



Annual Review

2024



**Guernsey
Sports
Commission**

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INTRODUCTION

Graham Chester, Director of Operations

The year following on from an Island Games, particularly a home Island Games, can sometimes seem to be a bit of an anticlimax but personally I thought that 2024 delivered in so many ways.

I think that those of us that have been involved in sport for a number of years have known that we are capable of delivering top class sporting events when required to do so and 2024 was no exception to that.

We hosted World bowls, European cricket and an international dancesport event along with a marathon, various triathlons, easter festivals, Raiders games, GFC fixtures, the list goes on. All these events were very well supported by the local population but also brought visitors to Guernsey on a regular basis.

The problem in attracting these types of events is invariably a lack of funding but I am hopeful that we have reached the stage whereby any sport that is considering hosting a major event will be supported by the Tourism Management Board in whatever way that they can.

As was demonstrated with our home Island Games, the support from the local community is second to none and I know that it is a source of envy that we are able to call on our community to either volunteer or support in the numbers that we do.

As for the Sports Commission, 2024 was a steady as you go kind of year. We are still trying to resolve our funding issue for the remaining years of the Active 8 Strategy, but good progress has been made. We are working with the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture to get to a place whereby for the remaining 5 years of the strategy we have surety on a minimum amount of funding available. Hopefully a satisfactory

conclusion can be reached in the near future.

Our Street Sports project has lost its sponsor which was BBC Children in Need, so we are trying to find a successor to them. We have struggled in engaging with the older teens since the Covid lockdowns, although the number of younger children attending has remained good. We're hoping that this age group will continue with Street Sports as a lot of them are now approaching their teens. We have held provisional talks with Housing about engagement on other Estates across the Island.


Our On Your Marks programme, supported by a grant from the Social Investment Fund, was again popular during the school holidays with 625 different children attending. Our aim is to make this programme as inclusive as possible and because of that it does have its challenges, but the rewards are very satisfying.

Our sports voucher scheme supported over 160 children to attend sports clubs training or coaching sessions during the course of the year. The sports themselves must take credit as well for also making it possible for these children to attend by either making the sessions free of charge or at a greatly reduced rate.

Our Community Sport Fun Day at Sausmarez Park was well attended as usual and the Sport in the Library Day was another success.

We also ran a pilot scheme with Employment & Social Security called Fitness 4 work using sport as an enabler with some long-term unemployed people to give them the confidence and skills to get back into the workplace. As a pilot it worked well and 2 of those attending got jobs almost immediately after the conclusion of the course.

Our PE & School Sport partnership continues with the main focus being on school years 3 & 4 although this is not exclusive. We also undertake other initiatives including supporting children in



preschool, helping with expanding the breadth of opportunity available to children in the high schools and, during the summer months, running Beach Days for year 5 pupils.

We continue to fly the SportsMark flag as we see the importance of that particular kitemark for sport. Last year 170 people attended Child Safeguarding courses and 40 plus first aid courses.

Our senior management team has worked across all sports in assisting some with their governance, some to find officials, some to find sponsorship, some to find facilities, sometimes to help resolve disputes. You name it, we have been there to help.

We do rely heavily on our sponsors, either through our sponsors club or businesses and grant providers, enabling us to offer our various programmes. It is getting harder to raise sufficient funding these days, but we are nonetheless grateful for what we get, so thank you.

Whilst the Health Improvement Commission, Arts Commission, Youth Commission and ourselves try to stay in our lane as it were, there are times where the edges do get a little bit blurred but it's always a pleasure to work with and alongside them as our end goal is about serving our community the best we can.

I always consider myself very lucky to have the team around me that I have. They are all passionate about sport and the work they do within sport, whether that's administration, coaching or playing. A massive thank you from me to them.

You can find out more about all areas of work during 2024 in this year's Annual Review.



SCHOOL SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Jeremy Frith, Performance Director and Steve Sharman, Relationship Director.

School Sports Partnership

Primary Schools

As far as reports go this one becomes harder to write every year as more and more the fantastic work of all the staff in schools is “just what we do”. The opportunity to report back at the end of the year is therefore helpful as it allows us to highlight the small everyday things (to us) we do that form the constituent parts of a hugely impactful and valued service.

The areas of work staff are contributing to across their schools include.

- Professional development – Supporting teachers to develop their practice and importantly learning from them as well
- Curriculum development – A number of staff are working with their PE coordinators to look at what they deliver and when
- Gross motor skill interventions – Working with ALNCo’s to support children who may need targeted support to improve their gross motor skills
- Coordinating and providing after school clubs – Working alongside PE coordinators to develop a range of extra-curricular activity at each school
- Identifying children not engaged with clubs outside of school and working with school and parents/carers to find opportunities
- Identifying children for whom access to sport may be impacted by cost and providing GSC sports vouchers that cover the cost of a year’s subscription to a club.


- Developing intra school (house) sport experiences
- Supporting attendance at festivals organised by sports
- Six weeks of sport specific curriculum lessons for every class, per year, in years 5 and 6 across six different sports (delivered by our partner sports)
- Working closely with the Early Years team, we are supporting preschools to look at how they provide for children’s physical development.

The work each officer does in each school can have different levels of emphasis depending on the needs of the school, its teachers and students. As with any great project there is always more to do, the work is never finished and there are bits that, on reflection, we would like to develop further.

There are also numerous people to thank and without the partners that make ‘the partnership’ none of this would be possible. Thus, a big thank you goes to.

- All the GSC staff who contribute so much to the schools they are based in
- The sports and their coaches who provide curriculum support across years 5 and 6
- Officers at Education who have worked with us to coordinate the bigger picture of PE with what we do
- The schools who we work with
- The Committee for Education, Sport and Culture (CfESC) for providing us with part of the funding to make it possible
- Private donors and sponsors for providing the other part of the funding that makes it possible.

In 2025 we will be re-negotiating our Service Level Agreement with (CfESC) for 2026 and beyond which is vital for the sustainability of this service. All of the money that we receive from this agreement is spent on salaries of staff



delivering in schools. It is incredibly efficient, and the money goes direct into a front facing service that impacts on children every day.

Also vital to the service's sustainability are the human resources we have available to us and how we reward them. We are indebted to our staff for their commitment, professionalism and passion for what they do, however the ability to retain and replace them is becoming a significant challenge. It is crucial we ensure our fundraising as well as our grant from CfESC keeps pace (and as a result the salaries we can pay) with the cost of living in Guernsey. Our member sports who employ development officers are also noting this too and a number are struggling to replace those that have moved on.

In 2025 we look forwards to supporting another successful Specsavers Youth Games as well continuing to evolve our service to meet the needs of the children and schools with whom we work.

Secondary Schools

2024 has seen the Guernsey Sports Commission building on the outcomes achieved in 2023 in supporting all secondary schools to deliver a wide range of pupil experiences across KS3, 4 and 5.

The approach of broadening pupil experiences that reflect sporting opportunities on Island and then providing pathways to our Member Sports continues to be very successful. Pupils want to be able to play different sports and experience different environments.

We have worked with the dedicated PE staff to limit the barriers to participation that exist in Guernsey. These include:

- Supporting the cost of joining Member Sports Clubs
- Ensuring what you wear to play sport is appropriate
- Providing tailored support to those pupils with the most complex needs

Our work has allowed us to curate and innovate within the curriculum but also in the margins before and after school and through lunchtime clubs. We have done this as a partnership ensuring that pupils can back up core fundamentals embedded at primary school with nurtured, fun, and interesting opportunities in over 24 different sports.

We have been cognisant of the individual nuances of each school and cohort and provided bespoke solutions for pupils who have found attending school and / or who have complex needs. This particular strand of work has increased in volume significantly through 2024. Over 100 pupils have benefited from our support, and we know that we are a key enabler to HSC and ESC professionals in their work with those young people with the greatest and most complex needs.

The pathways from school participation to belonging to a sports club are consistently and empathetically being explored and our coaches are becoming more adept at making those connections.

We are clear about why we are engaging with the Secondary Sector and whether it is the simple message that participating in sport is fun or the more complex use of sport as a vehicle to embed key life skills, 2024 has been successful on all fronts.


We have used private funding to work with Secondary Schools in 2024 and are delighted that States funding will return in 2025 to support this.

Sports Vouchers

The aim of our Sports Voucher scheme is to support children and young people to play sport when finance may be a barrier to joining a club.

For 2024 we secured a private funding partner, Carey Olsen, who provided an extra £10k to help support Sports Vouchers, matching the funding from the States of Guernsey.

Vouchers were issued for memberships or subscriptions to a wide range of member sports including football, rugby,



netball, boxing, basketball, gymnastics, street dance, squash, cheerleading, climbing and cricket.

Sports Vouchers issued to date

	2022	2023	2024
Vouchers issued	88	145	162



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School Sports Partnership

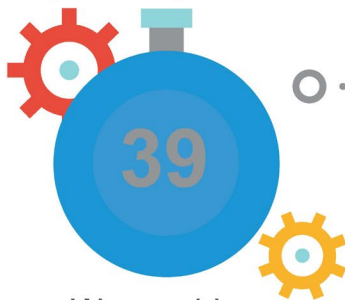
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10 x GSC Staff Members working in schools (including 2 student interns)



More than 6,000 hrs of curriculum delivery per year in Primary



We provide 39 extra-curricular clubs per week

We work across 14 school provisions



Our work in primary schools is co-funded by the States of Guernsey and private sponsors



We accredit more than 100 qualified coaches to enable them to work in schools

We work with ALNCOs to support children who may need targeted support to improve their gross motor skills



We work with Early Years settings to support their provision for children's physical development



LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Steve Sharman, Relationship Director

We can look back on 2024 with such positivity at the Guernsey Sports Commission as our support for every one of our Member Sports continued to be one of our flagship services.

It is truly inspiring to see how these mostly volunteer lead organisations thrive, delivering such a great service to our community.

Our SportsMark accreditation is central to improving the governance of sport as well as ensuring high standards of safeguarding, welfare and financial transparency and Member Sports continue to value the award and work hard to uphold the standards required.

SportsMark was launched in January 2021, and we set ourselves the target of the end of 2023 to have 90% of our Member Sports achieve the award or be working towards it. We achieved that aim and by the end of 2024 we increased that percentage to 99%.



Outside of SportsMark we have continued to work with individual clubs and local sporting governing bodies. These include supporting facility developments and enhancements,

growing their membership, volunteer and staff recruitment and continuing professional development including formal qualifications.

We have successfully delivered eight reviews of specific sports in the past three years. The scope of these reviews is always agreed by the governing board of the sport and the GSC. In 2024 cricket and cycling came under the spotlight with notable outcomes adopted from the recommendations of each final report.

These reviews give us the opportunity to take a deep dive into our existing sporting organisations and help them re-focus their activities, take a close look at their governance structure, and make any necessary changes – with our support of course.

One of the challenges that we identified in previous reports was the difficulty in attracting board members of sufficient high calibre to lead our clubs and organisations. This challenge is not going away and high calibre individuals with time and the right experience are difficult to find. We have though made great progress in this area in 2024, especially in terms of Financial Directors and Company Secretaries.

We have been successful this year in creating an in-house team of Safeguarding Professionals who are available to support sports that either have no Welfare Officer / Director or the individual in post is inexperienced. This service has been warmly received and we know has contributed to a safer and kinder sporting environment.

Our sports organisations are clear now that they must provide evidence of their high standards of safeguarding and welfare plus their governance and coaching structures to be able to access the financial support we provide through the Sport Development Fund. Funding is now only available to those with SportsMark or who are actively working towards it.

INCLUSION

Inclusion runs through all of our workstreams but particularly community sport.

We have been partnering and supporting a number of organisations this year to bring sport to new communities.

We host a weekly floor kurling session for a group of men with Alzheimer's in partnership with the Guernsey Alzheimer's Society – during the summer we transferred the group outside to play bowls thanks to the Guernsey Bowling Club. The most important aspect for this group is that the men like to score their matches, have a final and a winner for every session!



