



Annual Review

2025



Guernsey
Sports
Commission

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INTRODUCTION

Graham Chester, Director of Operations

2025 was yet another action-packed year of sport and for the Sports Commission it was essentially business as usual as we tried to squeeze out the biggest bang for our buck that we were able to.

We have now finally signed a Service Level Agreement with the Committee for Education Sport & Culture, which takes us through until 2030. The SLA covers funding for our general grant, the School Sports Partnership and the Active 8 strategy for sport. We are grateful to the Committee and staff who have helped to get this over the line.

It's a far cry from the early days of the Sports Development Unit, before the Sports Commission was formed, when to make our first purchase, we had to swap our office kettle for a dozen tennis balls because we didn't have a budget!

Whilst the SLA covers a portion of the commissioned services that we deliver, we still need to raise our own funds to help with our core work and other community initiatives.

We held the 11th Specsavers Youth Games in June which saw a record number of over 800 children from school years 5 and 6 taking part in 23 different sports. This event would not be possible without Specsavers' sponsorship and the support and help of those sports that take part with their dedicated teams of volunteers. You can read more about the Games later in this Review.

Our Street Sports programme has also seen some changes in 2025. We have increased our offer to now include the 12- to 16-year-olds, having lost that particular age group when Covid struck. The older children from the younger age group are now of an age where they are too old for the younger group but wanted to carry on, so we have successfully reintroduced the session for the older children. Our

grateful thanks to Jo Le Poidevin and the Lloyds Bank Foundation for helping us with the running costs and the Guernsey Protea Society for their donation, the Sarah Groves Foundation for the provision of fruit for the sessions and also Les Cotils for their supply of vegetable snacks once a month

We have continued to develop our holiday programme, On Your Marks. Over the past couple of years, we have been working to make the programme more inclusive and set ourselves a target percentage of children being provided with free spaces where finance would be a barrier to them attending. We have managed to reach that target and more. Our thanks to the Social Investment Fund for their support in helping us to finance the running costs of On Your Marks and the Ray Lowe Foundation and a couple of private sponsors for helping with the costs of transporting some of the children to the venue.

The Community Sport Fun Day at Saumarez Park in September attracted 20 sports and the biggest crowd to date, with the weather being kind to us yet again. Our thanks to Utmost for their continued sponsorship of this event.

The Sport in the Library Day rained as usual but as we were indoors it wasn't a problem. Golf, boxing, table tennis and seated volleyball were all on offer and it was great to see so many people come along and give the activities a try.

We continue to roll out the SportsMark accreditation for clubs and associations and there are currently over 50 sports that have achieved the required standard, with a couple more in the pipeline. You can read more about SportsMark later in this Review but essentially it is an accreditation scheme whereby sports need to meet certain obligations in safeguarding and welfare, good governance and must ensure their coaches are adequately qualified. Each sport is reviewed annually and all sports that have this accreditation are available to view on our website.



Our Sports Voucher scheme has proven to be even more of a necessity in helping to get children into local sports clubs, with over 170 vouchers distributed in 2025.

There will be an element of more awareness of the scheme in those numbers, but the increase is also a reflection of difficult financial times for an increasing number of parents.

Our student intern programme entered its 7th year in 2025. It is a scheme whereby we take on two students, generally in their second academic year of a sport related university degree and give them the experience of working within the sports industry. Whilst we have had some local students come home for the year, it has mainly attracted students from the UK.

As well as working with us they have worked alongside colleagues in the Institute of Sport with a particular interest in sport science, which has also benefitted some local sports. There have been some excellent students over the years and many of them have come back to Guernsey to work in other sporting environments or for us on a short-term basis which reflects how much they value the opportunities that the internship offers.

2025 saw Jeremy Frith, Carmen Smith and George Mason leave the Commission for pastures new and they leave us with our grateful thanks for their service with us over many years. We also said goodbye to Rob Hutchinson and Simon Geall as Commissioners, who between them contributed almost 30 years of service. A massive thank you to them.

On the flip side of that we welcomed Paul De Garis to our staff and Peter Stahelin and Steve Le Ray as our new commissioners. We wish them well.

2025 was also an Island Games year and once again the Guernsey team demonstrated their pedigree on the Island Games circuit bringing home 59 medals from a surprisingly sunny Orkney.

This year is a Commonwealth Games year and although it is a truncated programme we wish all our athletes the very best.

As we know the Brittany Ferries timetable from St Malo to Guernsey has afforded Guernsey a great opportunity to create a new market of visitors to our shores in a variety of ways including sport. A visit to St. Malo and Rennes last summer showed there is definitely the will to create links with Guernsey sports clubs and there has already been some good communication with a number of sports to take this forward, both for visits here and over to France.

The sports facilities within reach of St Malo are superb and the French sporting organisations are very happy to share them with our sports as well as being keen on visiting Guernsey themselves. We plan to continue supporting any local sports clubs to make connections with their French counterparts for the benefit of all.

To summarise, 2025 has been a solid year for the Guernsey Sports Commission where we have stabilised our finances, continued to build on our community activities and worked to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in sport no matter what their background, age or level of ability in a safe and supportive environment.

This Annual Review outlines in detail our actions and activities for the year. Information is set out under each pillar of our Action Plan. Sports Specific Development Officers have also provided an overview of their areas of work, part-supported by States of Guernsey funding.

We hope you enjoy reading about our work.



SCHOOL SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Kerri Brown, Early Years lead, Jeremy Frith, Performance Director, Steve Sharman, Relationship Director

School Sports Partnership

Early Years

We have a member of staff who is responsible for our work supporting Early Years. Working with this age group and staff who work in early years settings help build a solid foundation which we can then build on when children move to Primary School.

During the year our member of staff supported over 20 settings with children aged 2-4 years old in Guernsey and Alderney.

The aim of our work with Early Years is to develop staff's understanding of the fundamental movement skills, what they are and how to deliver activities that can be used to encourage young children's development.

Settings are supported with resources and are shown how to integrate fundamental movement skills and strength work into their setting regularly, for example using transition between activities or focusing on a few specific ones each week, ensuring they have games and equipment available to facilitate this exploration.

We have delivered Gross Motor Skills courses in the evenings and at weekends for settings and childminders (in Guernsey and Alderney) to increase awareness of the fundamental movement skills and strength work that's suitable for this age range.

We have also supported events run by the States Early Years Team such as Childminder Week and the Joyous Childhood conferences.

Primary Schools

Our work in Primary Schools as part of the School Sports Partnership continues to go from strength to strength and our staff are valued members of their school communities.

We have seven permanent members of staff who support 11 Primary Schools as well as Le Rondin Special School.

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

- Professional development – Supporting teachers to develop their PE practice and equally importantly learning from them as well
- Curriculum development – staff have worked with their PE coordinators to look at what they deliver and when
- Gross motor skill interventions – Working with ALNCo's and the Physio and Occupational Therapy team to support children who may need targeted support to improve their gross motor skills
- Coordinating and providing breakfast, lunchtime and 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 schools and parents/carers to find and signpost suitable opportunities
- Identifying children for whom access to sport may be impacted by cost and providing 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)



- Delivering the Aquasmart Schools programme (through our Outdoor & Adventure Sports Development Officer) and a Beach Day experience for all Year 4 children
- Delivering our Play Pals initiative to Year 1 and 2 pupils to help encourage children to get the most out of playtime

The work each officer does in each school can have different levels of emphasis depending on the needs of the school, its teachers and pupils.

