

The Greening Jersey Trust

Interim Update Report – September 2025



Introduction



The Greening Jersey Trust (GJT) committee is delighted to present an interim update for current, and future, participant firms.

Established in late 2024, GJT's aim is to support the recovery of Jersey's environment, with a primary focus on rewilding areas of our beautiful Island, and ultimately to contribute to the delivery of the sustainable development goals.

GJT provides participants with the opportunity to collaborate with other like-minded JFL member firms, working in partnership with local charities to make a tangible positive impact on a range of habitats in Jersey by volunteering to help transform, rejuvenate and rewild various woodland, wildflower meadow and wetland sites.

During the course of 2025, the GJT committee was expanded from four to seven members, with one of the founding members, David Postlethwaite, standing down, and representatives from four GJT participant firms coming onboard. Our thanks go to David for his contributions.

A total of 39 firms (see logos below) contributed to GJT's first year of activity, with the inaugural volunteering event taking place in January 2025 alongside one of GJT's partner charities Jersey Trees for Life (JTFL). At this site, our new La Moye woodland, a total of 656 trees across 20 different species were planted.

This inaugural volunteering event was the first of 11 that have taken place so far this year to the end of August, with a number of others planned for the rest of the year. Greening Jersey has committed to rewilding 3 sites, being Egypt Woods on Jersey's north coast, the National Trust for Jersey's La Valette site in St John, and the previously mentioned La Moye woodland site on the railway walk in St Brelade. With continued support from JFL member firms we plan to expand the sites we support each year.

A further two tree planting sessions took place in March 2025 at the La Valette and Egypt woodland site with 160 and 44 trees being planted respectively taking the total number planted during the course of the year to 860. It is important to note that Egypte is a relatively large existing woodland, so while the number of trees planted so far was low, the majority of our efforts have focused on the rejuvenation of this woodland.

Tree planting activity takes place between November and the end of March of the following year, and a crucial part of GJT's activity throughout the rest of the year is to care for and maintain those newly planted sites to ensure that saplings are afforded the best opportunity to grow and flourish. To date GJT has facilitated over 500 hours of people power to nature restoration in Jersey through its volunteering activities.



Contributions

Contributions for participation in GJT activity are voluntary, with a minimum threshold amount of £1,000 per participant firm, and in total GJT received £41,500 by way of contributions from the first cohort of participant firms.

It is important to flag that in lieu of the minimum contribution amount, several firms such as GJT's Trustee (Vistra Fund Services Limited), its Legal representative (Walkers (Jersey) LLP) and True Ltd who are providing a materiality assessment, provide their services free of charge, and the monetary value of these services would have far exceeded the minimum contribution amount of £1,000. It should also be noted that three firms chose to pay contributions in excess of the minimum, including in one case five times that amount (Apex Jersey).

GJT has proved to be a huge success in 2025 with many benefits to the Island as a result of the activity undertaken, and participants and their employees through networking opportunities and the chance to work in, and care for, some of the beautiful natural habitats that exist in Jersey.

GJT is working with the charities to consider additional sites to commit to, with the overall ambition to expand the areas of land in Jersey that we are rewilding, however GJT will continue its commitment to the existing three sites, as all sites are cumulative. The majority of the work undertaken at these sites so far will be undone if we do not continue the maintenance activities.

With a view to expanding activities in 2026, the GJT committee has given consideration to an increase in the minimum voluntary contribution amount. Ultimately the committee has resolved to maintain the minimum amount at its present level, but it is hoped that having seen the resounding success of GJT in its first year of activity, participant firms will consider voluntarily contributing more than this for the coming year of activity. To assist the participating firms, the committee is providing a suggested contribution scale based on headcount. It is also hoped that more and more firms will sign-up to participate in 2026 and beyond, thereby giving GJT the ability to have even more of a positive impact on Jersey.

Planting

To bring to life the difference that firms voluntarily increasing their contribution amounts could have, GJT sets out below examples of the potential impact of additional contributions. If just one firm decided to double their contribution from £1,000 to £2,000 for 2026, this could result in the purchase and planting of approximately:

- 50** Common Oak trees
- 20** Holly trees
- 50** Hawthorn trees
- 45** Small-leaved Lime trees; and
- 50** Field Maple trees

As well as funding the purchase of the various tree species that are planted by GJT, contributions from participant firms are also used to cover the costs of certain materials which are essential in ensuring that new trees and the habitats in which they are located have the best chance to thrive and survive. The contribution of an extra £1,000 from just one participant could result in the purchase of approximately:

- 85** Tree shelters and stakes, which give young trees protection and support during their early development
- 85** Shrub shelters and stakes (as above)
- 1** Mycorrhizal inoculant, which is added to planting sites to improve plant growth and health and the absorption of water and nutrients; and
- 1** load of wood chip mulch, which is used to suppress weeds, retain soil moisture, regulate soil temperature and improve soil health over time.



Financial position of GJT as at the 1 September 2025

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Contributions received	41,500.00
Bank interest received	46.73
Payments to charities	(25,452.83)
Production and purchase of Greening Jersey Trust plaques	(216.98)
Bank balance as at 1 September	15,876.92
Budgeted spend to 31 December	(8,099.02)
GJT monies yet to be allocated	7,777.90

The GJT committee continues to appraise additional sites, as well as ensuring sufficient funds are retained in order to cover ongoing maintenance costs.

The GJT committee very much hopes to welcome new participants, and increased contributions, in 2026 and to build on the success that GJT has had in its first year and continue to have a positive impact on our beautiful Island.