We also support the weekly Guernsey Mobility Let's Go sport and activity sessions which have increased in popularity. These sessions cater for a range of ages and disabilities from wheelchair users to those with visual or hearing impairments and residents of various care homes.

During term time these sessions are supported by Year 5 children from St Martin's Primary School who come along and help run the games. Each Year 5 class supports the sessions for a term. This is something the participants absolutely love and was also highlighted as one of the unique strengths of the school in their Ofsted inspection report.



The work with these partners culminated in the first ever virtual boccia inter-insular where a Guernsey team made up of some of the men from our Alzheimer's Group, some of the Guernsey Mobility Let's Go participants and 5 of the children from St Martin's took on a Jersey team thanks to the wonders of technology. Boccia is a paralympic sport that is fast growing in popularity. And yes, Guernsey won! We are looking to host other similar virtual competitions during 2025.



A video of our annual Guernsey Mobility mini-Paralympics event involving the children was also used by the Guernsey Commonwealth Games Association delegates to showcase inclusion in sport at the regional commonwealth games meeting in Kenya in October. It was extremely well received.

We've continued to arrange a number of free have a go boccia and kurling sessions aimed at all ages and abilities, supported by Beau Sejour. These included an event to help mark International Day of People with Disabilities. We invited some special guests along to play against some of regular Guernsey Mobility participants.

We also hosted another free session on Sunday 29th December.



In September we invited over a tutor from British Blind Sport and put all of our staff plus a number of the Sport Specific Development Officers through a simple training course about ways to make sporting activities more accessible for those with visual impairments. This then led to a Visual Impairment sports taster session where we offered adults and children the chance to try football, hockey, running and boccia using some simple adaptations and specialist equipment.



We've supported staff at the GFA to trial some quiet football sessions for children and young people with autism or other difficulties during October half term and these were well supported and will hopefully continue.

Earlier in the year we hosted a Walking Sports seminar where a range of sports

coaches, health professionals and community leaders joined together to discuss the benefits of so-called walking sports – we are hoping to see some further walking sports opportunities launch during 2025.



COMMUNITY SPORTS

On Your Marks

Angus Mackay, PE & Sport Development Officer with responsibility for OYM

Mission Statement

- To provide a fully inclusive, financially viable holiday programme, which offers a high standard of sporting and physical activities for all school ages.
- To be positive sporting role models in a friendly, nurturing, and fun environment where staff interaction encourages participation and skill development.
- Using GSC Staff and Sports Development Officers we aim to shine a light on the sporting opportunities and pathways available in our community.

Over the last few years, the Guernsey Sports Commission (GSC) has endeavoured to offer a fully inclusive, low-cost sporting provision for the community through its holiday club, On Your Marks (OYM). It is available for all Guernsey families to access, and booking is through the GSC website. The programme is broken down into three categories.

1. On Your Marks (Fun & Fit) – Year 1 & 2 (Reception to Year 1 in the summer)
2. Get Set (Multi-Sports) - Year 3 – 6 (Year 2 to 5 in the summer)
3. Go (Sports Tasters) – Year 5 to 9 throughout the year.

In total, 625 children attended OYM in 2024. The majority attended Multi-Sports. This is the area where we have most capacity thanks to staffing and facilities. Fun & Fit is the most popular and is always fully booked with a waiting list. Both Multi-Sports and Fun & Fit run in the mornings from 08:45-12:00, Sports

Tasters take place in the afternoons, usually 13:30-15:00.

Breakdown of participants:

201 - Reception to Year 2.

359 - Year 3 to 6

52 - Year 7 to 9

13 - Unknown (data deleted in line with GDPR policy)



Unfortunately, these numbers are lower than 2023. This was heavily impacted by facility availability. Having to use a primary school site during May half term meant we could not cater for as many children. In addition to this, facility maintenance meant that certain areas were not available at various stages throughout the year, subsequently, we had to reduce the number of children we could safely accommodate. Indoor space is often required, and this was limited at certain times due to the maintenance work.

It is clear from the registration period, that the biggest demand is in the younger age groups, with session days selling out within hours of the booking system going live.



A large part of our work recognises that not all children are able to access sporting clubs outside of school and a great deal of work also goes in to addressing this. PE & Sport Development Officers working in schools help by identifying individual children, with support from the school, who might benefit from accessing OYM. These children can be identified for several reasons, including physical, financial, or social and emotional support. These are then recognised in our system as “Green Spaces,” where priority is given to allocating a space. Thanks to our funding from the Social Investment Fund, we have been able to provide transport (a minibus service) directed at children that otherwise wouldn’t be able to attend because of transport issues.



Other local organisations, such as social workers and family support services, also receive enrolment links to the OYM programme, helping them to access the programme bookings and ensuring that

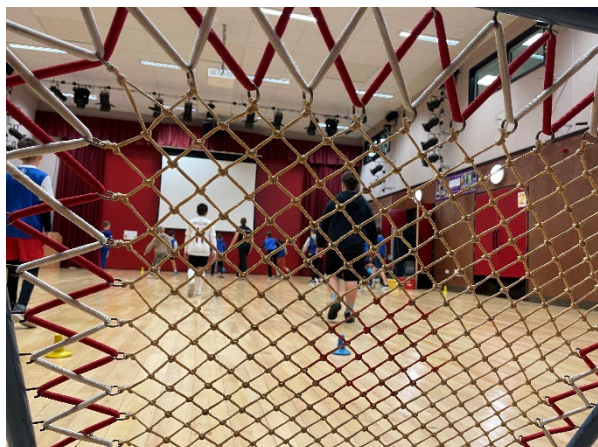
we can plan for the needs of the children attending. This might be practical things like organising transport, to ensuring that a one-to-one is in place; either a GSC member of staff or someone provided by an external organisation.

Although our goal remains achieving 25% of all spaces to be Green Spaces, no children who we recognised as suitable candidates for a Green Space were turned away. In total, 82 “Green Space” children attended OYM over the year which equates to 14% of the total attendance. The only criteria children must meet, is to be able and willing to access the main activities they are signed up for. This means that we need to employ additional staff to enable these children to access the sports to the best of their ability, as well as allow an opportunity to take a moment out if they need to.



The success of OYM and its growth in numbers over the last few years has led to an increase in costs with the need to hire additional facilities and employ more staff to cope with the number and needs of the children. The facility hire cost has also increased. We are hugely grateful for the financial support from the Social Investment Fund (SIF), who have provided us with a three-year grant which is currently covering 57.23% of the total cost of providing the programme. This is extremely important to ensure that cost is not a barrier. The fees for 2024 were £7.50 per morning (Fun & Fit and Multi-Sports) with the majority of Sports Tasters priced at £3. Some Sports

Tasters were more expensive (£5) due to facility hire and coaching fees.



Most sessions are at St Sampson's High School, however, due to maintenance work, we have also used Hautes Capelles Primary School. For the Sports Tasters ('Go' sessions), we aim to use the sport's own facilities as much as we can, getting children to 'Go' to the venues and experience what it is like in their environment. The benefit of this is that children can become familiar with the facility and sports specific staff/coaches whilst also having two members of Sports Commission staff in attendance. Sports that have offered their time and/or facilities and/or equipment in 2024: Badminton, Climbing, Bowls, Cycling, Gaelic Football, Golf, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Padel Tennis, Sailing, Softball, Squash, Table Tennis, Pickleball, Skateboarding and Water Polo. Some of these sports also deliver at the multi-sports sessions as well. One of the aims of the programme is to offer a variety of different sports and activities, additional sports that have been offered at multi-sports include, Handball, Volleyball, Basketball, Tchoukball, Athletics, Longball, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee and Cricket. This gives children who are attending, experience of a number of different sports, allowing more opportunity to find sports and activities they enjoy. This can then open opportunities to attend clubs at school or extracurricular.

Investment in staffing

To ensure that we offer a high quality, safe and inclusive environment, we must

ensure that we make a significant investment in staffing. Considering the number of children that are attending, including a number of children with additional needs, we must ensure that the workforce is well trained and qualified. We have been fortunate to keep many of the staff from previous years, as well as attracting several new members who demonstrate the necessary skills to work with children and be part of a dynamic team. We have a blend of full-time staff as well as casual workers, some employed by Education, some university students and some FE students. The mixture of staff gives a well-rounded experience for the children.



The staff are a real strength of OYM, embodying the ethos of inclusivity and engagement, with a mature and incredible team spirit in which they can rely on others when needed. There is a recognition that some of the more experienced staff who are currently at university may be leaving soon so there has been a drive to use their experience to support new members of the team and help them experience and understand what it takes to work at OYM and ensure its continued success. Staff development is valued, recognising the importance of shared responsibility when dealing with such large numbers of children.

Leadership is rotated, with younger team members getting the opportunity to take on this role, alongside experienced members of staff, enhancing their development. Roles are allocated evenly, using the skills of individuals to demonstrate the sports and engage

children, whilst helping to upskill other staff.



As part of our ongoing development, we sought feedback by distributing a questionnaire, some of the feedback we received was extremely positive, suggesting the vast majority of children (87.5%) had an enjoyable experience and would like to attend again in the future (88%).

We believe our figures for 2024 show that On Your Marks is meeting the children's and parent's needs and expectations, but it comes at a cost. With the increase in the number of children, more facilities and staff are required, increasing expenditure. To counter this, and to try to keep the impact to a minimum, we will have to keep our fees at £7.50 for the morning activities and £3 or £5 for the sports tasters. This should mean that the programme remains financially sustainable within the funding being provided by the Social Investment Fund. The future for On Your Marks looks good.

Street Sports

Josh Smith, PE & Sport Development Officer with responsibility for Street Sports



What is Street Sports?

Our Street Sports programme provides opportunities for children and young people to play sports, interact with others,

be active, have fun, and pick up new skills.

Our staff supply the necessary equipment and offer a range of activities, including games and versions of several classic sports that work well in a "street" environment.

Children can use the sessions as a means of directing their energies towards healthy physical exercise. The emphasis is on children enjoying being active and having fun within a safe environment. The aim of these session is to boost the self-esteem and confidence of those who attend.


2024 was the final year of BBC Children in Need funding for Street Sports.

Under 11 Programme – Overview

Throughout 2024, the under-11 programme has maintained its success. A large group of children continue to enjoy themselves, play sports, and be active during the Thursday night sessions held at Les Genats Estate. It's incredible to see that 38 children between the ages of 5 and 11 are currently participating in the programme!



As well as welcoming new members in 2024, it was great to see so many familiar faces returning to Street Sports. This year, children have had the chance to participate in a wide range of activities, including golf, hockey, dodgeball, football, basketball, skateboarding, tag games, and many more! We encourage the children to engage in a greater variety of sports, so the participants help to provide



input on and give their feedback on what sport they would like to play each week.

Some of our Sport Specific Development Officers (SSDOs) have attended our Street Sports sessions and introduced the children to a wide variety of sports. The children have loved participating in sessions led by the SSDO for football, hockey, skateboarding, and golf. The SSDO offers a knowledgeable and enjoyable approach to their sport. We feel giving access for the children to meet and join in with sessions run by the SSDO's helps break down the barriers for the children, making it easier for them to participate in clubs and join other sports sessions in the future.



Providing Healthy Eating Choices

Thanks to support from the Sarah Groves Foundation and Les Cotils we are able to provide healthy snack options: at Thursday night Street Sports sessions. The children have had the opportunity to try different fruits and vegetables during a break from the sporting activities. We have offered bananas, oranges, apples, pears, strawberries, cucumbers, carrots, peppers, and many other nutritious foods to the children. Every week, kids eagerly await a new snack and frequently return for more. If there are fruit and vegetables left over at the end of the session, children are encouraged to take them home! We continue to work closely with the Health Improvement Commission to promote the benefits of a healthy diet to the children to support their personal

development.