Our staff work to support the values and individual school development plans in place for each of the schools they work in.

Secondary Schools

During 2025 the Guernsey Sports Commission has continued to work closely with the Secondary and post-16 sector to offer hundreds of pupils a broad range of sporting experiences within curriculum time as well as part of a wide enrichment programme.

The link between the core fundamentals embedded at primary school with nurtured, fun, and interesting opportunities in over 24 different sports at Secondary School and post-16 continues to reap rewards.

There have been some notable success stories such as,

- Supporting the Sixth Form Centre's wide enrichment programme by facilitating access to aspirational sporting venues including, Beau Sejour, Victoria Park, 19 Golf Academy, Guernsey Padel Club, Aztech Indoor Football Centre, The Bathing Pools, UpClimbing and the Guernsey Table Tennis Centre. We have also provided funding to pay for qualified coaches where appropriate.
- The work undertaken with Le Viage School has been most rewarding for all involved. We have combined experiences with qualifications for their pupils in Football, Climbing, Golf,

Skateboarding, Archery, Table Tennis and Pickleball.

- We have provided bespoke support for those pupils who have the most complex needs. In doing so we liaise with a wide range of Government agencies and are now recognised as a key enabler in the young person's development.
- A focus on girls' sporting experiences was a core aim through 2025. Examples of this are,
 - Increase in girls playing golf supported by Golf19 academy and Girls in Golf.
 - Les Varendes pupils having football lessons on Victoria Park. This has proved to be very popular with the enthusiasm to play incredibly high and the number of non-participants significantly reduced from previous years. This highlights the importance of the Sports Commission's approach of providing access to inspirational environments.
 - Boxing training continues to be in the top three sports that girls choose and enjoy. It is a key enabler to increased confidence and self-worth.
 - Girls only fitness clubs have been trialled this year and are super popular. The impact of a strong female role model is noteworthy.

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. The feedback we constantly receive is that pupils want to be able to play different sports and experience different environments.

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, 2025 has been successful on all fronts.

We have used private and States funding to work with Secondary Schools in 2025, and we are grateful that both the private and public sectors have committed to financial support again in 2026.

Individual referrals

We work in partnership with social workers, family support services and other professionals to provide bespoke sporting opportunities for individual children and young people referred to us.

These referrals may be for a number of reasons including school non-attendance, anxiety, struggling with poor mental health or other social and emotional difficulties.

One to one sessions have included climbing, boxing, stand up paddleboarding, football, padel and table tennis.

In 2025 we worked with 38 individual children of secondary school age on referral from a professional working with that young person or their family.

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.



2025 was another bumper year for the sports voucher scheme reflecting the increasing number of families needing financial support for their children to join sports clubs.

The range of sports attended also continues to grow but the most popular is football by a long way. Other sports supported include gymnastics,

cheerleading, boxing, climbing, netball and trampolining.

We maintain positive relationships with a range of social services who can refer families into the sports voucher scheme, including school nurses, social workers, Family Services, Youth Justice and the School Attendance Service.

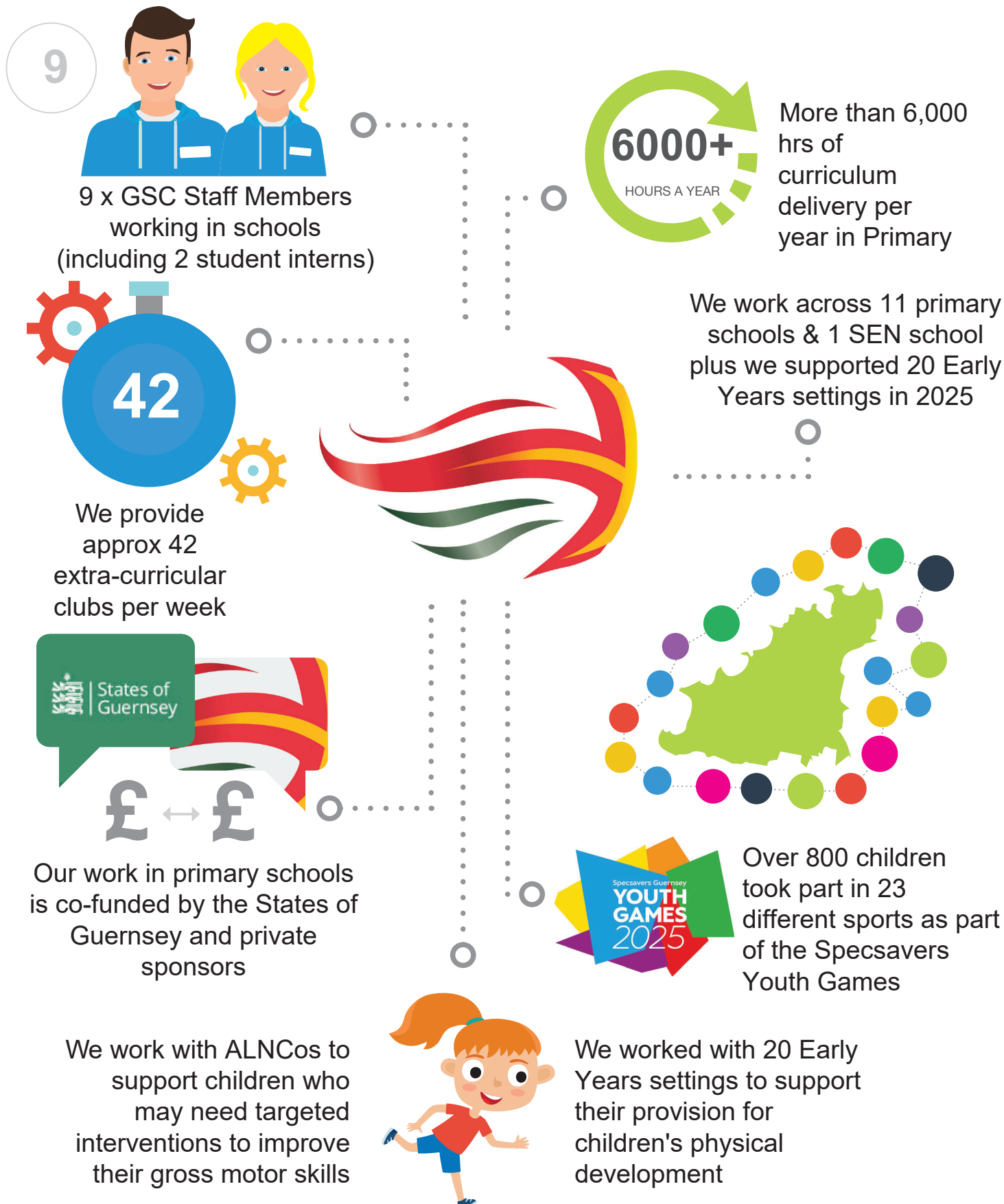
Sports Vouchers issued to date

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Vouchers issued	88	145	162	178



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LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

The Guernsey Sports Commission's role is to lead, represent and be a champion for sport in Guernsey. We believe that everyone in Guernsey should have the opportunity and support to participate and compete, and fulfil their potential, no matter what their background, age, or level of ability, in a safe and supportive environment.

