to make it fit for purpose.

'We are incredibly proud to launch Build for Good in collaboration with Rihoy & Son to make a real difference for local charities. We are excited to design GCS's new premises and create a space that will enhance the important counselling services they provide to islanders,' said Tom Bourgaize, Director at The Drawing Room.

Dan Taylor, Managing Director of Rihoy & Son, added: 'We believe in giving back to the community and using our expertise to help local causes. Through Build for Good, we can offer practical support where it's needed most, and we are excited to work alongside The Drawing Room to deliver meaningful projects like this.'

The refurbishment will include three counselling rooms, a waiting room, and a back office at the charity's new premises on Les Vauxlaurens in St Peter Port.



The Drawing Room are gifting their time to complete the design work, worth £10,000, and Rihoy & Son will undertake the construction work for free, worth £30,000.

Sarah, Counselling Director, from GCS, said: 'Securing our own premises is a huge milestone, but the refurbishment is an essential step to ensure we can offer a comfortable, safe space for our clients. The support from Build for Good is invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for their generosity and commitment. We're excited to see the transformation.'

Build for Good is seeking donations of fixtures and fittings from local companies to complete this project. For more information and to get involved, please e-mail BFG@thedrawingroom.gg or contact Guernsey Counselling Service.

PEREGRINE WEALTH EXTENDS PARTNERSHIP WITH BATHING POOLS

Peregrine Wealth has extended its sponsorship of La Vallette Bathing Pools for another year, reinforcing its long-term commitment to one of Guernsey's most valued community spaces.

As a founding sponsor, the Guernsey-based wealth management firm backed the redevelopment of La Vallette Bathing Pools, and across the three subsequent years has supported Vive La Vallette's goal of creating an accessible space that welcomes everyone and promotes wellbeing through community interaction and sea swimming.

'We were drawn to Vive La Vallette's vision from the outset. Over the last three years the team, headed by Dave Warr and Helen Bonner-Morgan, has developed a vibrant and welcoming sanctuary where people can feel a sense of belonging, embrace the outdoors and



for those brave sea swimmers take a dip! We are proud to continue to support the team and their great work,' said Adrian Starr, a Director and Wealth Manager at Peregrine Wealth.

Since reopening, the site has become a focal point for islanders and visitors. Facilities now include modern changing rooms, a café, and space for events and educational activities. The design prioritised accessibility, durability and sustainability.

LOCAL HOTEL SUPPORTS INITIATIVE THAT RECOGNISES CHARITY VOLUNTEERS WITH A FREE HOLIDAY



Best Western Hotel de Havelet, part of the Sarnia Hotels Group, welcomed Beryl Hope, a dedicated volunteer at The Regent Christchurch Charity, for a complimentary stay as part of the 'Room to Reward' initiative.

Room to Reward is a unique volunteer-recognition charity that partners with hotels across the UK to say 'thank you' to 'hidden heroes'.

The Regent Christchurch Charity preserves the heritage of the historic art deco Regent Super Cinema in Christchurch, Dorset, which first opened as a cinema in 1931. It now runs as a non-profit multi-purpose venue, hosting live music, comedy, and film screenings for more than 100,000 guests each year.

'Room to Reward is a fantastic initiative and we are proud to play a part in recognising those who make a real difference,' said Hotel de Havelet manager Gennaro Festivo.

'It was our pleasure to host Beryl Hope and to give her the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned break. We hope she loved her time on the island and had a chance to explore.'

Ms Hope said: 'Volunteering has been such a rewarding part of my life and to be recognised in this way is incredibly special. I've had the chance to visit Guernsey, which I might not have done otherwise, and it's been a fantastic experience. The hospitality at Best Western Hotel de Havelet has been wonderful and I'm truly grateful for this opportunity.'

Staff from all three Sarnia Hotels properties, Best Western Moores Hotel, Best Western Hotel de Havelet and Les Rocquettes Hotel, represented the group at the Safe Place Project, aimed at making Guernsey's nightlife hospitality a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for everyone.

The Project, organised by local charity SafetyNet, provided training and awareness for hospitality and night-time economy staff to help them recognise vulnerabilities, prevent inappropriate behaviours, and respond appropriately to situations where

someone might feel unsafe or need assistance.

Poppy Murray, Chair and Safety Net Founder, said: 'The Sarnia Hotels Group has been a fantastic supporter of our efforts to create safer nights out since our launch and were the only group to undertake the SafetyNet training in 2022. Their staff are enthusiastic, engaged, and genuinely committed to making a positive difference. It's clear that creating a safe and welcoming environment for guests is a priority for the group, and we're grateful for their continued support.'

FRESH FROM KOREA: LIP BLUSH LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE

BY ELLA HARVEY, FOUNDER OF ELLA HARVEY AESTHETICS

We all want to look good with minimal effort — and that's not vanity, that's smart living. Whether you're catching an early morning flight or heading straight from a boardroom to a dinner reservation, today's beauty treatments are designed to keep up with our pace, not slow us down.