2025 targets

The Sports Commission wants to focus on several initiatives to encourage children who participate in our sessions to lead active and healthy lives in 2025.

We hope to help support and direct these children into clubs and other sports activities that they might be interested in. We regrettably have some children who will age out of the program in 2025 and have no pathway to an older age group due to low participation levels.

The Hougue Du Pommier site, next door to the estate, is an excellent and convenient place for children to participate in a variety of sports. We hope to encourage the older children to attend The Aztech Soccer Centre, the indoor bowls centre, and the table tennis centre which are all just a few minutes' walk away. We will be able to support them via our Sports Voucher scheme if finance is a barrier to them joining any of these sports.

We will also be looking for a new funding partner for 2025 now that our funding from Children in Need has finished.



Case Studies

Child A: 6 years old

This participant joined the programme in March, making them a new member this year. One of the family members of this child already attends this session. They arrived at Street Sports sessions as a timid child who would regularly make his older sibling speak for him. This child's confidence in interacting with both the adults and older children in the session has grown. This child has always behaved well towards the staff and displays great qualities such as playing fairly and excellent sportsmanship when participating in a variety of games.

This child really enjoys football, and it is evident that their skills have improved over the course of the year. Since participating in Street Sports, this child is now involved in other programmes offered by the Sports Commission such as our "On Your Marks" holiday club. This programme allows children to play a variety of sports throughout the summer and half-term breaks. The Street Sports staff hope that this child will continue to gain confidence and participate consistently in the Thursday night sessions in 2025.

Child B: 10 years old

This child has participated in the programme for a couple of years now which has seen them progress socially, emotionally, and in their fundamental movement skills. Much like Child A, this individual joined the programme with a sibling but over the course of this year has seen the development of friendships with other children in the session. Street Sports has helped this child keep these relationships by engaging positively within in a sporting environment. This child engages in every sport which is delivered by the staff. They take a particular interest in Hockey and tag games such as 'octopus'.

Again, thanks to Street Sports this child now also actively engages in our holiday programme 'On Your Marks'. It is great to see this participant constantly smiling

having fun with her friends and her sibling. In 2025 we hope to keep seeing her enjoy sport and partake in her last year in the Street Sports programme. We hope to work with this individual to provide & guide them towards clubs that they have an interest in to hopefully promote long life participation in sport.

Utmost Community Sport Fun Day

We were once again blessed with fantastic weather for the 2024 Utmost Community Sport Fun Day at Saumarez Park on Saturday 31st August.

With 21 sports taking part in the park, the event attracted hundreds of people keen to try out the various sporting challenges and ready to have fun being active.



The Community Sport Fun Day is all about showcasing sporting opportunities for the whole family giving people the chance to come along and give them a try. The sports are encouraged to share information about how to carry on with the sport or join one of the sports clubs.



This free event can only happen thanks to the support of sponsors Utmost who also provide an army of volunteers to help out on the day. All the sports provide their services for free, giving up their time

to share their passion with the families who attend.



Feedback on the event was extremely positive.

'Today's Utmost Community Sports Funday couldn't have been a better experience for myself and my two little boys, aged 5 and 3. As our eldest is a nervous little 5 year old we haven't managed to get him to join any sports clubs yet and I can only thank every single helper that was there today to engage a nervous little boy so that he tried 10 different sports on one day! The set up was brilliant, the cards and the stickers gave them a mission to accomplish, and they loved trying everything.'

'What a perfect event for families to attend. I have come home so pleased I spent the day at Saumarez park, and I really want to let my gratitude be known to all the organisers and everyone who took part.

From a very happy and fulfilled Mummy of two, THANK YOU!

'Thank you for today's event. It was the first time we've been free to come to this event and it was excellent. Amazing that it is all free (thanks to Utmost). Thanks to organisers and volunteers!'

'We spent a smashing afternoon with our kids trying out new sports and my daughter really enjoyed archery.'

We also organise a free prize draw at the Fun Day with the chance to win a range of sports equipment plus nominate a school to win the top prize of £500 to spend on PE equipment.

This year's winner was Noah Duckworth who won the prize for his school, La Mare de Carteret Primary.



We would also like to thank the staff and volunteers from St John who attended on the day giving valuable first aid demonstrations to all those who came along.



Sport in the Library

We hosted our second successful Sport in the Library event in November in partnership with the Guille-Alles Library.

This year we took over the top floor of the library setting up a pickleball court, using the library tables for table tennis and also having areas for boxing, fencing, darts and archery among the bookshelves.



The aim of the event is to showcase a small number of selected sports that can be played indoors, even with limited space. Children and families are encouraged to come along and try out these sports for free and then hopefully find out more about how to join the clubs offering these sports.



The event is also aimed at encouraging families to come to the library, discover what it's all about and the many services it offers.

This year we set up a relaxed reading area offering a range of children's sports books where families could take some time out from the sporting activities to read together. The Library has also provided some sport-themed book boxes which we are trialling in two of the schools we work in. The books are being used when children are not able to take part in PE sessions for whatever reason

or during break and lunchtime free play sessions.



We hope to be back with Sport in the Library again in 2025.





FACILITIES

One of the Active 8 Plan for Sport objectives is to 'maintain, develop and improve accessible (sporting) facilities' although at this time there is no budget allocated to this workstream or the actions that sit within it.

There has not been much progress on the development of additional States-owned sports facilities during 2024.

Some sports, notably netball, volleyball and basketball, still struggle to access appropriate facilities to support all the training sessions they want to hold and the numbers wanting to play. There has been no further news on the proposed redevelopment of Post 16 facilities on the Les Ozouets site which were originally planned to deliver a new, appropriately sized sports hall along with associated changing facilities and outdoor sports courts. These facilities were planned to be available to the community.

The cost of hiring and accessing sports facilities has remained a frustrating challenge in 2024.

Sporting clubs and organisations do a good job at investing in their own facilities to ensure they continue to provide safe and appropriate environments.

One example is the new home of the Guernsey Football Association and Guernsey FC, Victoria Park, which is on schedule to open in March providing a much-needed new community sports facility.

<https://victoriapark.gg/>

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The need for ongoing support to the sporting workforce continues. Our provision of education courses is well received, and demand continues to grow, particularly driven by sports looking to develop their workforce and improve their governance aligned to our SportsMark standards.

We have continued to establish our qualification centre with UK Coaching Solutions and have successfully completed our second external validation process. We continue to see high demand for our First Aid at Work (Level 3) qualification and the Safeguarding and Protection Children and Young People course. Both we are offering to sports as part of a programme of course we run an annually and as an available to book 'in house' option allowing courses to be tailored to individual sport's requirements.

Our work with schools was impacted on by funding challenges however we are optimistic these will be overcome for 2025 and that this can resume. The work with The Guernsey Institute aligned to the BTEC programme has though continued and we are providing work experience opportunities for students parallel to this.

This year did see us run an exciting pilot programme called Fitness for Work, alongside partners at Social Security. The programme, funded by Social Security, saw us deliver a six-week programme to support a number of individuals who have been out of work for a significant period of time. The aim being to help develop the confidence and skills to make a successful move into employment or other training programmes. Whilst the long-term success of this is not yet known, we received plenty of positive feedback and we know of one person who went directly into employment as a result of the course.

Working closely with Alan Jenner we've also successfully introduced a Water

Safety qualification increasing our ability to educate our local community and those supporting them how to be safe around water.

We successfully blended together a Level 1 Activators, Level 3 First Aid at Work and Safeguarding courses with practical opportunities to deliver activity for participants. Included alongside this was some informal mentoring and plenty of opportunities for those attending to share experiences and be active themselves. Principles underpinning this stemmed from the Five Ways to Wellbeing; connect, learn, be active, notice and giving to others.



As ever we are grateful to the work of Steve Melbourne who is leading on much

of this as well as delivering First Aid and Safeguarding workshops. Carmen Smith is integral to this work and as a day-to-day contact with UK Coaching Solutions does a fantastic job to ensure resources, bookings and certificates are managed efficiently.

Workshops

In 2024 we ran 22 courses with 244 people attending.

We also hosted a Time to Listen drop-in session.

Workshop (number of sessions)	Number attended
Safeguarding x 14	176
First Aid x 5	39
Safeguarding for Young Volunteers x 2	15
Level 1 Activators x 1	14

Placement Students

We were again blessed with two fantastic students in 2024 in Bella Hopcraft and Ella Widdowson. We were also delighted to see that Teya Sheppard returned to Guernsey to take on the role of Hockey Development Officer showing the growing importance of this programme in securing a supply of future staff to the Commission and other sports.

It has also been pleasing to see previous students return to work with us in the holidays as part of our On Your Marks Scheme. Given about half of these had never been to Guernsey before and only came here as a result of the placement opportunity then it further underlines its increasing importance.



Both Ella and Bella did a great job supporting all aspects of the commission's work with an obvious focus around schools and the performance analysis work through the Guernsey Institute of Sport.

Bella took on a focus of supporting Guernsey Cricket and we were delighted when she secured a permanent position with Derby Cricket Foundation as their Disability Development Officer, in the final part of her placement. Winchester University who we have worked closely with us have invited Bella back to share with new students her pathway and the importance of placements like ours in terms of the pathway into a career.

Ella took our performance analysis offer to new heights both with GFC and establishing a partnership with Guernsey Cricket. Under the supervision of Dr. Casey Osborough and the team at Dartfish she designed and built the video analysis solution that cricket used throughout the year and will continue to use.





GUERNSEY INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Dan Guillemette & Dr Conor Osborough



GiS 2024 Overview

In 2024, the Guernsey Institute of Sport ('GiS') continued to build on the foundations it laid during previous years, albeit with limited funding, working with a select group of athletes both within the Bailiwick and off-island.

Additionally, the GiS supported by the Guernsey Sports Commission's intern students, provided performance analysis to two of Guernsey sports teams, Guernsey Football Club and Guernsey Cricket. This represented a slight shift in focus of the GiS in 2024 compared to previous years such that selected sports teams rather than just individuals received performance support.

During 2024, the GiS undertook the following:

Guernsey Elite Athlete Support

Providing sport science and medical support to our elite-level sports performers, both on- and off-island, including to professionals and performers in the lead up to international competitions.

Throughout 2024, the GiS continued to work with both current athletes and new talent. Of note, Jack Reed (Cycling) and Oakley Francart (Fencing) have both utilised the support services provided by the GiS including physiotherapy, athletic profiling, and strength and conditioning programmes. Both athletes have shown considerable promise and development.

Jack has said that:

"The support I have received from both the Sports Commission and the Guernsey Institute of Sport has had a huge impact on enabling me to continue racing in France and in the UK at the British National Championships. I feel that I have really progressed with their guidance and input into my training and off-bike work, as well as giving me financial support for travel.

I am hoping to continue to progress in 2025 for my third season in France and continue to work towards my dream of turning professional."


Additionally, services have been provided to Guernsey Cricket, where the GiS assisted in the athletic development of academy players who are on a future player development pathway at Hampshire County Cricket. This is an area that will be developed further in 2025 alongside the performance analysis work highlighted in the next section.

Finally, we continue to work to identify those who could make up the next generation of potential athletes via a talent identification programme, for example, those who fit the profile of the GiS and would benefit from the GiS support services in the mid- to long-term. This work has been on-going during the year with support given to those athletes and their parents, with regards to training and competition advice and how to best fit these with their educational studies.

Dartfish Performance Analysis

During 2024, we advanced our performance analysis support to GFC and Guernsey Cricket by combining data analytical and visualisation software (PowerBI) with the Dartfish performance analysis software, meaning that the feedback provided to the players and coaches was enhanced from previous years.

In 2023, the Commission's intern students, overseen by the GiS, used Dartfish to analyse matches (e.g., tactical and technical) and load the associated video clips and analysis to Dartfish TV.