We are a registered Guernsey Charity and LBG with four Trustees and seven Commissioners. A member of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture also sits on the Board of Commissioners.

Jon Ravenscroft is our Chairman.

During 2025 Commissioners Rob Hutchinson and Simon Geall stood down after many years being replaced by Steve Le Ray and Peter Stahelin.

We had a Senior Management Team of four in 2025 with the following responsibilities.

Graham Chester – Director of Operations

Lead Areas: Finance, Grants & Funding, Corporate Governance, Drug Education

Jeremy Frith – Performance Director

On secondment from Education (secondment ceased Dec 2025). Lead Areas: Workforce Development, School Sport Partnership, Institute of Sport

Steve Sharman – Relationship Director

Lead Areas: Leadership & Governance, Supporting and Developing Member Sports, Facilities, Secondary School Sports and one to one referrals

Nicky Will – Director of Communications

Lead Areas: Marketing & Communications, Digital, Social Media, Engagement and Partnership Working, Success Measures

The Senior Management Team takes joint responsibility for community and safeguarding



SportsMark



Our SportsMark accreditation scheme remains central to improving the governance of sport as well as ensuring high standards of safeguarding, welfare and financial transparency. Sporting organisations and other partners, including grant-giving organisations, value the award and work hard to uphold the standards required.

We now have 51 member sports who have achieved and retained the SportsMark accreditation.

During 2025 we continued to consolidate the scheme. We supported a number of newly formed or existing sporting organisations, including two new cheerleading groups, 8 ball pool, the freshwater angling club and a new rifle



shooting club who are continuing to work towards achieving the accreditation.

We refreshed our online Coach Portal, where qualified coaches can register and upload their qualifications and certificates to be checked/viewed by any parent, school or other organisation. Coaches can be searched online at <https://guernseysports.com/support/coach-portal/>

We have continued to operate an in-house team of Safeguarding professionals who are able to support sports that either have no Welfare Officer or the individual in post is inexperienced. This inhouse team has also supported a number of sports to deal with a range of safeguarding issues or questions throughout the year.

Our sports organisations are clear 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. Travel discounts through Brittany Ferries are also only available to those sports with SportsMark.

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 continue to host a weekly floor kurling session for a group of men with Alzheimer's in partnership with the Guernsey Alzheimer's Society. The sessions are great fun but 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 activities. Each of the three Year 5 classes support the sessions for a term. This is something the participants absolutely love and is also something the school values as an additional opportunity for their pupils.

Each year the children also help us run a mini-paralympics event. You can check out a video of the 2025 event on our website

<https://guernseysports.com/programmes/inclusion/>



We must also thank the small team of volunteers who help run the sessions every week. Your help is much appreciated.

New this year has been our support for activities with people with Parkinsons. We have been helping out with pickle ball and petanque sessions in partnership with Parkinsons Guernsey.

It is great to see that a number of our sports clubs in Guernsey have been developing additional inclusive sessions including Mums and Tots netball, walking rugby, various opportunities to come back into sport and the continuation of popular sessions such as walking netball and walking football. We hope to see further developments in 2026.





The Guernsey Volleyball Association also delivered a number of 'Hands Up' seated volleyball sessions to a range of community groups and care homes as well as joining us for our Sport in the Library event in November.



The Guernsey Football Association have also continued their 'quiet' sessions for children and young people with autism or other difficulties as well as increasing access to their Comets pan-disability football sessions.

Guernsey Dynamics, the island's only learning disability football club, also continues to go from strength to strength, being awarded SportsMark in 2023 and accessing support from the Sport Development Fund to travel off-Island to compete in 2025.

We also supported para-surfer Sophie Veron to compete in the National Para-Surfing Championships where she achieved a creditable 3rd place in her category.

We continued to support the monthly accessible climbing sessions at the St Sampson's High climbing wall by paying 50% of the hire costs.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

On Your Marks

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

The Sports Commission's On Your Marks Holiday (OYM) programme has been running successfully for a number of years, most recently supported by a 3-year Major Grant from the Social Investment Fund.

The aim of the programme is to provide a low cost, fun, inclusive, multi-sports experience for the children who attend. On Your Marks has always been open to all to attend. It runs during every school holiday, including October, February and May half terms, apart from Christmas.



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.

Targeting Children/Families in Need

Over the last 3 years we have focused on targeting children and families in need through closer working with schools, Family Support Services and Social Workers. We do this by providing supported places, which we call 'green spaces'.

Our PE & Sport Development Officers working in primary schools help by identifying individual children, with support from the school, who might benefit from accessing OYM. These children may be identified for several reasons, including physical, financial, or social and emotional support. The majority of green spaces are provided free of charge thanks to funding from SIF.

We set ourselves a target to reach 25% of all spaces being designated green spaces by 2025.



In 2023 approximately 15% of spaces were green spaces. This remained static in 2024 with approximately 14% of all spaces being green spaces. In 2025 we have increased this to over 32%. We want to maintain a minimum of 25% of all spaces being green spaces going forwards.

We also want to ensure that our charges remain within reach of most families.

What We Offer

There are three distinct parts to On Your Marks:



Fun & Fit – for children in Y1 and 2 (we will take children at the end of their Reception year in the summer holidays). These sessions promote the use of Fundamental Movement Skills in a safe, engaging, and fun environment.

Multi-Sports – for children in Year 3 to Year 6. We offer a rotation of sports, either run by our team or with the use of Sport Specific Development Officers. There are opportunities for structured free play at the beginning and end of each session.

Sports Tasters – for children in Year 5 to Year 9. Sports include: Padel Tennis, Football, Golf, Sailing, Table Tennis, Badminton, Pickle Ball, Squash, Cricket, Netball, Hockey, Karate, Softball, Water Polo and Beach Games. Sports Taster sessions are usually 1.5 hours long and are delivered in the sports home venue.



To keep On Your Marks accessible to all, we decided to keep our rates for 2025 the same as 2024 having increased them in 2023. We charge £7.50 for each 3-hour Fun & Fit and Multi-Sports session (8.45 for 9am start until 12 noon). All our sessions are fully booked within a few days of bookings opening (Fun and Fit is usually fully booked within a couple of hours of bookings going live)

We offer a maximum of 25 spaces in Fun & Fit – we allocate more staff to work with the younger children and maintain low adult to child ratios to ensure an appropriate level of support.

Spaces in our Multi-Sports sessions are for between 60 and 80 children depending on staff and facility availability.

We charge £3-5 for each Sports Taster session depending on the sport offered (e.g. sports such as golf and padel are more expensive to run so we have to charge more). Sports Taster sessions are generally 1.5-2 hours long.



