

The Greening Jersey Trust

Annual Report 2025

For the period ended 31 December 2025



Introduction

The Greening Jersey Trust (GJT) committee is delighted to present an annual update for the period ended 31 December 2025.

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 Jersey Finance Limited ('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 sites across the island.

Having commenced in late 2024, this was the first full year for GJT which was delighted to be joined by a total of 39 participating firms from across Jersey's finance industry. Total contributions received during the year was £41,500 as well as services received in lieu of a contribution from Vistra Fund Services Limited acting as Trustee, Walkers (Jersey) acting as Legal representative and True Ltd who supported GJT with a materiality assessment.

During the year a total of 15 volunteering events took place, with 759.5 hours provided by employees of participating firms. These took place across 3 sites, being Egypte Woods on Jersey's north coast, La Valette site in St John and La Moye woodland site on the railway walk in St Brelade. Across these 3 sites a total of 860 trees were planted.

As we move into 2026 we have been hugely encouraged to see an increased number of firms signing up to the initiative and excited to announce the addition of 2 new confirmed projects including Le Don Batho-Hotton orchard located in St Mary and a pond restoration at Plemont.

The committee continue to hold discussions with the charities and hope to provide updates on new sites and projects during 2026.



Trust Organisation Overview

GJT was established on the 26 November 2026. The Trust has a charitable purpose and is a Non-Profit Organisation, with registration number 14124.

Governance of the Trust is vested in a Committee that shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of nine members. The Committee must be drawn principally from Jersey's financial-services sector and shall include the following representatives:

- One representative of Jersey Finance
- At least one representative of a local law or accounting firm that is both a Jersey Finance member and a Participant, and

In addition, the Committee may:

- appoint one individual acting in their own right (i.e., not on behalf of a firm), and
- include a Charity Representative from each of the Nominated Charities. Charity Representatives may attend meetings and provide input but shall have no voting or signatory rights.
- In the event that there are fewer than the minimum of three Committee members, Jersey Finance must appoint a further Committee member(s) to satisfy the minimum Committee member requirement

Jersey Finance is the Settlor and Committee Appointer and, pursuant to the Trust's founding instrument, appointed the first three members. Subsequent vacancies may be filled by simple-majority vote of the existing Committee members, and any additional members may be added in accordance with the composition limits set out above.

The Committee is responsible for the following:

- Appraising and selecting suitable charities and nominated projects.
- Ensuring project plans, aims, funding and reporting are all understood and documented prior to contributions being provided.
- Ensuring compliance with the Trust's charitable purpose.

The Committee meets at least quarterly. At each meeting it sets strategic direction, approves the annual budget (and any subsequent revisions), and monitors performance reporting its findings to the Trustee(s). Decisions are taken by simple majority vote of members present and entitled to vote.

Committee members, including both individual Committee members and Charity Representatives, are acting in a voluntary capacity only, and shall not receive remuneration in respect of their committee membership.

Participating Firms for year ended 31 December 2025

Thank you to every firm that partnered with the Greening Jersey Trust during our inaugural year. We're excited to build on this momentum and continue collaborating with you throughout 2026.



Financial Summary

Financial Position of GJT as at 31 December 2025

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Contributions received 2025	41,500
Contributions received in advance 2026	30,700
Bank interest received	93
Payments to charities	(31,466)
Production and purchase of Greening Jersey Trust plaques	(702)
Bank balance as at 31 December	40,935.38

GJT 2025 monies carried forward and to be allocated to 2026 projects	9,426
Contributions received in advance for 2026	30,700.00

During the period, 76% of total budget was spent on program delivery. This is aligned to the aim of the committee, ensuring expenditure on projects is maximised, whilst ensuring sufficient budget is retained for any unforeseen costs and to ensure we can continue the maintenance work in the future for the necessary amount of time.

For further financial information, please refer to the GJT Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2025

Contributions

In 2025, contributions for participation in GJT activity were voluntary, with a minimum threshold amount of £1,000 per participant firm.