In 2024, we were fortunate to work with two completely different sports, resulting in differing methods of performance analysis, which required the interns to gain different skills and knowledge making them more employable. For example, Guernsey Cricket needed real time video-based statistics (something GFC cannot use due to rules within their league). Utilising Dartfish's support network, one of the interns developed the skills and understanding needed to use 'OnAir' linked with PowerBI. In brief, this provided instant video uploads with associated data for coaches and staff to augment the decision-making process, using a series of pre-defined key moments.

To date, 2024 has been our most successful year providing performance analysis due to the range and complexity of skills required to provide the support needed. Due to the new facilities at the GFC ground at Victoria Park, GFC plan to move to a football specific, live-stream video analytics solution (Spiideo), something that was made possible based on the foundations laid by the GiS and the Commission's interns and their use of Dartfish over the last few years.

Moving into 2025, we are excited to start providing performance analysis using Dartfish to Guernsey Netball Association (GNA). Work has already begun with the GNA starting from a blank canvas.

Enhancing Links and Engaging with Stakeholders

As in previous years, we continued to proactively work to strengthen the links with both the Guernsey Island Games Association (GIGA) and the Guernsey Commonwealth Games Association (GCGA), as well as selected National Sporting Bodies both on- and off-island. This has helped to raise the profile of the GiS and the athletes that it supports.

Funding and Growth

Regarding the growth of the GiS, overcoming the current limited funding continues to be a high priority. To that end, knowing what our funding stream

looks like is critical to understand how we can manage our resources effectively and grow with any investment. Funding opportunities with potential partners will continue to be explored.



GRANTS & FUNDING

Funding was once again top of the agenda for the Sports Commission in 2024.

The end of the Active 8 funding agreement in 2023 meant we had no certainty about our funding to deliver the outcomes of the government-backed Sports Strategy which has a 10-year life span, but which only ever agreed three years of funding.

Close working with the staff and politicians from the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture secured some funding for 2024 and an agreement for a level of funding, albeit below the amount requested, for 2025. We are close to signing a new Service Level Agreement with the States of Guernsey bringing together future funding for delivery of the Active 8 objectives along with our long-standing commitments funded by our General Grant. This SLA will be key to us securing a more sustainable funding agreement going forwards.

During 2025 we will be looking to renew the Service Level Agreement for the School Sports Partnership which covers our work in primary schools. The current SLA finishes in December 2025. This work is part-funded by the States and part by privately raised money.

Sport Development Fund

Once again during 2024 our Sports Development Fund and the School Sports Federation provided funding for:

- Teams and individuals competing off-island at a National Governing Body recognised level of competition (e.g. county/national/international)
- Inter-insular and off-island events/competitions for school-age teams (those that require entry through a qualification/selection process will be prioritised)
- Visiting referees or umpires

- Coaches/tutors visiting Guernsey to deliver appropriately accredited training/coaching courses
- Attending appropriately accredited training/coaching courses in the UK or further afield

During the year we provided funding to 28 different sports representing hundreds of individuals who were able to travel, compete, train and gain coaching and officiating qualifications thanks to the Sport Development Fund.

Funding agreed for 2025 means we are able to increase the amount of funding available through the Sport Development Fund which has been welcomed by our Member Sports and those individuals who meet the criteria to access the support.

Sponsors and supporters

The Sports Commission couldn't carry out the work it does without the continual support from private funders alongside our funding from the States.

Our Sponsors' Club has long been a feature of the Sports Commission with a number of individuals providing regular annual donations in support of our work.

We work hard to continue to attract new funders – often looking to match the amounts we receive from the States of Guernsey or to support specific programmes such as On Your Marks, supported by a grant from the Social Investment Fund, or Street Sports, now at the end of a three-year grant from Children In Need.

During 2024 we also introduced a new travel fund supported by Condor Ferries. This meant we were able to provide £6,000 worth of ferry travel to a number of young people competing on the national stage in sports such as triathlon, motorsport, equestrian events and cycling who need to take bulky equipment with them. Unfortunately, we don't know yet if this will continue into 2025.



Carey Olsen also provided us with funding during 2024 supporting both our sports voucher scheme and again helping out with travel and training costs for a number of young sports people on national governing body, GB or Olympic pathways including young GB fencer Oakley Francart, semi-pro cyclist Jack Reed, aspiring footballer Chloe Ingrouille and GB sailor Monty Desforges. They have also not committed for 2025.



We also support our member sports with any funding applications to other organisations such as SIF, Lloyds and the Community Foundation.



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Active 8 Plan for Sport

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We support over 160 children and young people to access sports outside of school every year through our Sports Voucher scheme



51 member sports and clubs (rep 99% of our member sports) have achieved our SportsMark accreditation to date



We've delivered more than 65,000 experiences for children in secondary school across 22 different sports

14% of children who attend our On Your Marks holiday programme are from families in need



244 people have successfully completed the following training courses on-Island since 2018

- Safeguarding - 176
- First Aid - 39
- Safeguarding for Young Volunteers - 15
- L1 Activators - 14



We have raised over £3.7million from private sources since we were established in 2004



We offered 8,500+ experiences to students with more complex needs or specific requirements

COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

Nicky Will, Director of Communications

The Guernsey Sports Commission maintains a high profile within the community as the voice for sport. Our staff regularly appear in the media talking about all things 'sport' and we are always happy to contribute to articles and podcasts, regularly providing articles for Aurigny's En Voyage magazine.

We also try to support a range of community events and activities throughout the year including the Association of Guernsey Charities Governor's Fete, various open days and school/PTA events.

We have continued to grow our social media presence with around four and a half thousand followers on Facebook with our most popular posts receiving around 18,000 views.

Social media remains an important channel for us to connect with the community for example advising of dates when booking forms are available for our On Your Marks sessions, promoting free taster sessions or advising of training courses or other CPD opportunities.

Sporting Achievement Awards

One of the highlights of the year is the annual Sporting Achievement Awards and this year was no exception with another bumper crop of nominations.

The Beau Sejour Theatre was full on awards night with a mix of invited guests and representatives from all the sports nominated.

Our thanks must go to the Guernsey Press, On Screen Creations, Beau Sejour and Centre Stage for helping deliver such a fantastic night!

Our first award of the night was the Lambourne Shield for the outstanding

performance of a young sportsperson under 18 which was awarded to 17-year-old golf sensation Conor McKenna following his stellar year where he was crowned Channel Island Men's and Junior champion as well as Guernsey Men's and Junior champion.



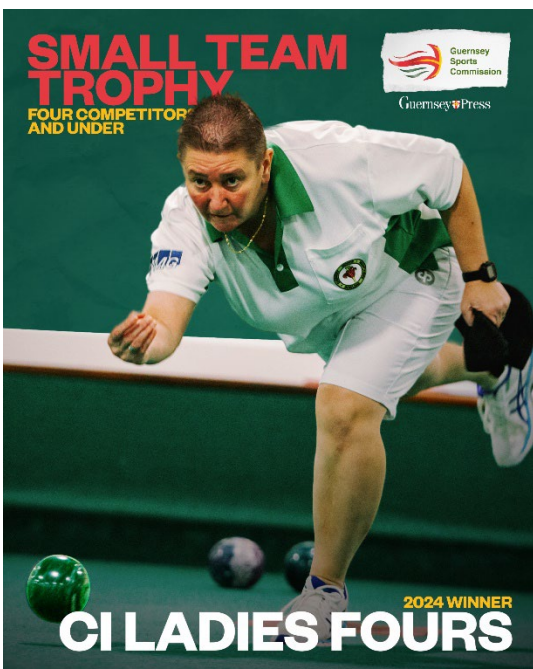
Next up was the Beau Sejour Trophy for the outstanding performance of a team of under 18s which was awarded to the Melrose Swim Team for becoming National Champions at the 2024 English Schools Swimming Association Primary Schools event in both the mixed stroke and freestyle relays, the latter in a new National Championship Record.



Our third trophy of the evening, the Sports and Nautical Events Shield is awarded to the year's outstanding event organiser and for 2024 the award went to the World Bowls Indoor Championships Organising Committee for hosting the fantastic event at the Hougue du Pommier stadium back in April.



In a sensational night for bowls, they also took the Guernsey Sports Commission small team trophy for 2024 for their Ladies Fours team of Ali Merrien, Shirley Petit, Catherine Bonsall and Rose Ogier playing as the Channel Islands team and winning the Indoor Bowls Council Championships beating Wales in the final



The winner of the Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson Trophy for the para-sport athlete with a physical impairment was the Guernsey Mobility Let's Go Boccia team of Mel Edwards, Andy Lemee, Alex Adamson, Lee Vaudin and Tom Clough for being part of Guernsey's winning team at the inaugural virtual boccia inter-insular.



The Ferbrache & Farrell Trophy for the para-sport athlete with a learning impairment was awarded to Guernsey Dynamics footballer Jorge Gois for his dedication to the team, always turning up to training on time and for being a joy to coach.



There was another fantastic shortlist of nominees for the Sports Commission team trophy but winning it for 2024 were the Guernsey Senior Men's Cricket Team for their performance beating Denmark in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Europe Qualifier on home soil last summer.



Next up was the Dave Dorey Memorial Trophy awarded to the person who has made an outstanding contribution to their sport and the award went to Vale Rec head coach Mark Romeril for guiding his team to their first Priaulx title in 21 years as well as winning the Upton, the FA Cup and the Stranger Cup in a silverware-laden season.



There was a strong list of shortlisted nominees for the Sir John Loveridge Trophy for the sportsperson making the most progress in 2024 but rising squash star Leo Carpenter just edged with his huge improvement during the year.



The winner of the Guernsey Brewery Salver for the outstanding achievement of the year by a sportswoman was indoor bowls legend Alison Merrien MBE for being crowned British Isles Ladies Singles Champion for the 7th time. A feat she completed straight after securing the Ladies Fours title.

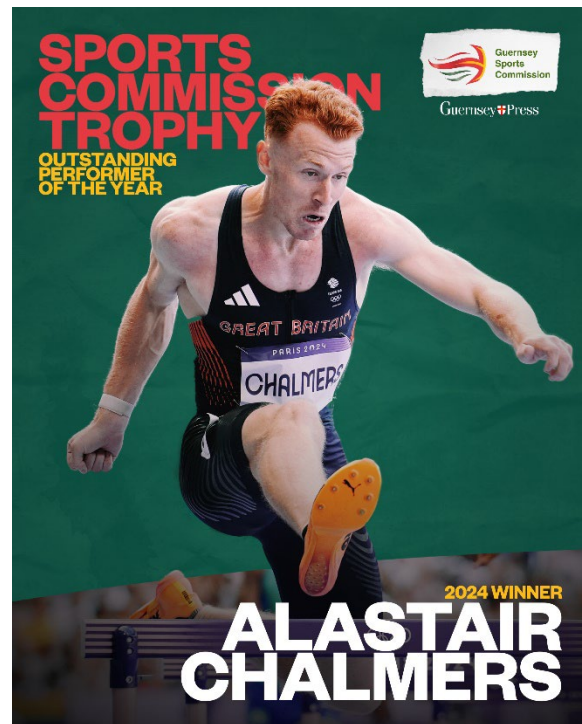


The penultimate award of the night was Richard Burton Salver for the outstanding individual sporting achievement of the year by a sportsman. This was another hard-fought category, but it was another win for bowls as Jason Greenslade was awarded the trophy following his first ever World Bowls Indoor singles title which he won on home soil.



Our final award of the night topping off a fantastic celebration of sporting action in 2024 was the Guernsey Sports Commission Trophy for the outstanding performer of the year. Five of our top sportsmen and sportswomen were shortlisted but the trophy was awarded to Alastair Chalmers for his stellar year on the track, qualifying for the Olympics and acquitting himself excellently in his heat in Paris but missing out after he fell during his semi-final. Whilst it was a shame to bow out in such a way, the victory was in being in Paris in the colours of Team GB in the first place!

Congratulations to Ala.