We received small amounts of sponsorship from Waitrose in 2025 to provide a weekly fresh fruit break for Fun & Fit and Multi-Sports, which is always well received.



We also received funding from some private donors to help with the cost of running a minibus to and from Les Genats estate for a group of families referred through La Mare de Carteret Primary School.

For several years now, the sports commission have supported some of our most vulnerable families and children with enabling them to access the 'On Your Marks' club during the school holidays, providing the transport to and from the club, and the funding. We have worked closely with the commission to identify children and families who would benefit from both the financial support to enable the children to attend the club, and those who would benefit from the additional opportunity to participate in a range of physical activities with children of a similar age, during what can be a long break away from school and routine for some of our families. Not only does the club ensure the children are keeping physically active, but it is also an additional safeguarding measure for the school, ensuring some of our most vulnerable families are visible and getting out and about. We have developed strong communication links with the commission ensuring any concerns are shared with the school quickly, providing that additional layer of safeguarding. Our children frequently comment on the support from the sports commission both in and out of school and form strong, trusting relationships with the team. We are extremely grateful for the support offered to our families and we know (due to the number of repeat attendees) that it is hugely appreciated by both our parents and children.

**Juliet Ford, Deputy
Headteacher, La Mare de Carteret
Primary School**

Our Venue

Our On Your Marks programme is generally based at St Sampson's High School using the main sports hall, assembly hall plus the outdoor MUGA and hard play area when weather allows and the dance studio for Fun & Fit.

This large venue allows us to increase the number of spaces on offer in line with the numbers of staff we are able to

recruit. However, the more spaces we use, the higher the facility hire costs.

Numbers attending

We had 544 different children attending one or more sessions during 2025 with many attending multiple times during the holiday period. Every session is usually fully booked although there may be non-attenders due to sickness or other reasons.

We are aiming to cater for similar numbers going forwards as long as we are able to hire sufficient spaces at St Sampson's High. If the school is unavailable due to maintenance work, we may have to reduce overall numbers depending on the alternative venue offered.



Children with additional needs and referrals

Increasingly we are being approached by individual parents, schools and agencies to book places at On Your Marks for children with additional needs. In most cases we are able to support these children if our staff are made aware of the child's specific needs and any strategies used to ensure they can successfully join in with the activities. In some cases, children referred to us through some of the Children's Services support agencies are able to access On Your Marks



sessions with additional one to one support.

“As an inclusive school, we strive to break down barriers to enable all of our children to participate in activities during the school week. On Your Marks allows us to offer children an opportunity during the school holidays to get out of their bedrooms and remain active whilst developing social skills and supporting both their physical and mental wellbeing. Some children with additional learning needs benefit from attending sessions with coaches who are already familiar to them from their work in school, and the Sports Commission’s inclusive approach means that we have been able to put individual packages in place for some children to enable them to try out attending a club for the first time in a safe, supportive and low pressure way. For some learners, experiencing success at On Your Marks has positively impacted their self-esteem and enabled them to move on to trying other clubs and activities; an achievement which should not be undervalued. Being able to remove the financial barrier for some families has enabled their children to attend sessions, and the relatively low cost has allowed other families to book their children in for more sessions than they would otherwise be able to afford.”

Jo Horsepool, St Martin’s Primary ALNCo

Staff

A senior member of GSC staff leads every session and staffing ratios are dependent on the age of the children.

The staff are made up of permanent and part time GSC staff as well as returning university students. This year we have taken on several under 18s to help promote consistency in the staffing as older staff leave over time. We have also offered opportunities for under 16s to volunteer, potentially showing them employment pathways for the future.

We ensure all temporary staff have an enhanced DBS check and current safeguarding qualification as well as offering them the opportunity to attain further multi-skills coaching qualifications and a First Aid certificate.

Continuing to Build for the Future

It is clear that many families value what the On Your Marks programme provides. As soon as booking forms are released for the next holiday period, we are inundated with requests.

Our annual feedback survey also highlights the positive comments from parents about the programme.

During 2026 we will be looking to review our current booking system and payment process to help streamline the administration, make better use of technology and hopefully reduce payment fees by switching to a new provider. This will require some up-front investment to be funded from within the Sports Commission’s operations budget but will hopefully deliver staff time and cost savings in the future.

There is a wealth of evidence confirming that keeping active brings many physical and mental health benefits for children and young people.

Many parents still have to work during the school holidays and so need to secure alternative, affordable provision for their children. This is why it is so important for the OYM programme to continue.

However, there are a number of challenges we face with regards to this.

Costs are increasing. States of Guernsey hire costs generally increase by RPI or more on an annual basis. We have held staff costs at the same level for several years but as we offer more spaces to children, we must increase our staff ratios to match. New minimum wage levels have also increased our staff costs.

We are determined to keep the cost for parents as low as possible. There are many other providers of holiday clubs and activities operated by commercial providers and other sports organisations



and clubs. These can cost families anything up to £30 per day for one child and so are out of reach for many of the families we are seeking to target through On Your Marks.

We want to continue to work closely with schools and Family Support Services to ensure we can provide spaces and the necessary support for those children who would most benefit from attending. Inevitably in the current climate the number of free spaces we are looking to provide is only going to increase, thus reducing our income.

Private funding to subsidise the cost of running On Your Marks is essential to deliver the programme on the basis it currently operates. If we are to continue to support those children and families most in need then we must secure additional funding.

We have been successful in applying for part-funding from the Social Investment Fund for On Your Marks over the next 3 years and are extremely grateful for their continued support.

Street Sports

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



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What is Street Sports?

Street Sports is a community-based programme designed to improve access to sport and physical activity for children and young people. This annual report outlines the delivery, impact, and development of the Street Sports programme over the past year, highlighting how it supports young people's physical health, wellbeing, and social development.

Street Sports is a free, accessible sports programme that brings physical activity directly into local communities. Sessions

are delivered in informal, familiar environments, removing common barriers to participation and encouraging young people to engage in sport in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Street Sports is built around the values of:

- **Accessibility** – free, drop-in sessions, consent form only requirement
- **Inclusion** – welcoming young people of all abilities and backgrounds
- **Health and wellbeing** – encouraging regular physical activity and healthy choices
- **Community cohesion** – creating safe spaces for young people to connect and build positive relationships

Staff provide all equipment and deliver a wide range of activities, including traditional sports adapted for a street setting and fun games designed around participant interests. Young people are actively involved in planning sessions and choosing activities, encouraging ownership and engagement.



Under 11 Programme – Overview

Our Under 11 programme has thrived again this year, with many children returning from 2024 alongside several new participants joining the programme.

Throughout the year, **42 children** accessed the programme, representing a strong level of engagement and a successful year of delivery.

A number of these participants also accessed other programmes, such as 'On



Your Marks', which is a positive outcome as it demonstrates that children are remaining active both during the week and throughout school holidays.

Participants took part in a wide range of sports and physical activities, including badminton, football, hockey, dodgeball, tag games, basketball, lacrosse, tchoukball, and many more.

We were also fortunate to offer skateboarding again this year, providing children with a unique opportunity to try a



different and less traditional sport. We would like to thank Guernsey Skateparks for making this opportunity possible.