2026 and beyond

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.

In order to achieve these ambitious goals, the £1,000 minimum contribution remains unchanged for 2026. However, firms are strongly encouraged to consider the following suggested scale based on their Jersey-based staff headcount:

Headcount	Suggested Contribution
1 - 10	£1,000 (minimum)
11 - 50	£1,500
51 - 100	£2,000
101 - 250	£3,000
251+	£5,000+

Volunteering events – Headline KPIs

During the year, the GJT concentrated its rewilding efforts on three priority locations: La Moye, Egypte Woods, and La Vallette.

Across these sites the team successfully planted 860 trees, contributing to the restoration of local ecosystems and enhancing biodiversity.

In parallel, GJT organised 15 distinct volunteering events, which collectively generated 759.5 hours of hands-on community volunteering.

210 different volunteers took part, from local participating firms, all of whom helped with planting, site preparation, and maintenance activities. This combination of tree-planting and active volunteer engagement underscores the programme's commitment to both environmental stewardship and community involvement.

KPI Summary

Sites	Area of land (m ²)	Trees planted	No. of events held	No. of volunteers	Volunteering hours
La Moye	6,000	656	7	139	393
Egypte	229,575	44	4	81	243
La Vallette	2,143.8	160	4	48	123.5
Total	237,719	860	15	268	759.5



Testimonials

“I recently took part in a very enjoyable volunteering morning with Greening Jersey in December. Alongside a number of other volunteers, I helped clear some overgrown areas, build a new hedge, and plant more trees – all for the benefit of the local Jersey environment. It was a really positive experience and I also learnt a great deal more about trees and their importance for biodiversity and the island. I’m very grateful to Greening Jersey for the opportunity and would be delighted to support them again in the future.”

Olly Spry
Wealth Manager, LGT Wealth Management Jersey

“On behalf of everyone at Capital International (Jersey), we are really pleased to be part of Greening Jersey – it’s a great initiative, and the collaborative approach across the industry is exactly what’s needed to support on island sustainability goals.”

Lydia Stephens
Head of Sustainable Research, Capital International (Jersey)

“Really worthwhile and absolutely brilliant to be able to see the difference we made first-hand. The event team was fun, helpful and brilliantly organised, and it was great to get so much enthusiastic info on why we were doing the work from such knowledgeable and passionate guides.”

Sophie Treanor
Senior Associate, Ogier (Jersey) LLP

“What a fantastic morning – absolutely loved it and can’t believe I haven’t done it sooner! I will be back! So nice to meet lots of different people and be out in the fresh air planting the trees – the team behind this are so helpful and full of interesting knowledge!”

Katherine Cartwright
Sales Manager, BNP Paribas

“Greening Jersey has had a tremendous impact on the local environment since its formation in late 2024. It has played an integral role in the creation and maintenance of a new woodland at La Moye and the ongoing rejuvenation of Egypte Woods, not to mention its other work with NTJ. We’re massively grateful for this support, especially in terms of volunteer power, and proud to continue greening Jersey’s long-term future together.”

John Michel
Jersey Trees for Life

Case Study – Egypte Woods

Egypte Woods is a 23 hectare mixed deciduous woodland situated on the steep-sided valley north-east of Les Champs des Chemin, Trinity, Jersey. The site straddles a patchwork of private, Government of Jersey and National Trust parcels, lies within the Coastal National Park, and partly overlaps the ecological Site of Special Interest Bouley Bay & Les Hurets (ESS 10016). Although not itself statutorily protected, the woods provide a vital refuge for a rich assemblage of flora and fauna and is heavily used for recreation (dog-walking, walking and cycling).