You can watch a recording of the full awards evening or just the highlights on our website

<https://guernseysports.com/programmes/sporting-achievement-awards/>



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Other GSC Workstreams

We delivered 50 Street Sports sessions at Les Genats in 2024 providing activities for nearly 40 children, funded by



We hosted two major community events and 3 smaller taster sessions focused on people with disabilities



We have delivered the AquaSmart Schools Course to 600+ Y4 pupils during 2023/24



We help fund 13 Sport Specific Development Officers who work in schools and the wider community



Individuals and teams from 28 different sports were provided with financial support from our Sport Development Fund in 2024 - the Fund has not increased since 2002



We provided more than £6,000 worth of ferry travel to aspiring young sportspeople thanks to the Condor Travel Fund



We provided funding for 24 individual athletes performing at National/ International level under our B3 funding category. Two new talented athletes received support from the GIS

SPORT DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Athletics



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After the successes of 2023, Alastair Chalmers kept the sport in the spotlight in 2024 as he secured a place on Team GB for the Paris Olympics.



Locally, Development Officer Tom Druce and his colleagues at Guernsey Athletics directed efforts into some administration objectives to ensure that the club

continues to serve its members and the community effectively. Examples included refinement of coaching structure and athlete pathway, particularly in response to an increased waiting list following on from the Island Games success.

Schools

Following some changes, Guernsey Athletics handed over responsibility for the teaching of athletics in schools to the Sports Commission. Tom and Lee have transformed the delivery of athletics in PE over the last few years in line with current research and guidelines in the youth sport space. They continue to organise successful school sports events such as the Zedra X Challenge which saw yet another entry over 600 children in 2024.




Community

The club made significant efforts in the promotion and inclusion of para-athletics in its marquee events. Both wheelchair and visually impaired athletes were integrated and 'have a go' training sessions were offered on the track at Footes Lane.

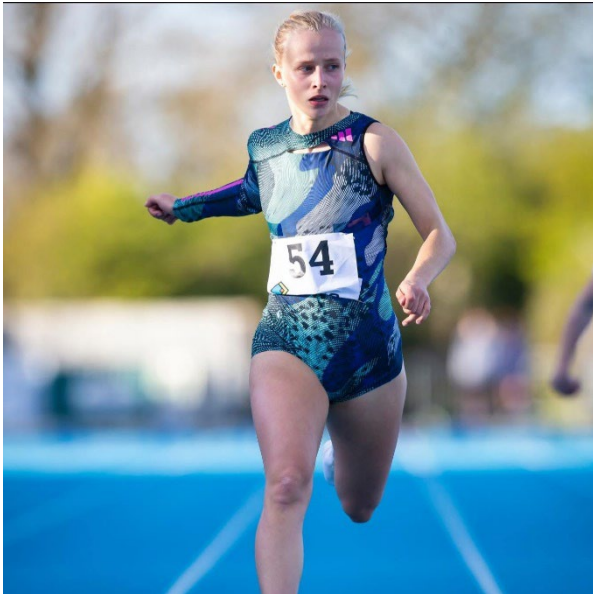
Performance

Alastair Chalmers' Olympic Games appearance was the clear highlight of the year for Guernsey sport. Ala's journey was all the more dramatic as he was initially disqualified from the Trials event for a false start before ultimately being reinstated and therefore selected for Paris at the eleventh hour.

Domestically, Abi Galpin was the standout as she made the semifinals at two UK Championships in the 100m and



200m, and the 200m final at the England Championships. She also took a regional medal in the 400m and became the first Sarnian to run under 55sec.



Chris Bain broke new territory in the 1500m by clocking 3min46sec, a mark only bettered by local legend Lee Merrien. He also claimed a regional medal at the 'Southern', as did his sister Kate in the 800m.

Other high-ranking senior performances tended to come in the middle-distances too, with Richard Bartram, Gian-Luca Robilliard, Alex Rowe and junior Darcey Hodgson clocking strong times. There were numerous encouraging showings amongst the juniors, with the likes of Emil Friedrich, Nikola Vagule, Amelie Van Heerden and Grace King to the fore.

Future Plans

- Seek to enhance our training offerings for senior women
- Work under guidance from England Athletics to make necessary changes required for new age-group system due for launch in 2026
- Work towards improving volunteer recruitment and co-ordination
- Oversee a new team for the Orkney 2025 Island Games

Badminton



<http://badminton.org.gg/>



Guernsey Badminton Association LBG



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On-Island we had our Island Tournaments for Seniors and Juniors (Senior Open, Senior Closed, Junior Open and Junior Closed) also our annual handicap tournament open to all players either affiliated to the GBA or not. We also travelled to a number of off-island events. We competed in the Inter-Counties Championships with 2 senior teams.



Our Juniors U-12 and U-14 teams entered the Southwest counties league played at Portishead School and came out winners in both sections, defeating Devon, Somerset, Cornwall and Avon.

Our over 35 team had an away match against Wales but lost 27-13.

We also had a visit from Greg and Jenny Mairs one of England's top mixed pair, who run their own YouTube channel Badminton Insight and they ran a successful training camp over the weekend which incorporated all levels of play and hosted challenge matches, nobody was able to beat them but Jack Garbutt and Jonny Holmes came closest to defeating them and the weekend finished off with a question and answer session.

Our juniors participated in an International Camp in Portugal.

We also had our senior domestic leagues running once a month for level and mixed doubles.



Schools

This year Guernsey Badminton continued to visit Sark Primary School, and a match was arranged against Guernsey Juniors in Sark.

Guernsey Badminton continued to extend our outreach work in schools programme providing badminton lessons to year 5 & 6 pupils.

Guernsey Badminton has been working with Elizabeth College.

Community

Guernsey Badminton supports the Sports Commission's On Your Marks holiday camps and Community Sport Fun Days to provide badminton opportunities and participated in the Elizabeth College Fun Sports Day.

We have St Michaels Junior Club, which runs on a Saturday, which is a pay and play session for Juniors U/18.

We also have 4 junior training squads which train twice a week which sees approximately 90 juniors across all sessions and this number is growing week by week.

The new booking system installed last year has also been complemented with a new token machine, where members and non-members no longer need to have coins to feed the meters but can now buy a token from the coin machine, which gives them lights for one hour.

We also had a summer challenge which involved teams having a juniors, veterans and island players split into teams of equal standard who competed over 5 weeks to lift the trophy each player playing with each other member in their team, which ended up involving 42 players plus some additional reserves.

Performance

The U/12 and U/14 Southwest counties has to be highlighted as this was the first time many had played in tournament conditions, and they equipped themselves admirably.

Guernsey Open Silver Men's Singles - **Alex Tapp**

Men's Doubles - **Alex Tapp and David Trebert**

Guernsey Masters Bronze Men's Doubles - **Paul Le Tocq and Mr M Trebble**

Paul Le Tocq winning English National Masters Singles and Mixed Doubles titles.



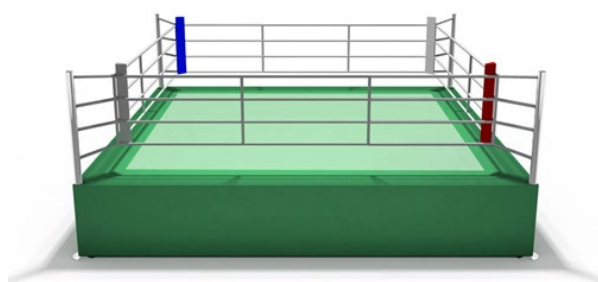
Workforce/Coach Education

Andy Aspinal BE Level 3 Coach and on the BE Performance Coach plan with Badminton England visited and has given 2 coaching sessions and led a coach session with our level 1 coaches.

Future Plans

- U-13 U15 U17 & U19 South West Inter-Counties Team Championship
- 2025 Youth Games
- Island Games to take place in Orkney
- Andy Aspinal BE Level 3 Coach to visit and coach Island Team
- Senior Inter-County Championships 2 teams

Boxing



GABC

 [Guernsey Amalgamated Boxing Club](#)

We held 4 dinner boxing shows and two boxing open shows in 2024.

Our success in growing our junior boxers is continuing with the club registering over 25 junior boxers and 6 youth boxers.

Due to the continuing success of our Development Officer promoting boxing within schools, in order to free up space in our junior sessions, we now offer our 15-, 16- and 17-year-old boxers the chance to train with our senior boxers.

There was great success with our first ever junior trip away to a Box Cup. We selected the Bristol Box Cup as we have a relationship with the coaches in Bristol. We selected 4 boxers to take part but due to injury and sickness only two competed at the event. Our boxers performed well coming away with a gold and bronze.

Schools

The Boxing Development Officer has extended her outreach into more schools' programmes providing boxing sessions to Le Murier, Les Varendes High School, College of Further Education, St Sampsons High, Ladies College, Vale, Hautes Capelles, Melrose and Thrive. The session size ranges from 12 to 24 children aged 8 and over.

The Boxing Development Officer ran sessions as part of the curriculum and lunch time and after school activities.



The Boxing Development Officer has also run sessions for the Sports Commission's holiday club "On Your Marks". The sessions are held at the club's premises in St Martins, which proves a good venue choice for the youngsters.



Community

The Boxing Development Officer continues to offer one to one sessions for young people referred through school or family support agencies and schools.

She also works with the Bailiwick Social Prescribing Link Workers and has helped a number of adults learn boxing, giving them confidence, improving their fitness and mental health.

The Boxing Development Officer continues to run two sessions each week for the over 65's male and female. The groups are currently full and there is a waiting list for new members.



The Boxing Development Officer also runs two recreational sessions each week; one is for ladies only and the other session is open to all.

The Boxing Development Officer is now also running sessions for the Parkinson's Group. The sessions are going extremely well, and the members have mentioned how it has helped their concentration and physical strength and co-ordination. It was originally planned to run one session a month but due to the positive impact it has made on the members, the sessions have been increased to every other week.

The club holds six weekly sessions for children aged 8 - 17.

There are approximately 35 children attending each session.



To help in the development of our boxers and to give everyone an opportunity to

compete, we held another skills show at The Amalgamated Boxing Club premises. We had over 30 boxers competing in front of family and friends. The skills ranged from demonstrating on the pads, touch sparring to conditioned spars. This gave our youngsters the opportunity to show their friends and family the skills they have learnt as some of these juniors might not want to go on to compete at amateur level.



Performance

The club is now running 10 sessions a week to accommodate the increased numbers of members. One of the big achievements for the year has been the growth of juniors training and looking to compete. The team will see this come to fruition in 2 years as we see our junior boxers transition into youth boxers, and our youth boxers become seniors. We envisage that we will have a team of over 50 boxers by 2026.

2024 has seen some outstanding performances by our local boxers, who will develop further over the forthcoming season, with some progressing to compete at championships.





Workforce/Coach Education

A number of our coaches are looking to further their skills by completing a judging course, this can then lead to them becoming referees.

We have a number of parents volunteering at sessions who we hope to continue to develop and progress to complete their Level 1 coaching course this year.

We continue to train our coaches in-house and we are looking to run a level 2 coaching course.

Future Plans

- We have two open shows planned for 2025 which will showcase a further 4 new junior boxers, with a total of 12 juniors looking to compete in this show.
- Continuing to work with referrals for one-to-one sessions.
- To assist the new PE teacher at St Anne's School in Alderney to enable him to deliver boxing to the students.
- To hold 2 Skills Shows every year to give all our juniors the opportunity to compete.
- To enter at least 3 junior boxers in the Bristol Box Cup.
- To participate in the Specsavers Youth Games
- To look into Youth Box Cups to assist with the progression of our Youth boxers.

Cricket



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Another action-packed year was delivered by Guernsey Cricket for 2024, there were many highlights across the junior and senior programme. The Junior age groups had an increased fixture calendar, and all went on tour to minor counties festivals for the first time since 2019.



The Senior Women's side continued their development finishing Runners Up in the Nordic Cup and completing a 3-0 series win against the Isle of Man. The Women's side once again climbed the

World rankings gaining 9 ranking positions up to 42nd in the World.