Unfortunately, we had limited involvement from Sport Specific Development officers this year; however, increasing this support remains an aspiration for 2026.

Throughout the year, we continued to provide healthy eating options at each session. A range of fruit and vegetables were available, with bananas, oranges, and grapes proving particularly popular. This provision was made possible through our partnership with The Sarah Groves Foundation and Les Cotils, whose ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

12–16 Programme

As many children aged out of the 6–11 programme, we identified a need for a programme targeting older participants to help them remain active. In November, we launched the new 12–16 programme, aimed at secondary school-aged children.

This programme provides a safe and welcoming space for young people to socialise, try different sports, and stay physically active. Sessions run from 7:30–8:30pm, offering an evening opportunity for engagement.



Looking ahead to 2026, our aspiration is to expand participation in this age group while continuing to see regular attendees return and enjoy the sessions.

Participant Feedback Summary – 2025

Participants shared their thoughts on the Street Sports sessions, providing valuable insight into what they enjoy and suggestions for improvement. Feedback was gathered from multiple participants.

Benefits Reported by Participants

Participants identified multiple positive outcomes from attending sessions:

- Emotional & Social: Helps make friends, feel safe, feel happy, feel confident
- Health & Physical Activity: Helps stay active and healthy
- Engagement & Learning: Gives something fun to do, helps learn new things, keeps busy

Some participants mentioned alternative activities that they would be doing if sessions didn't happen on Thursday night: Xbox, Roblox, TikTok. Healthy social and physical engagement at sessions is appreciated alongside opportunities to try other sports such as tennis and badminton.



Summary: The feedback indicates that Street Sports continues to provide a safe, enjoyable, and inclusive environment for young people. The main areas for improvement are extending session duration and introducing more variety in sports and games, which aligns with the programme's goals of increasing engagement and participation.

Case Studies

Child 1 – 6-11 programme

This child has been attending Street Sports for the past couple of years and has shown significant personal growth and development. Over the year, they have improved their interaction with other participants in a friendly and positive manner. They have noticeably been less argumentative compared to previous years.

They frequently offer to assist staff with setting up equipment for activities, demonstrating increased responsibility and initiative. They have developed a strong, trusting relationship with staff. When conflicts arise with peers, they are now able to make thoughtful choices and inform staff, which marks a clear improvement in behaviour.

Child 1 engages enthusiastically with almost every sport delivered by Street Sports, with a particular enjoyment of striking and fielding games such as cricket, longball, rounders, and kick rounders. Through these activities, they have developed throwing and striking skills, contributing to both physical and coordination development.

Street Sports continues to play an important role in their life, providing opportunities to develop sporting skills, enjoy activities they love, and try sports that they might not otherwise have access to.

Child 2 – 12-16 programme

This child has been part of the Street Sports programme for several years and is now attending the sessions for 12–16-year-olds. Over time, they have shown notable improvements in confidence when interacting with both peers and

staff. Staff report that they are more talkative, willing to participate, and proactive in engaging with activities.

They have made significant progress in managing their emotions. Previously, when they became absorbed in a game, they could react negatively, now, they remain friendly and polite with both peers and staff; they check on anyone who is hurt and apologise when appropriate.

Child 2 engages in most activities, showing enjoyment in football and tag games. They have improved their coordination and object manipulation skills, especially in football and striking/fielding games, as well as spatial awareness around other participants during play.

Street Sports continues to be important for them, providing opportunities to socialise with peers and further develop their physical, motor, and teamwork skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Conclusion

The Street Sports team are excited to welcome all participants back for another **sport-packed 2026**. We are ambitious in our plans to grow both the Under 11 and 12–16 programmes, providing even more opportunities for children and young people to engage in physical activity, try new sports, and develop important social and life skills. We look forward to building on the successes of this year and continuing to make a positive impact within the community.

We want to thank the Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands for their funding support for the Street Sports programme in 2025.

Specsavers Youth Games 2025

The 2025 Specsavers Youth Games was arguably the best yet – it was certainly the biggest with well over 800 children from Years 5 and 6 signed up to take part in 23 different sports.



With the date shifted by a few weeks to the middle of June, there was plenty of time for the sports to schedule in their 6 hours of free training for the children ahead of Games Day.

This biennial event is a cornerstone of youth sports development in Guernsey providing an inclusive and engaging platform for children of all abilities.



The event is jointly hosted by the Sports Commission and Specsavers and was launched in January with all primary schools, including Le Rondin and the private schools, receiving a presentation outlining what the Games were all about and every child in Year 5 and 6 being given a copy of the printed brochure which included details of the all sports available, all the training days and dates and information on how to sign up.

And sign up they certainly did! More than 55% of all children across these two year groups applied to be part of the Youth

Games, with some schools achieving nearly 80% of all children signing up!



We were also delighted to welcome children from St Anne's School in Alderney again this year thanks to support from the Alderney Sport Foundation.

Letters confirming the sports allocated were sent out at the end of March with training starting at the end of April and continuing throughout May and early June.

We welcomed one new sport this year, Archery, and it certainly proved popular with well over 100 children requesting a place but only 12 spaces available.



All 23 sports were fully subscribed, and we must thank sports such as softball, basketball, netball, badminton and

volleyball for taking increased numbers this year.

We featured two 'girls only' sports in football and cricket and these also proved popular

It was also great to welcome fencing back to the Games this year as well as our other highly valued sports.



The aim of the Specsavers Youth games is to promote the value of sport to children with the emphasis on fun and fair play.

Games Day certainly turned out to be great fun!

All the children spent the morning competing in their individual sports for their six different teams – all named after birds and animals who live in and around the island of Orkney where the 2025 International Island Games was held a couple of weeks after the Youth Games.



After their competitions, all the children came together at Footes Lane for a loud and vibrant Closing Ceremony.

Led out by the drums and whistles of Samba Burros, the children paraded onto the athletics track with the flags carried by Island Games athletes and other supporters.



Chanting out their team names with faces painted and wearing their team colours it was quite a sight! It was also fantastic to see so many parents and family members coming along to watch.

Curlews, in the red t-shirts, were crowned as overall winners, with Oystercatchers in blue being named as winners of the Fair Play Trophy.



All in all, it was another hugely successful event, but the Games couldn't happen without the fantastic support from all the sports, their coaches and volunteers, Sports Commission staff and of course the team at Specsavers who have supported the event since it began in 2005.

Here's looking forward to the 12th Specsavers Youth Games in 2027.

Utmost Community Sport Fun Day

We had another fantastic day at this year's Utmost Community Sport Fun Day at Saumarez Park on Saturday 6 September.

We welcomed well over a thousand people to the Park to try 22 different sports – all for free thanks to sponsorship from Utmost.



Sports ranged from football, cricket and netball to cycling, Gaelic football and skateboarding.

Back by popular demand, the Sports Challenge Card offered attendees a great way to engage with the activities. Completing the sporting challenge offered by each of the participating sports won a sticker for the Card. Collect 10 or more stickers and your card went into a prize draw.



We handed out 14 different prizes of fun sports equipment to the winners with 7-year-old Grayson Goode winning £500 for Amherst Primary School to spend on PE equipment after his completed Challenge card was first to be drawn.