A ½-km radius survey recorded $\approx$ 880 terrestrial species, including 322 invertebrates, 52 birds and mammals, 250 vascular plants, 93 bryophytes, 32 lichens and 82 fungi. Notable elements are veteran English oaks and beeches that host abundant dead-wood, the rare sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*) once recorded in the Molinia bog, the chequered skipper (*Heteropterus morpheus*) and a diverse understory of mosses, liverworts and lichens. The wet valley floor, springs and stream support willow, alder and a modest Sphagnum community, while adjacent bracken-dominated heathland harbours bell-heather and gorse.

Key Conservation Objectives

- Convert dense bracken stands into new copses of 20-30 native trees and shrubs, creating rides and glades that increase habitat heterogeneity.
- Protect and reinforce veteran trees, retain standing and fallen dead-wood, and maintain a balanced age structure across the canopy and sub-canopy.
- Safeguard naturally occurring oak, beech, hazel and willow seedlings with tree-tube protection, while curbing the dominance of sycamore and holm oak through periodic thinning.
- Eradicate the isolated Rhododendron ponticum planting, monitor for other non-native incursions, and limit any species that exceeds $\frac{1}{3}$ of a compartment's canopy.
- Rationalise footpaths into circular, low-impact routes, remove off-road cycling tracks, and conduct 3-5-year professional tree-safety inspections.

Management Actions

- Bracken Management – Cut, crush or break bracken stems in late spring to open the canopy for saplings and to encourage heathland species where preservation is desired.
- Targeted Planting – Establish mixed-species copses using oak, hazel, wild cherry, hawthorn and native shrubs, avoiding planting within 20 m of existing heath to retain its character.
- Dead-Wood & Veteran Tree Care – Conduct selective crown-raising, remove hazardous limbs, and leave safe dead-wood in situ to support saproxylic insects and fungi.
- Monitoring Programme – Implement an annual “W-transect” walk, repeat fixed-point photography, and a 5-10-year woodland condition survey to track changes in canopy composition, understory cover, and species presence.
- Community Engagement – Invite the Société Jersiaise, Jersey Biodiversity Centre and local volunteers to conduct bioblitzes and data-collection events, feeding results into adaptive management.

Over the next two to three decades the plan aims to add roughly 3 ha of new woodland, increase the proportion of broad-leaved canopy (excluding sycamore and holm oak) to $> 80\%$ of surveyed stops, and raise the understory woody cover to $\geq 10\%$. By preserving veteran trees and dead-wood, the site will sustain a high diversity of beetles, fungi and lichens, while the expanded woodland-edge mosaics will bolster pollinator and bird populations. Controlled public access will reduce erosion and safety risks, ensuring that Egypte Woods remains both a biodiversity hotspot and a valued community amenity.

Strategic Priorities for 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, GJT is set to broaden its impact on rewilding projects with a main aim being to increase the number of participating firms from the current 39 to around 50 firms. This would allow for the development of new sites with an increased number of volunteering events.

In 2025 we worked on three sites; in 2026 we will be active on five distinct locations, adding two newly confirmed projects that illustrate the breadth of our ecological focus:

- Le Don Batho-Hotton Community Orchard (St Mary's) – a new site, recently donated to the National Trust that will help create a community and wildlife orchard to help bridge fragmented woodland habitats and engage the local community with opportunities to forage for fruit and nuts.
- Restoration of the Natural Pond at Plemont – a restoration project that will safeguard breeding toads and newts, strengthen the island's amphibian numbers, and supply a critical water source for swallows, swifts, house martins and other species during warm periods. It will also boost biodiversity at Plemont Headland and revive the island-wide "Pond Watch" monitoring programme at the site.

These sites complement the ongoing work at La Moye, Egypte Woods and La Vallette, and they signal our commitment to a balanced portfolio of forest, orchard, and wet-land habitats across the island. In addition, we will significantly be expanding the area of land at La Vallette that we will be rewilding from 2,143.8m² in 2025 to 115,804m² in 2026.