The Senior Men's side had a standout season with victories against Jersey in the T20I home Inter Insular Series and a 2-2 draw with Belgium in Brussels. This led the men nicely into the World Cup Division 2 Qualifier. The Men won the home tournament in front of circa 2000 home support at the KGV. The men have now qualified for the Division 1 qualifier for the first time in their history.



Schools

We delivered cricket to all primary schools across this island and working with over 800 pupils along the way. The Primary Schools programme culminates with the Kwik Cricket Festival held at the KGV.



The primary schools' programme culminated with the Kwik Cricket festival hosted at the KGV with both a boys' and girls' competition and included an appearance from our mascot, Owlzat. With 16 schools and nearly 150 players attending each day the whole of the KGV was alive with cricket. Beechwood were victorious in both the boys and girls' competitions defeated La Mare and Vauvert.



Community

Outside of our school delivery we continued to attend events such as the Upmost Community Family Fun Day in September. The Family fun day offered free cricket stations to allow people outside of cricket to come and have a go. Throughout the summer we also ran our annual Future Stars programme plus various summer camps throughout the summer introducing new children to cricket.



Performance

The Women's National Team started the season off with an emphatic 3-0 series win off against the Isle of Man, this was

followed up by finishing runners up in the Nordic Cup.

The Men's team had a stellar year defeating Jersey in 1 of the 3 T20I's in May, this was followed up by a 2-2 series result against Belgium. The highlight for the men was winning the ICC Division 2 T20 World Cup Qualifier on home soil in front of over 2,000 fans at the KGV.

The age groups all toured at minor county level for the first time in 6 years with the Under 13's & 15's both finishing 3rd in their respective tournaments.

Charlie Forshaw, Harry Johnson and Ed Robinson all continued their development within the Hampshire Cricket pathway playing in their age group sides throughout the summer.



Workforce/Coach Education

ECB Tutors Jeremy Frith and Ben Ferbrache delivered an ECB Core Coach course at the start of the year with all 9 participants passing the course. The winter also saw the visit of James Tomlinson (Hampshire Cricket Pathway Lead) visiting the island several times to deliver sessions to both players and coaches.





Future Plans

2025 promises to be another busy year for Guernsey Cricket, the key points are as follows:

- The Men's team are participating in the ICC Europe Division 1 World Cup Qualifier
- Age group Tours both on and off island
- The Under 19's taking part in the ICC 50 Over World Cup Qualifiers in Scotland
- The continuation of the hugely successful Junior Leagues
- The Women's National Team plan on hosting a T20I tournament here in Guernsey.

Cycling



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We continue to have representation in the sport of Cycling on Island with strong representation and performances across most, if not all disciplines, both locally and off Island.

Junior Zach Smith has been one of the main standouts with his consistently strong performances in the Nationals MTB XC.



We have seen the talented Kylie Vaudin move disciplines to try Downhill at National Level putting in some brilliant performances.

We took our Academy Squad to the Southern MTB XC in Clanfield back in June. This being the first Squad trip off Island since Covid, and again to France later in year competing in some Road Crits.



As well as several Club riders competing across the Southern enduros, we also supported the first Cyclocross Inter Insular in Jersey back in January 2024 with a group of 10 riders travelling across to the sister isle.



We've seen one of our Academy riders compete in his first MTB Downhill event in the UK.

Schools

We have continued to work in some schools in short coaching blocks. We supported Elizabeth College for their Cyclocross races held at the end of term and Vale Junior / Infants at Year 2 and 4.

More recently coaching has started at Le Murier School providing opportunities for children to ride adaptive bikes, some for the first time, around the playground. This being the highlight of the week for some.

Another highlight was being able to support a couple of our Academy riders, who used Cycling for their GCSE Sport qualification.

Community

A new inclusion to our calendar was the extension of our Junior Coaching program throughout the winter. This decision has proven popular with strong attendances every Sunday morning.

We continued to offer some off bike winter strength & conditioning sessions for Velo Club members, varying between 10-12 people per week from October through to April.

Our Road Coaching calendar continued between May and August. The sessions were held at the Go Kart Track. We saw some great improvements within riders leading to some making their race debut later in the summer.

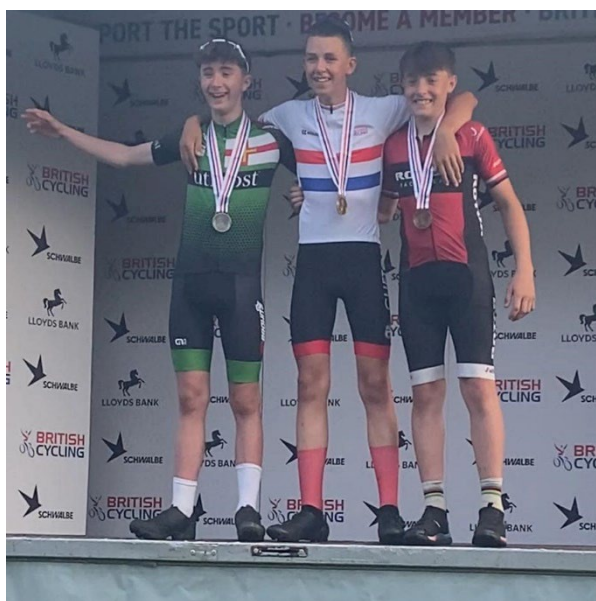
The ever-popular Cyclocross and MTB Coaching, for adults with numbers varying between 8-20 attending these sessions at Delancey Park towards the end of the summer.

Our Junior Racing League which ran from May to August posted an average of between 95-100 children attending from Year 1 upwards.

Performance

How do you follow an Island Games Year!

Watching Zach Smith make the podium during the National MTB XC Series was great to see. A rider with plenty of talent and hopefully more successes will come.



Another highlight was our two Academy Trips to the South of England and then later in August a weekend of racing in France as well as some Velodrome action. This exciting development to be able to offer our riders this experience will definitely benefit the club longer term.



Our Cyclocross series continues to grow year on year with some great racing and increased numbers throughout every age group. The opportunity to be able to send a team to Jersey to compete in the CX Inter Insular was historic.




As Cycling Development Officer, my favourite event in 2024 was the Under 6 / Balance Bike races. These continue to be fun to watch with the children reminding us how much fun to have whilst racing.

Workforce/Coach Education

It was a quieter year for me from a personal point of view, but I still attended numerous Webinars British Cycling have offered for my own Professional Development

We have a new exciting development in the pipeline having been selected by British Cycling to trial a new Youth Development Framework Program. Having seen the program this could prove



to be a game changer in years to come at many levels.

Future Plans

- Introduction of Limitless Program (Para Cycling)
- Island Games (Orkney)
- Easter Road Cycling Festival
- Specsavers Youth Games
- To continue to grow as a club we need to try and make improvements in all areas – recruitment of volunteers/coaches/riders is critical to the way the club is structured and run.
- Continuation of the PUMP TRACK DEVELOPMENT – Building the Fundraising Pot!

Football



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The GFA Development Team have been continuing to deliver Wildcats (for girls aged 5-11), SQUAD (for girls aged 12-16), and have introduced a Just Play centre for females over 16.

The Mourant Girls Academy continues to involve players from Year 4 to Year 11 and currently has 70 players.

Aztech Academy continues to involve players from Year 4 to Year 9 and currently has 86 players.

The 2024 Murattis took place on 21st May at Springfield with the women winning 2-0 achieving victory for the first time in 16 years.

BWCI 2024 was hosted at Footes Lane and Memorial Field for the last time with 16 teams entering, 6 from off island, 4 teams from Jersey and 2 from Bristol City.

Schools

Primary School PE being delivered by Development Staff across all schools.

The GFA Development Team have also delivered Secondary School Lunch Clubs for girls at LMDC, LVHS and LBHS and Primary School Lunch Clubs for girls.

Primary School Afterschool Clubs (Wildcats) have continued to be delivered

at Hautes Capelles, Vale, Amherst and Castel with over 100 girls attending from Year 1 to Year 6.

Comets is an FA initiative for disability football aimed at children aged 5-11, we have trialled the sessions at Le Rondin during lunch times having started in October 2024 we reached 24 children.

Community

Guernsey Walking Football Club has approached the GFA for support to affiliate, support is ongoing to onboard the club to the FA Systems.

The GFA re-established their IAG (Inclusion Advisory Group) with members from a range of area of work within Guernsey. Through the IAG the GFA has trialled sessions for Quiet Football and Comets and the Development Team also completed the Visual Impairment Awareness Course and assisted the GSC with Visual Impairment activity trial at Footes Lane.



The GFA supported 7 local clubs to achieve England Football Accreditation 1 star status.

In November the GFA Youth Council started delivering Super Sunday Football after gaining funding from the Social Investment Fund (SIF) 42 individuals have attended the sessions so far.

We completed our annual Validation Visits across all local clubs visiting a variety of youth teams to ensure that coaches and parents were aware of the correct safeguarding procedures. We also continue to monitor DBS and SG compliance across all coaches in Youth and Open Age Football within all the local clubs.

We had one student from the College of FE on Work Experience with us in March and a LMDCHS student with us in November.

Performance

The Women won the Muratti



U11's won the School boy Muratti



The U14 Girls won the U13 Rangers 7's competition



U13 and U14 Aztech Academy groups visited Bristol City.



Mourant Girls Academy attended Jersey Wanderers Girls Football Festival with U10's and U15's, winning their age groups. U15 competition was an all Guernsey final.



Workforce/Coach Education

In February Scarlett and Joelle completed the Youth Mental Health First Aider Training.

The FA Coach Development Team visited in March and September to deliver 9 workshops to local coaches.

FA Education is now online, and staff are required to complete mandatory training in Safeguarding, Welfare and First Aid as well as ongoing CPD.

Scarlett and Joelle attended the Visual Impairment Awareness training that took place in September

Completed specific CPD for Wildcats, Squad and Comets.

Future Plans

- VICTORIA PARK opening
- Delivering UEFA C Coaching Course in June/July/August
- Youth Games
- BWCI 2025 28th and 29th June

Hockey



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2024 was another fantastic year for Guernsey Hockey, with member numbers growing, and lots of successes both locally and nationally, across all age groups.

With over 130 children regularly attending Mini's and over 80 players in the Junior Development League on Sunday mornings, our junior section of the club is booming. Sure Division 3 continues to provide a gateway to adult hockey, offering many of our junior sides a nurturing environment to play their first 11-a-side competitive games. Similarly, a new way of allocating to adult sides, has seen many of our older juniors playing integral roles for their adult clubs at weekends.



The 2024/25 season is well underway, with many exciting games played so far

and the battle for the adult league titles still in hot contention. A new ladies team, Artemis Casuals, has been added into the Ladies Division to enable more pitch time for all players.

We have welcomed Ali Le Tocq, new club administrator, and Teya Sheppard, new Hockey Development Officer, to the team at Guernsey Hockey, taking over roles from Dawn Robilliard and Sam Watson respectively.



Schools

The Primary School Outreach programme was delivered in most state-primary schools in 2024, with over 800 Year 5 and 6 children receiving a 6-week introduction to hockey. This culminated in our Annual Year 5 and 6 hockey tournaments at Footes Lane.

Several schools have received extra-curricular hockey clubs, to fine tune skills learnt in lessons; with a lunchtime club also recently being provided at Le Rondin. Encouragingly, we are persistently seeing more junior players coming into the club as a direct result of their hockey enjoyment at school - across state, private, primary and secondary domains.

Community

Outside of our school delivery, we continued to attend events such as the Upmost Family Fun Day, Guernsey Sport Commission's Visual Impairment event and Guernsey Mind's Mental Health Awareness Training.

HockeyFest 2024, in September, saw over 200 local children and their families in attendance giving hockey a go. We have continued our partnership with three

local charities- Headway, Guernsey Mind and The Eleanor Foundation. A new connection with Guernsey Dairy, provides all our Mini's with a glass of milk after training alongside the continuation of free hotdogs, courtesy of Town Butchers.