The Utmost Community Sport Fun Day is one of our most popular community events which has gone from strength to strength. Once again partners from St John Guernsey, the Guille-Alles Library and Guernsey Dairy joined us on the day. First aid skills are vital for local sports clubs and organisations, so it was great to have St John sharing their expertise.



Sport in the Library

We hosted our third Sport in the Library community event on 22nd November in partnership with the Guille-Alles Library.

This year our staff set up a five-hole golf putting challenge in the Hayward Room using some of the books, shelves and library furniture as obstacles.



We welcomed back the Guernsey Amalgamated Boxing Club who offered some fun pad sessions. The club has supported us every year and boxing always proves popular with those who come along.



We converted some of the library tables into table tennis tables thanks to some kit from the Guernsey Table tennis Association.



New this year was the team of volunteers from Guernsey Volleyball who have been trialling sessions of Hand Up seated volleyball in care homes and with other community groups. They set up a seated volleyball court in one of the other library rooms and delivered some fun and pretty loud sessions using either a giant balloon or a beach ball which really captured the imagination of all those who tried it.



Huge thanks to everyone at the Guille-Alles Library for your help and enthusiasm for this annual community event. The weather was appalling this year which did impact on the numbers attending but we had a steady stream of people coming along throughout the day and joining in the activities.

FACILITIES

One of the Active 8 Plan for Sport's objectives is to 'maintain, develop and improve accessible sporting facilities' although there was no budget ever attached to this objective.

The Sports Commission wants to ensure that Guernsey's vision for sport is underpinned by the best possible facilities that are accessible to all. We need to ensure that these facilities are well maintained, sustainable and future proofed as far as is reasonable with all sports having a 'home'.

2025 has been a year of triumph and disappointment with regard to sporting facilities.

March saw the official opening of the fantastic new football and community facilities at Victoria Park.



Guernsey's new state-of-the-art football and events venue is designed to be welcoming and accessible to all.

Comprising substantial seated and standing spectator capacity, a world-class 3G all-weather pitch and training area, and a contemporary clubhouse, the facility aims to deliver an unrivalled player and supporter experience to football fans of all ages.

The first permanent home for the Guernsey FA and the new home ground of Guernsey FC, Victoria Park marks an exciting milestone in Guernsey's football history.

The GFA and Victoria Park have been working in partnership with the Guernsey Sports Commission to ensure that schools can access the facility for PE lessons and representative matches.

It was also great to see progress on the redesigned La Grande Mare golf course which should be completed during 2026.

The Commission continues to support the Amalgamated Boxing Club with their much-needed project to either refurbish or rebuild their building in St Martin's.

The building is in a very poor state of repair which is now impacting on the sessions that the Boxing Development Officer and club generally are able to provide. This is at a time when boxing is more popular than ever.

It will be vital to make some progress on the project during 2026.

The Guernsey Velo Club's project to develop a Pump Track at Delancey is moving ahead, albeit slowly.

The aim is to provide a purpose-built cycling facility with rollers and banked turns for all ages and abilities to develop bike skills without pedalling. The GVC hope to see some progress on site in 2026.

It seems increasingly likely that sports facilities planned for the new Guernsey Institute campus at Les Ozouets won't be built any time soon. This means that sports such as netball, basketball and volleyball continue to struggle to hire sufficient court space to meet demand.

The need for additional community sports facilities forms part of the comprehensive review of Beau Sejour that remains ongoing. We are awaiting the publication of the Indoor Built Facilities Strategy report by the external consultants supporting the review.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Guernsey Sports Commission is a recognised centre for 1st4Sport Qualifications and UK Coaching workshops.

Workshops

In 2025 we ran 23 courses with 291 people attending – that's an increase of nearly 20% over the numbers attending in 2024.

We deliver a range of public sessions as well as bespoke sessions for individual sports, schools or other groups.

These courses and workshops are essential to ensure that local sports clubs and organisations maintain the highest standards of safeguarding and welfare and that they are able to access these qualifications at a cost-effective price.

Workshop (number of sessions)	Number attended
Safeguarding x 9	104
First Aid x 9	107
CPR & Defib Training x 1	20
Safeguarding for Young Volunteers x 2	33
Level 1 Activators x 1	20
Level 2 Multi Skills x 1	7

During 2025 the States of Guernsey ceased its service offering free DBS checks for volunteers working in sport. This has meant increased costs for all sports clubs and organisations who must now register with a third-party provider such as U-Check, pay a registration fee and then also pay per DBS check.

The Association of Guernsey Charities is continuing to pressure the States into re-starting this service but, as yet, no further information has been forthcoming.

Placement Students

Our intern students for the academic year 2024/25 were once again a huge asset to the Commission.

Both Evan and Dan excelled, gaining a wide range of knowledge and experience throughout their placement including performance analysis for GFC, working in schools and supporting a number of community sport initiatives.



Evan is in the final year of his degree studies and Dan joined us as a full-time PE and Sport Development Officer on a one-year contract ahead of applying for teacher training.

In the summer of 2025, we were delighted to welcome Amelia and Morgan, both currently studying at Bath University, as our interns for 2025/26.

Morgan is focussing on netball and helping the local game implement some performance analysis for their senior and under 19 teams as well as developing her netball coaching skills.

Amelia has been coaching and playing cricket and is developing a plan to deliver some walking cricket sessions in 2026 alongside performance analysis for the local representative sides.

Both girls are also supporting a range of community sessions including the weekly Go Mobility accessible activity group and our indoor curling sessions for Guernsey Alzheimer's.

Huge thanks to Casey Osborough for her continued guidance and support for our interns ensuring they get the most out of their placements.



Sport Development Fund

Through categories A1 and A2 of our Sport Development Fund we support Member Sports accessing coaching qualifications both on and off-island. We will pay 50% of the cost of tutors or coaches visiting the island and 50% of the course/qualification cost. If the course cannot be delivered on island, we will pay 50% of the cost of travelling off-island, plus 50% of the course/qualification cost.

In 2025 we supported 14 different sports from Archery to Gymnastics to gain coaching qualifications

GUERNSEY INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Dan Guillemette & Dr Conor Osborough



GiS 2025 Overview

2025 has represented somewhat of a "transitional" year in terms of athlete support provided by the Guernsey Institute of Sport (GiS) as athletes have moved through the performance cycle and progressed on to elite (professional) programmes or changed their focus away from their sport. As such we have been evaluating our philosophy and approach, in conjunction with the Sports Commission, alongside the delivery services.

Guernsey Elite Athlete Support

Throughout the year, the GiS continued to provide performance support to several athletes, working with a select group of athletes involved in performance pathways, both on- and off-island. On an individual basis, this has primarily been with Jack Reed (cycling) and more recently Charlie Bowen (golf). Additionally, the GiS contributed to knowledge sharing with several high-performance teams (e.g., rugby, football & netball), ranging from sport science support approaches to player assessments and providing objective advice on player development.