Enter the **Korean Lip Blush technique**, a treatment so fresh, it's only just made its way from Seoul to London — and now to Guernsey, via yours truly. After training with some of South Korea's most sought-after permanent makeup masters, I've brought this refined, skin-first technique home, and it's set to change the way we approach lip colour.



FROM SEOUL WITH SKILL

I had the privilege of joining a private masterclass in London, taught by two of Korea's leading lip blush artists. With only a handful of students and an ultra-selective guest list, the training focused on precision, artistry, and the science behind pigment placement.

Unlike traditional lip blush, this Korean technique focuses on the inner lip tone rather than the outline. The result? A soft, seamless flush of colour that mimics the natural gradient of a youthful, hydrated lip — often described as the 'popsicle stain' effect.

WHY IT'S DIFFERENT (AND BETTER)

This isn't a one-size-fits-all procedure. Korean Lip Blush uses:

- Completely new **machine speeds** and **needle configurations** (unheard of in the UK).
- Advanced skin-stretching techniques that allow pigment to settle smoothly, even in tricky areas.
- Unique **pre-drawing methods** that skip concealer and favour specialist pencils.

- A serious emphasis on **colour theory**, layering, and creating a 3D lip effect without visible borders.

And the training? It wasn't all theory. Under the watchful eyes of the tutors, I worked on a particularly complex case: a client with dehydrated, uneven lip tissue and slight pigmentation issues. While this was a very difficult canvas, it was the perfect opportunity to put the technique to the test.

WHO IT'S FOR

This isn't for everyone, and that's what makes it so special. It's ideal for clients who:

- Want a **borderless**, natural-looking enhancement.
- Prefer a **soft flush** of colour rather than full-lip coverage.
- Are looking for **undetectable healed results** — the kind where people say 'you look amazing', but can't pinpoint why.

It's not suitable for those wanting bold outlines, or with deeper pigmentation in the lips, which may require colour correction before this technique can be considered.

YOUR RESULT?



A treatment that's as refined and elegant as the women who choose it. Think low-maintenance mornings, a naturally enhanced look, and the joy of waking up with lips that look gently flushed and healthy.

Whether you're jetting off to your next business meeting, heading home from a

luxury weekend away, or simply craving a moment of 'you' time — Korean Lip Blush might just be the ultimate travel companion.

Enquiries: info@harveysbeauty.com

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Enjoy refreshing drinks and snacks at great prices, plus make the most of Aurigny's excellent duty-free offers.

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Sweet Snacks



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£3.50



Nestlé KitKat 4-finger
41.5g
£2.50



Cadbury Dairy Milk
Chocolate Bar 45g
£2.50



Walker's All-Butter
Shortbread 11g
£1.50

Savoury Snacks



Pringles Original
40g
£2.50



Pringles Sour Cream
& Onion 40g
£2.50



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£2.50



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30g
£2.50



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Wine & your choice
of Savoury Snack

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& your choice of
Savoury Snack

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your choice of
Sweet Snack

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DEAL 5

Any Soft Drink &
your choice of
Sweet Snack

£4.00

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Squeezing the best from nature, inspired by the natural beauty of North Cornwall's Daymer Bay.

250ml

£2.75



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Sky Bar Service

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£6.50

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AND
2 MIXERS
£14

Bacardi Carta Blanca Rum 50ml
Jack Daniel's Whiskey 50ml
Gordon's Dry Gin 50ml
Smirnoff Red Vodka 50ml
Bombay Sapphire Dry Gin 50ml
Bell's Scotch Whisky 50ml
Blue Bottle Gin 50ml
Blue Bottle Pink Gin 50ml
Whitley Neill Blackberry 50ml

Beers & Cider

Madri Lager 440ml
Thatchers Gold Cider 440ml

£5.50

2 FOR
£10



Wines



2 FOR
£10

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£6.00



Lunetta Prosecco

200ml

A deliciously light and fruity Prosecco with hints of apple and peach on the nose and a fresh, softly sparkling palate.

£7.50

2 FOR
£14

BLUE BOTTLE DRY GIN



The epitome of boutique distilled gin. Each batch is meticulously crafted in a copper still at the Three Fingers Distillery on Guernsey. Blue Bottle gin has a unique combination of botanicals scrupulously selected to create a delectable treat.

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**2 FOR
£40**

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MIX & MATCH
Gordon's Gin and
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70cl
Handcrafted Gin from the Island of Guernsey.
A premium artisan gin distilled in very small batches, Wheadon's seasonal infusions balance locally foraged flavours with a traditional blend of botanicals to produce perfectly balanced gins for a discerning palate.
Inspired by our island home and constantly seeking expressive and unique flavours to delight drinkers, Wheadon's can be enjoyed on the rocks with a garnish, or pairs perfectly with tonic.

£40

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| Marlboro Gold | 200 / 400s | £63 / £94 |
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| Golden Virginia Tobacco | 5 x 50g | £56 |
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