Performance

The Guernsey Hockey Talent Academy has entered its second year in 2024, offering our most promising young hockey players (Yr 8-12) additional smaller-sized sessions on island to boost performance. In July, the team took on Hampshire Performance Centre teams and came away with some highly competitive results. 8 of those Junior players have been further accepted into the Southwest England Hockey Talent Academy at Havant Hockey Club. Other successful junior tours were run across the season including to Bishop's Stortford and the Mercia Cup.



There were exciting cup runs for all our adult teams, with the Men's 1st XI reaching the last-16 before bowing out to a strong East Grinstead side 3-2 and the Ladies 1st XI losing out to Loughborough Students on shuffles in the Semi-Finals. Both Island Sides have commenced the

new season in the higher Tier 2 competition, with the Ladies winning through the first 2 rounds and the men continuing their fight in the plate after a narrow loss to Beeston 2nd XI.




The highlight of the year was our Ladies O35 Team, who were a force to be reckoned with in their cup run, losing out 2-1 in the quarter finals to St Albans Hockey Club in the highest Tier of competition on offer, with 256 teams taking part in the competition.



Both Senior and Junior Inter-insular results saw improvements on last year, with both ending in overall draws. On-island, all three adult leagues saw a passing over of their title from last season, with Casuals winning Men's Division 2 and Colombians coming out on top in both Men's Division 1 and the Ladies League.

Workforce/Coach Education

A visit in September from Sam Beveridge, Great Britain Hockey Coach Developer, saw 18 Juniors complete a Young Leaders Workshop and 8 adults start their Level 2 coaching qualifications. With many of our young leaders putting their training straight into action volunteering with our youngest club



members, at Minis and JDL on Sunday mornings.

Future Plans

- Junior Tours (i.e., Walkers Festival)
- Ladies 1st XI Orkney Islands Tournament in July
- Being Part of Specsavers Youth Games
- Summer Mixed Hockey
- Hosting Guernsey's Race for Life 2025

Outdoor & Adventure Sports



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A fun packed 2024 allowed for so many highlights, but the stand-out was the development and delivery of the AquaSmart in water sessions for the Guernsey Primary schools.



Over 500 Island Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to enter the sea with the support of the Guernsey Sports Commission to which they undertook a series of tasks as designed to develop their life saving skills.



Schools

The delivery of 3 separate sessions to all Guernsey Primary school Year 4 children, covering the Guernsey Environment, life skills, the marine environment, water safety and how to risk assess adventures to prevent incidents. This year included 2 private schools, who have taken advantage of the AquaSmart Schools programme that the Sports Commission has developed to provide life skills for Guernsey's unique and dynamic environment.



The secondary schools also took advantage of the opportunity to have group SUP sessions, and we were able to offer various group SUP experiences based around Grande Rocque over the course of a couple of weeks during the Summer term, together with the 2024 Hold Fast Water Skills Summer Camp.



Community

Following a year's work, we finally managed to undertake delivery and set out a community swim platform at Pembroke Bay. With a 'safety first' approach to this platform, it offers the

community an adventure zone and it has been wonderful to witness all aspects of the community use it, in many different ways.



Rocq Capital have been instrumental in funding this project, and there are hopes for others in the future.

Also, the Guernsey Water Safety Action Group continues to evolve and develop, and we are indebted for the support of Mourants in backing this group of water safety professionals, as we hopefully head towards the development and launch of Guernsey's first water safety website offering water safety advice and guidance for the community and visitors.



Performance

Despite my desire to be able to train a junior SUP race champion, I unfortunately haven't had the opportunity....yet. However, there are so many youths in Guernsey who have incredible talent that I do not think it will be long before I get the chance to coach someone who can represent the Island at international level. SUP Racing will be in the Olympics in the

near future, and we have a wonderful opportunity to have a local racer competing.



Workforce/Coach Education

We have undertaken training at the casual swimmer's level – AquaSmart Dippers and at a more professional level being the Aquatic Safety Qualification. We have also worked with various aspects of the community to assist with water safety guidance and are pleased to help anyone who wants to develop their water skills.

Future Plans

- Youth Games 2025 - lifesaving based racing
- Development of the Year 4 In-Water Course as an additional element to the AquaSmart Schools work
- Improving the Pembroke Swim Platform and making this a firm feature of Guernsey Summers
- The delivery of the Guernsey Water Safety Action Group website to the community and visitors
- Phase One of the Guernsey Snorkel Trail

Netball



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2024 has seen a massive step forward in the evolution of Guernsey Netball as Sally Carns moved on Island to take up the post of Director of Netball on a fulltime basis incorporating her role as Head Coach and Performance Lead with the development side of the GNA. Participation continues to grow with our Ravenscroft Future Panthers and our EY Youth Sessions over subscribed and operating waitlists for most age groups.



The Deloitte Winter League continues to flourish with 32 teams taking part in 2024-2025.

Back to Netball sessions have restarted and are proving very popular with lots of returners to the sport.

Performance programmes continue to develop with U16 and U19s Panther Teams in the England Netball South Regional Leagues. U11/12/14 squads have been selected and are now training towards Inters in March V Jersey. Our PDP Academy train twice a month now

and 19 athletes have been selected into it for 24/25.

Schools

The County rounds of England Netball National Schools Competition for U14, U16 and U19s have taken place for the first time in 2024 with 6 teams qualifying for Regional Finals in February.

Island School tournaments were competitive and challenging and saw some great levels of netball taking place. Delivery has taken place within secondary schools; Elizabeth College, Blanchelande College, Ladies' College and Le Murier Schools all taking advantage of a mix of masterclasses, coaching and CPD.

A mixed Primary school tournament is set for April 25 and Deloitte are supporting a Mixed Secondary school tournament for International Women's Day in March.

Community

The GNA has an awesome number of kids playing netball every week through our Ravenscroft Future Panthers (year 2-6) and our EY Youth Programmes (year 7-9). This year we have 95 registered on our Saturday morning Ravenscroft Future Panthers and 93 on our Monday night EY Youth Programmes. We will be running an additional EY Youth Session on Wednesdays to cater for the waitlist and demand for this age group.



Within the EY programme we have also rolled out our Young Leaders programme encouraging all players to pick up whistles and learn to umpire and coach and this is proving very popular within our Monday night programme.

We attended the Utmost Community Sports Fun Day, and we look forward to

being part of the Specsavers Youth Games in the summer.



Our initial Back to Netball Programme saw 27 sign up with the second block seeing the same number including some repeat netballers. Some have gone on to play league and we look forward to establishing a pathway for them working with our clubs and teams to support access.

Performance

2024 saw Guernsey host the Inter Insular competition v Jersey and U11/12/14/16/19/senior A and B/ Vets playing at Beau Sejour over a weekend. Although results didn't go our way in all but the Vets games, the gap between the 2 Islands reduced in most of the games compared with 2023. We look forward to travelling to Jersey in March 25.



Our Senior programme has moved to twice monthly training and competitive weekends have been held with UKAF

and Brigg Netball Club on Island over the summer. The seniors look forward to travelling to play the British Army and Ireland squads in early 2025.



Our U16s and U19s have both had a tough start to the season and are yet to see the elusive win from the South Region League, but we have lots of games left and are hopeful that their hard work will pay off soon.

Workforce/Coach Education

With thanks to Ravenscroft Coach the Coaches programme we continue to develop our coaching workforce. We have recruited new coaches to coach within all of our programmes and we are working to develop them and ensure they are qualified at the earliest opportunity whilst we still provide them with mentoring and support informally.

Our umpire numbers continue to swell with 43 now qualified at Into Level, two working towards C qualification and one working towards assessor qualification to complement our current two on island assessors.

Work continues with our teachers to ensure that they are provided with the right level of CPD to deliver within schools competently and confidently.

Future Plans

- Senior Performance Tours v British Army and Ireland
- Young Leaders roll out
- Increased opportunity for those wanting to play at junior and senior level
- Development of Coaches and Umpires through mentoring programmes

Rugby



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A busy 2024 saw this period span the 2nd half 23/24 season and the 1st half of 24/25 season.

Junior Rugby

The Rugby Academy continue to battle weather and pitches in order to continue training. Thanks goes to Blanchelande School who supported the Academy during this difficult time. The growth of the girl's section within the Academy is to be applauded. The U13-U18 continued to push hard in the Sussex Leagues.



Mid-April saw the Junior Siam take centre stage over 3 locations around Footes Lane from U7's to U18's both girls and boys took part in this annual competition. The U16's continued to dominate this competition, and it was good to see the U14 and U16 girls make it a clean sweep for girl's rugby.

Senior Rugby

A mixed bag saw the raiders finish 10 in the National 2 East league after a difficult post-Christmas run. However, the Raiders started the 24/25 season with a bang beating all the top teams before Christmas to end the year 5th in the League. The Ladies endured another difficult season winning only 1 league game which saw them relegated to National Conference 2. This will allow Steve Evans to grow the younger players into the game without the pressure that NC 1 brings. The start to the new season and new league saw the ladies win their first 4 games to end the year 2nd in the league.

St Jacques (Vikings) were promoted into Hampshire 1 and like the ladies the previous season have found the step up hard going. However, they have had some notable wins over Portsmouth and Bournemouth and other games seeing them going down by only a couple of points.



In May the old enemy (Jersey) arrived on the shores holding every trophy in the Siam battle after the previous season home games. The Vets made a good start winning the opening game. Sadly the 2nd XV lost out in the final minutes of a very exciting game.

But Raiders had a hard-fought win in the Men's senior fixture.

They were looking to come back from a 42-25 loss in 2023, which they proved early on with Guernsey leading 28-14 at half time.

Ethan Smith and Hugo Culverhouse had scored early tries before Niall McGann also added to Guernsey's points in his debut Siam. Ciaran McGann followed his brother's try before Jersey's Charlie Hubert added points to the scoreboard for Jersey with two tries.

In the second half, Ciaran McGann added more points for Guernsey to lead 42-14, with Jersey scoring two tries not long after.

A debut Siam try from Jamie Dunn brought Guernsey to a 49-33 victory over Jersey.



The Ladies had been soundly beat the previous year and by this point had been relegated whereas Jersey Ladies were about to be promoted into the gap left by Guernsey in their league.

It should have been an easy walk to Jersey. However, the Guernsey Ladies showed immense character, dug deep and it was left to Chelsie Blondel to kick the winning points in the last play of the game.

Kayleigh Oliver's try had put Guernsey 7-3 up midway through the first half, but Taye Boake-Yiadom's try put Jersey 10-7 up at the break.

Seren Coombs' try saw Jersey go 15-7 up seven minutes after the interval.

But Marni De Freitas Alves' try made it 15-14 before Blondel's heroics in the final moments.



Schools

The Rugby Development team was again present in every school on Guernsey covering from Yrs 4-13 and College of FE delivering over 1000 sessions of Rugby Coaching support. The sessions supported Basic rugby (Tag), Touch Rugby, Skills Sessions and 7's training. Additionally, The Development team also supported CoffE 'How to coach'.

Returning to the Island after 7 years in New Zealand, Ben Holland became the 3rd member of the Development team in a part time role and worked with staff at Le Murier to upskill them in several areas of Rugby development.

Full time Community Rugby Coach and Raiders 2nd Row Brad Webb ran a number of specific sessions at Le Rondin, who took part in the Tag Festival alongside other Junior school teams.

The Rugby Association continues its work with Duke of Edinburgh Awards at all levels as well as Work Experience work placements.

Community

An ever-increasing number of girls attending contact rugby this season saw them have their own age groups from U12 to U18 during the Summer Rugby Camp.

The increased numbers in girls' rugby within the Academy has 20+ girls attending weekly sessions led by former and present players and female coaches from Guernsey Raiders Ladies under the



watchful eye of girls' lead coach Justeen Melbourne.