Dartfish Performance Analysis

One area of focus for the GIS during 2025, was the provision of performance analysis services. The GIS continued this work and during the year began working with the Guernsey Netball

Association (GNA) and the Director of Netball, Sally Carns. The initial challenge of working with netball was sourcing a suitable camera and tripod set-up for the recording of match footage, which could be utilised in any netball court. This required the following criteria to be met:

- An incredibly narrow base of support to sit on the side-line.
- Being lightweight for travel; and
- Needing to extend high enough to capture the full court when panning.

Different cameras and camera set-ups were trialled, thanks to the guidance and lending of equipment by Olly Tracey from On Screen Creations. Following this process, the GNA were able to confidently purchase a tripod and an AI-based camera.

Using this set-up, the next stage of the performance analysis provision was to develop a tagging template within the Dartfish software. This was to ensure that key performance indicators and match data could be identified from the recorded video footage and codified into meaningful insights. The process, which iteratively evolved over several matches, was guided by Sally and the GiS with the input from Jess Clemson (a former analyst at Loughborough Lightning Netball). Using the tagged data, a PowerBI template was then created by the GiS to display the associated data. Using this approach, the Power BI dashboard automatically populates when the tagged video footage is uploaded to the Dartfish TV platform. The dashboard report synchronises with the recorded video, so that players and coaches can filter specific moments within the match and view graphical data, giving evidence-based insights into performance.

In September 2025, two new intern students started at the Sports Commission, one of whom was assigned to work as a performance analyst with the GNA. The GiS helped to train this student who was ready to hit the ground running



as soon as the new netball season commenced.

Future Plans

Going forward into 2026, the GiS will look to build on the good work achieved with the GNA during 2025 by exploring ways to expand its performance analysis service provision across a range of sports and aiming to provide intern students the opportunity to achieve a certification in performance analysis.

Additionally, the GiS will look to adapt its performance science framework by being more visible to junior athletes (ages 15-18 years) with a strategic focus on developing key performance parameters with a target to success at the Commonwealth Games in 2030. A starting point for this will be the consideration of athletes recently nominated for the Lambourne Shield in the Sporting Achievement Awards beside those categorised as B3 athletes who are competing at National/International level or juniors with high potential.



GRANTS & FUNDING

We were delighted to finally be able to sign a five-year Service Level Agreement with the States of Guernsey confirming the levels of funding we can expect annually until 2030.

We would like to thank all those who helped to get this important agreement over the line. It is also beneficial to have all our funding included in one single SLA rather than the multiple ones we had previously.

The new agreement covers three areas of our funding from the States of Guernsey:

1. General Grant

This supports a range of sport development activities previously the responsibility of the former Culture & Leisure Department, transferred across to the Commission in 2004.

2. School Sport Partnership

Previously referred to as the PE in Schools grant, this supports our work in Early Years and Primary Schools

3. Active 8

This is the States of Guernsey's existing Plan for Sport which was approved in 2021. The Sports Commission is responsible for delivering a range of core objectives and actions within the Plan which are complementary to our own Action Plan.

During 2026 we will be looking to adapt our current Action Plan to ensure it reflects the newly published Government Work Plan and any further relevant strategic objectives.

Sport Development Fund

Thanks to the new Service Level Agreement, we were able to increase the amount of financial support that member sports were able to access via the Sport Development Fund.

There are four different funding categories within the SDF. Details of the categories can be found online at <https://guernseysports.com/support/funding/>

We recognised that the cost of travelling off Island for those competing at national and/or international competitions had increased significantly and so we were able to increase support under our B3 category to £200 per trip, plus £200 for a chaperone travelling if required, up to a maximum of £2,000 for the year. 32 individual sportsmen and women accessed financial support via the B3 category in 2025.

Our B2 category supports young sportspeople in full-time education to attend county level or higher competitions off-Island. We supported 16 different sports in 2025 to send teams or individuals away to compete.

Our A1 and A2 categories support Workforce Development.

School Sports Federation

The School Sports Federation looks after a small fund supporting school teams to compete in on and off-island schools' competitions.

All secondary schools and the majority of primary schools benefitted from some funding from the School Sports Federation in 2025. In total just over £14,400 was spent.

Sports competitions supported included hockey, athletics, rugby, judo, squash, football, cycling, netball, table tennis and water polo.

Costs included travel, facilities hire (including States-owned facilities for locally based competitions) and trophies for schools' competitions.

Sponsors and supporters

Our sponsors and supporters play a vital role in us being able to deliver many of our programmes, matching or enhancing States funding.

Since the Sports Commission was established over 20 years ago, we have raised around £3.9m in private funding.

We simply could not do what we do without private funding support.

As well as our sponsors' club of regular donors we were also supported by a number of fundraising events and corporate sponsors during 2025.

The Guernsey Sporting Club's inaugural event, lunch with Sir Geoff Hurst, was a sell-out, raising £2,000 for the Commission.



The Guernsey Protea Society also hosted a dinner with South African rugby legend and former Springboks coach Nick Mallett raising an incredible £10,000

The States of Guernsey also hosted their first ever staff Sports Day, raising a small amount for the Commission which was gratefully received.

Utmost once again sponsored our Community Sport Fun Day and Specsavers fund the Youth Games in their entirety, including the hire of all venues, transport, t-shirts and water bottles and all Games booklet printing and design costs.

We have also received grant funding from the Social Investment Fund and Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands in support of some of our community initiatives.

Private funding will continue to be a vital part of our income streams in 2026, and we thank everyone for their continued support.



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Active 8 Plan for Sport

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We supported 178 children and young people to access sports outside of school through our Sports Voucher scheme



We've delivered more than 63,000 experiences for children in secondary school across 22 different sports in 2025



291 people have successfully completed the following training courses on-Island in 2025

Safeguarding - 104
First Aid - 107
Safeguarding for Young Volunteers - 33
L1 Activators - 20
L2 Multi Skills - 7



51 member sports and clubs have achieved our SportsMark accreditation to date

32% of children who attend our On Your Marks holiday programme are from families in need



We have raised nearly £3.9million from private sources since we were established in 2004



We offered 8,600+ experiences to students with more complex needs or specific requirements

COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

Nicky Will, Director of Communications

Sporting Achievement Awards

Awards night may have been 24 hours later than planned thanks to Storm Goretti, but the delay didn't impact the numbers attending the 2025 Sporting Achievement Awards with well over 300 people filling the David Ferguson Hall at Beau Sejour to celebrate the sporting highlights of the previous 12 months.

The Guernsey Sports Commission's much anticipated event sees 12 awards presented to individuals, teams, coaches and event organisers with numerous nominees in each of the categories.

The audience also heard from two special guests, Sue Shapcott, the new Performance Director at La Grande Mare golf and Chris Jackson, the newly appointed chair of the Guernsey island Games Association. Both speakers shared their journeys in sport and highlights of 2025.



The awards also include two special awards for para-athletes.

The Baroness Tanni-Grey Thompson Trophy was won by para-surfer Sophie Veron who secured a bronze medal in the English Para Surf Open competition, doubling her points from the previous year.



Guernsey Dynamics Disability Football Club were nominated for one of the team awards but this year's Ferbrache and Farrell Trophy for the parasport athlete with a learning impairment went to one of their players, Paul Falla.