Following the commissioning of a full habitat management plan for the La Vallette site GJT are excited to increase the number of volunteering events at this site with the aim being to increase the area of new woodland and wet heathland whilst managing the large areas of dominant bracken and mature gorse. Further work is likely to involve the planting of additional heather, restoration of ponds, maintenance of rocky outcrops from overgrowing species and maintenance of dry stone walls, ultimately improving the biodiversity of the site.

In addition to our ongoing collaborations with Jersey Trees for Life and the National Trust Jersey, we hope to partner with Durrel in the future and consider the reintroduction of animals to appropriate sites.

Together, these initiatives capture the Greening Jersey Trust's 2026 vision: a larger, more diverse coalition of corporate partners; a richer mosaic of restoration sites; deeper collaborations with leading charities; and a fuller calendar of community-focused events. We look forward to turning these ambitions into a reality over the coming years.



Baseline Impact report

During the year a Baseline Impact Report was prepared by True Limited to create a single, comparable dataset that records the Trust's agreed sustainability priorities, into a consistent reporting framework, demonstrate how financial and human resources were mobilised into stewardship activity and provide a foundation for year-on-year comparison.

Because Jersey's sustainable-finance agenda now foregrounds governance, risk integration and credible disclosure, the baseline offers firms a structured, evidence-based snapshot of how collective sector resources are being directed into local environmental and community stewardship. The analysis is deliberately limited to activity, participation and governance; any ecological or social outcomes are presented only as indicative pathways, not as measured impact.

In 2024 the Trust mapped all of its work to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals using the FPOD typology—Fundamental, Operational, Passive and Dependent. Reporting domains are:

Core (Fundamental) – Biodiversity & Land Restoration, Community & Education, Governance & Ethical Finance.
Supporting (Operational/Dependent) – Climate & Resource Use, Inclusion & Wellbeing.
Monitored (Passive/Emerging) – Digital & Data Ethics, Nature/Climate Risk Integration.

The 2025 reporting structure retains these domain definitions unchanged to ensure continuity, and the hope is to maintain the same domain boundaries in future cycles so that key performance indicators can be tracked longitudinally.

Trust activities in 2025 were aligned with a set of contributory SDG pathways. The biodiversity and land restoration work supports SDG 15 (targets 15.1, 15.2, 15.5) by maintaining terrestrial ecosystems. Tree-planting and land-care contribute to SDG 13 (target 13.1) by expanding vegetative cover and enhancing climate resilience. Community and education programmes link to SDG 3 and SDG 4 (targets 3.4, 4.7) through outdoor participation and environmental awareness. Governance and ethical-finance actions map to SDG 16 (target 16.6), ensuring transparent and accountable management, while the collaborative industry approach reflects SDG 17 (target 17.17) and demonstrates collective partnership. These linkages illustrate how the Trust's activity advances global sustainability objectives without yet quantifying the outcomes.

The Trust's work also addresses Jersey's key risk categories in the sustainable-finance context. By stewarding local ecological assets, the Trust mitigates nature-related risk and contributes to environmental stability. Tree-planting and ongoing land care build longer-term landscape resilience, thereby reducing climate-risk exposure. Volunteer-driven programmes strengthen social capital and community awareness, limiting social-risk concerns. The coordinated sector effort provides a credible, visible commitment that curtails reputational risk and green-washing accusations. Finally, the structured oversight and transparent reporting framework directly address governance risk, ensuring responsible use of funds and integrity of disclosures. All of these are risk-mitigation pathways rather than quantified reductions, but they demonstrate the Trust's relevance to the evolving risk-integration expectations of Jersey's financial sector.

In conclusion, the 2025 baseline confirms that the Greening Jersey Trust operates as a well-governed, coordinated mechanism that successfully mobilises both financial resources and volunteer labour into sustained environmental stewardship and community engagement across the island. Within a jurisdiction where sustainability is increasingly defined by governance, risk and disclosure integrity, the Trust provides a credible platform for sector-wide participation and establishes a solid foundation for progressively richer, comparable impact reporting in the years ahead. Please see GJT 2025 Baseline Impact Report for full details.