Performance

We have a number of young players selected to play off-Island during 2023.

Fraser Kent – Bristol Bears Academy and Scotland U18's

Felix Godet – Welsh Exiles and Scarlets Regional U18's

Yvie Coyde – Hampshire U18's

The following has been signed off at 17 to play adult rugby:

Ella Roussel Guernsey Raiders Ladies.

Ella came through the Academy and Guernsey Rugby Association Player Development Pathway.

Workforce/Coach Education

The Guernsey Rugby Association in partnership with the England Rugby Union ran the following training and award courses in 2024.

Play It Safe (Safeguarding) – 68 volunteers.

England Rugby Coaching Award – 10 new Level 2 coaches by June 2025

England Rugby Refereeing Award – 15 new Level 2 referees by June 2025

Kids First Tag – 16 Volunteers and 6 from Education

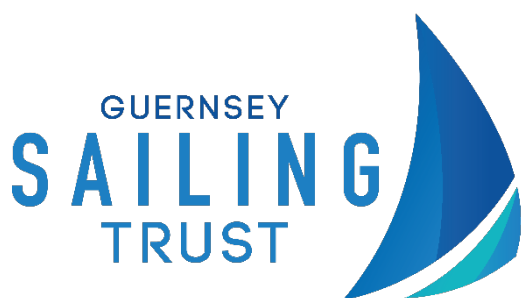
1st Contact – 12 Volunteers

Emergency 1st Aid Rugby Union 41 volunteers

Future Plans

- Continue increase in Schools 7/10's Rugby.
- Continue to develop Girls Rugby
- Improve Rugby Experience for all age groups
- Increase the Community Outreach in Specialist Schools
- Succession Planning in Rugby Development using on island workforce

Sailing



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Sailing has had a successful year, despite challenging weather conditions.

Guernsey Sailing Trust (GST) and Guernsey Yacht Club (GYC) ran two open days with free sailing for members of the public, as well as Saturday drop-in sessions through July & August. Due to the weather, these Saturdays were quieter than in previous years but still well attended.

The GST ran a full sailing calendar with school groups, sailability & courses running from March through December. The GYC Juniors saw 66 sailors under course-based tuition from beginners to race training. At entry level the gender split was 50/50.



The GST resurrected the '24hour Sail' challenge with two teams of instructors competing in Havelet Bay.

The GST turned 35 years old. We welcomed professional America's Cup sailor Hannah Diamond to Guernsey. Hannah spoke at our dinner (which was attended by 250 supporters) & to 52 young people through schools & the GYC. She gave an inspiring talk about following your dreams & not giving up when your original plan appears to fail.


We were also delighted and proud that Mike Chapple was awarded a BEM for services to Youth Sailing in Guernsey, after coaching for 30 years!

Schools

In 2024 the GST welcomed every school in the Bailiwick, including home educated children. We saw over 1100 primary school students for school sessions on the Model Yacht Pond and over 350 secondary school children, for sailing on the sea & powerboating.

We have further developed working relationships with Les Varendes High & Les Beaucamps High, providing weekly sessions for students. In the secondary schools, we work closely with inclusion groups & students that are struggling with school for various reasons. Sailing & powerboating allow students to develop crucial life skills, such as teamwork, resilience & confidence. We also offer the chance to gain qualifications and have students currently working through their Powerboat Level 2 certificate.





During the Autumn Term, we welcomed multiple groups from Le Murier School & awarded Entry Level & Bronze Level Sailability Certificates.

We also ran a very popular free afterschool sailing club for secondary school students, with up to 18 children attending weekly. This has been so popular, that we will be adding a second club in 2025.

Community

We have had a brilliant summer and welcomed 330 children to the Guernsey Sailing Trust for sailing on the sea & pond. This year we noticed an increase in the number of students on our improver courses and it is wonderful to see children coming back to the GST to improve their skills. In addition, children also attended through Scout groups, GYC Pirates & GST afterschool groups.

Sponsorship from Rothschild & Co and Rotary Guernesais allowed us to offer bursary places throughout the summer. The places were offered to families that approached us directly or through other groups on the island, such as Stronger Families, school nurses, Sports Commission & Youth Commission.

We continued to run our Monday Sailability group for children. We had 27 children registered for these sessions. We run these sessions with very high ratios of instructors to children, so that each child can get individual help if they need it. Some children have progressed to using sails and have become very proficient sailors, whereas for others, just being in a boat is enough.

We also continue to work with Adult Sailability, through Autism Outreach, Autism Hub & Adult Day service & Guernsey Alzheimer's Association.

Performance

Jess Watson & Monty Desforges in the Ilca 6 (Laser Radial) attended the British Youth Championships, three National qualifying events, the British Nationals (together with Barney Watson) and the European Youth Championships.

Jess Watson competed at the Open and British National Championships; an event contended by a mixed gender adult multinational fleet from as far away as New Zealand & finished an impressive 3rd British 17-year-old girl. Jess went on to compete at the National Inland Championships finishing 3rd woman overall in the open adult fleet.

Optimist sailors (Monty Remfrey, George Wharrie, Isabelle Wharrie, Will Sheldon & Rory Marquis) attended the Early Summer Championship National event at the 2012 Olympic sailing venue in Weymouth. The latter three names were newcomers to off island racing. In the novice fleet Rory Marquis scored an amazing 1st in his first-ever competitive race, 5th overall in the series and first boy overall. Isabelle Wharrie was awarded the only Sportsmanship Award for the weekend. Monty Remfrey went on to compete later in the British National Championships with fellow club sailor Antonio Pereira.

Andy Bridgeman placed 3rd at the WASZP UK National Championship & EuroCup.

Workforce/Coach Education

In 2024 we trained 8 new RYA Dinghy Instructors; 12 new RYA Assistant Instructors; 6 new RYA Powerboat Instructors & 4 new RYA Keelboat Instructors. We continue to develop our instructors from 14 years old & it is so rewarding to watch these young people grow into responsible, confident instructors.

Paul Outram and Steve Mitchell, RYA Trainers, visited Guernsey on two separate occasions and provided Instructor Development Days. On these training days, our instructors looked at running sessions on the water in various boats and practised rescue techniques. This was invaluable training from experienced coaches.



Future Plans

In 2025 we are looking forward to:

- Supporting the development of our instructors and young people through RYA instructor courses & training
- Offering more afterschool sailing and powerboating groups
- The return of the Youth Games

Squash

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Our junior festivals, fun day in the park and youth games provide excellent exposure to our sport not just for the junior players that take part for the first time but also the parents and teachers who are there supporting.

Our adult beginner sessions have increased in popularity with a particular increase in the number of women playing squash and racketball.

Schools

Our work in both primary and secondary schools provides a link for new players to try our sport and progress to our junior clubs.

Our schools program involves around 1000 pupils a year from years 3 to 13, varying from lunch time clubs in school to sessions at Beau Sejour and festivals.

Community

Our wider community program included, the Utmost Community Sport Fun Day in the park, cubs scout sessions and open days to introduce squash and racketball to a wider market. We have seen a family take up the sport this year with parents wanting to give something a go with their kids and racketball is perfect for that.



Performance

Leo Carpenter has set the standard for our juniors reaching the top 20 in the UK rankings, this attracted a new buzz around the junior players with everyone trying to raise their level.

The Hampshire Junior Closed was once again a success with an u13 winner and runner up and 6 players going on to be selected to play for Hampshire in the Inter County Championships.



Our adults also had a good year with players taking part in the European Team Squash Championships and British National Racketball Championships.



Workforce/Coach Education

We continued to strengthen our coaching team with online leaders and level 1 courses and with our new level 2 coaches we have a good platform to build on.



Future Plans

- Island Games is always a great opportunity for us as a sport.
- European Team Championships.
- We are also looking to introduce some European Junior Tournaments for our junior players to travel to.
- Hampshire Junior Closed.

Table Tennis



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Guernsey Table Tennis Association



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2024 again was another busy time for the Table Tennis Association. Our junior table tennis groups from Beginners to High Potential continued to grow. Our Monday morning and Saturday Morning Open groups have grown and seen more adults participate and engage in our adult mornings. This season the GTTA Doric senior league have 34 teams of 3 playing in our local league from the age of 10 to 83. (100 players) played over a Wednesday and Thursday Night at the table tennis centre.



The Junior table tennis teams travelled In April to the 'Primary Schools International' in Jersey with nine U12 players, then in June they went off to Isle of Man, for the 'Senior Schools International' with 16 U18 players. They played against, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man and Jersey,

gaining some excellent results and experience.

In August the GTTA also went to a summer Camp in Worthing where 12 players participated in a 5-day intense training camp. They trained with players from all over the UK,

U11 player Luke Evans was selected to participate in a European Camp in Latvia training with 22 other players from over Europe then went on to participate at the Mini Europeans Championships in Strasbourg where a gained some experience against tough European opposition and picked up some wins against some experienced players also 10-year-old player Isla Bretel attended the 1st Girls' National Talent Identification Day. The day aimed to identify and empower young female players with potential to join the GB Talent Pathway. The event was run by the England Performance team and coaches on the SHE coaches programme. Bretel was one of 30 girls chosen from an application field of 150 girls across the UK to take part in this talent ID event. The day was held at the David Ross Sports Village at Nottingham University


The GTTA successful in their application to play in the Junior British league team event where they lay 3rd in the league at the end of 2024 with another weekend to go in February 2025.

Senior Table Tennis wise, 2 teams of 4 players have participated in the Senior British league where our A team got promoted into National A1 National A in 23/24. The teams travel to Widnes 4 times in a season.

We also now have a Veterans Team in the Veterans British league where they are currently First with the final weekend in February 2025.

Shelby Timms currently playing Ladies British league for Worthing table tennis club.

The veteran teams of O40, O50, O60, O70 and O75's participated in the annual Veterans Home Countries International which was held here in Guernsey again



competing against England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Isle of Man.

The home countries event was held at the GTTA Centre was held in September 2024 with 150 players from all the home countries attending and playing table tennis over 4 days.

Schools

We continue to work with Schools at the GTTA centre from Y4 to Y12 where they come for their PE lessons.

Schools using the centre during 2024 include:

Blanchelande

Les Voies

Les Varendes

La Mare De Carteret

St Sampson's

St Martin's

Le Murier

Numbers vary from week to week but on average 100 pupils attend per week.

We had a successful taster session with Year 3 pupils in 2024 which we held in June/July over 6 weeks where all Year 3 students had the opportunity to learn basic skills of table tennis and have equipment that will enable them to play table tennis wherever they are.

Community

The GTTA try to promote and deliver table tennis within the community as much as possible and try to support all community events, Sports Commission, Specsavers Youth Games, Family Fun days in the Parks, Sport in the Library etc.



Performance

Highlights include:

Primary Schools International

Aiden Ozanne, Quarter Final losing out 3 -2 to number 1 seed from Ireland.

Veterans Home Nations

Ladies OVER 60 Doubles Gold Dawn Morgan, Kay Chivers

Sussex Worthing Grand Prix

Shelby Timms Junior Girl Winner Wales'

Boys plate competition, Oskar Cleal Winner Runner Up Barnaby Groves.

Girls Plate competition Thea Cummins Winner Runner up. Isla Bretel



Workforce/Coach Education

A few of our volunteer coaches are looking to further their skills by completing a Level 1 coaching course and the GTTA have 2 young players now working alongside development officer to eventually take course etc.

One of our members gained retained his International Umpires blue badge by completing an International Table Tennis Federation exam and attending international events and getting accessed successfully. Many other umpires attended off-island events to keep their knowledge and practice current.

Future Plans

- Visiting coach and player from UK March 30 players involved

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- Primary Schools International Wales, U12 Boys and Girls April 05th – April 07th
 - Senior Schools International Jersey, June, U14, U16, U18 boys and girls
 - Senior British league
 - Girls Junior British league
 - Boys Junior British League
 - Summer off-Island Junior Training Camp, Worthing, August.



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