Paul joined the team two years ago after a long gap playing because of work commitments. He is now the team's goalkeeper, and he absolutely loves it. Paul was nominated for the award for his sheer determination, support and encouragement of the team.



First up was the Lambourne Shield, awarded for the outstanding individual sporting achievement by a young sports person under the age of 18. This was a tough category with 11 strong shortlisted nominees across eight different sports, but it was outstanding young padel star Chloe de la Mare who took home the silverware. At just 15 Chloe reached the UK number 1 ranking in the LTA Open Ladies category as well as topping the rankings at both U18 and U16 level. She was unbeaten when representing Great Britain at the Junior World Championships and is already looking forward to a stellar 2026.



The Beau Sejour Trophy is awarded for the outstanding performance by a team of under 18s and it was the Beau Sejour Barracudas relay team of Louis Moherndl, Zach Maiden, Cooper Robinson and Henry Bolton who came out on top.

Their double gold medal winning swims in the 4 x 50m freestyle and medley relays at the Hampshire County Championships just edging out the other nominees.



Guernsey was fortunate to host some spectacular sporting events throughout 2025 and five of these were up for the Sport Guernsey & Nautical Events Shield awarded to the year's outstanding event organiser.

Guernsey Raiders were the winners for the first ever Channel Islands rugby international match when Siam rivals became teammates in May with Guernsey and Jersey players joining forces to play the Swedish national team.

The idea for the match originated in the Guernsey Rugby Club boardroom as the committee looked for ways to raise funds in a fallow year when they were not hosting the Siam.

The resulting international match was a remarkable success with a four-figure crowd watching the Channel Islands win the inaugural Spring Insure Granite Trophy 66-28.



There are two team trophies awarded on the night, one for small teams containing less than 4 members and one for larger teams.

The small team trophy was awarded to men's quad rowing crew TPA made up of James Coquelin, James Travers, Tim Nicolle and Simon Johns, coxed by Lloyd Le Page. The crew not only won the domestic Rowing Club championship in their class for the fourth year in a row, they were also first boat across the line in both the major endurance races, the Sark to Jersey and Gorey to Carteret, beating strong opposition from both Jersey and France.



Swimming took home further silverware as the Island Games Ladies Swim Team were named top team of 2025 coming home from Orkney with no fewer than 22 medals between them – 8 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze. They also set four Games Records and ten Island Records in the process. An outstanding team effort.



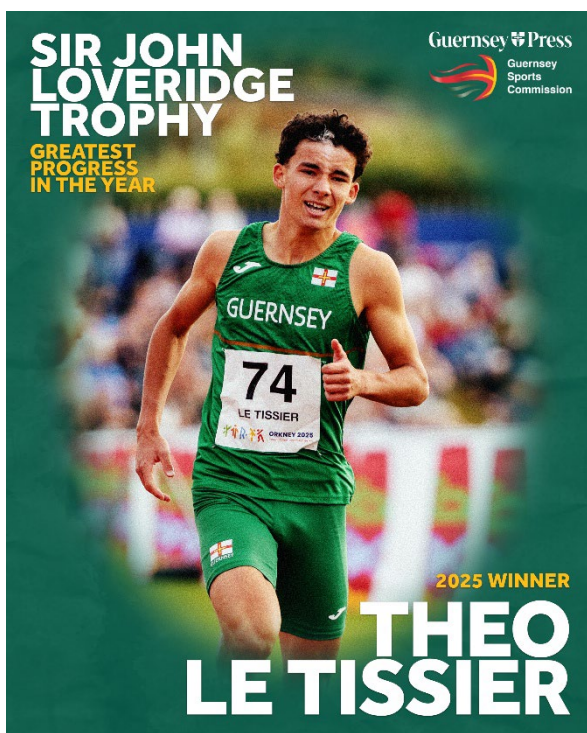
The Sporting Achievement Awards also recognise those who give up their time to coach or develop their sport, with ten individuals or coaching teams nominated for the Dave Dorey Memorial Trophy. But it was netball stalwart Bridget Yabsley who secured the judges' vote.

Bridget has dedicated countless years to her sport, coaching her club teams, organising fixtures, travelling with the Island Senior Panthers squad and the U16 and U19 teams and ensuring that all players continue to be supported both on and off the court.

She was a worthy recipient of the Dave Dorey Memorial Trophy.



The most keenly contested category was the Sir John Loveridge Trophy awarded to the sportsperson making the most progress in the year. With nominees from such vastly different sports as motorsport and gymnastics it was a challenging category to judge, but it was young sprinter Theo Le Tissier who took the win. The youngster set new PBs in the 100m, 200m, 400m and long jump with his 100m best of 10.99 seconds making him the youngest Guernsey sprinter to break 11 seconds. This time marks a nearly one second improvement on his previous best the year before.



The final three awards of the night celebrated the outstanding individual performers of the year.

Swimmer Chloe Bown was awarded the Guernsey Brewery Salver as the top performing sports woman. Chloe represented Guernsey for the first time at the Island Games in Orkney and produced a standout performance, winning an incredible 11 medals and becoming the island's most decorated swimmer – and athlete – of the Games.



Seb Priaux's first season as a Ford factory driver was certainly a memorable one as he returned to the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship finishing in the bronze medal position. Two race victories on the tight Detroit Street Circuit and at iconic Indianapolis contributed to his highest finish for a full season in the North American championship and also secured him the Richard Burton Salver for the outstanding sporting achievement of the year by the sportsman.



This was the 23rd edition of the Sporting Achievement Awards and in all that time the Guernsey Sports Commission Trophy, the top award, had never been presented to joint winners. But the judges couldn't separate Guernsey's two footballing stars Maya Le Tissier and Alex Scott.

Both had exceptional years for both club and country with Maya now taking over as Guernsey's most capped England international senior footballer, overtaking Matt Le Tissier's tally of eight caps, when she started the match against Brazil in October. Alex was an integral member of the England U21 squad who were triumphant in the UEFA European U21 Championship in Slovakia in June. In November he was called up to the England senior squad for the first time by manager Thomas Tuchel.

Both are inspirational sporting ambassadors for Guernsey, showing that with hard work, commitment and resilience local young sportspeople can reach the highest levels. Speaking via video link to the audience, they both expressed their pride in being recognised as Guernsey's outstanding performers of the year.



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Other GSC Workstreams

We delivered 50 Street Sports sessions at Les Genats in 2025 providing activities for over 40 children, funded by



We hosted two major community events and deliver weekly sessions for people with disabilities and dementia



We have delivered the AquaSmart Schools Course to 600+ Y4 pupils during 2024/25



We help fund 11 Sport Specific Development Officers who work in schools and the wider community



Individuals and teams from 27 different sports were provided with financial support from our Sport Development Fund in 2025



We provided around £8,000 worth of ferry travel to aspiring young sportspeople thanks to the Brittany Ferries Travel Fund

55% of people said they were satisfied or very satisfied with sporting activities in Guernsey



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Supporting Excellence

We provided funding for 32 individual athletes performing at National/International level under our B3 funding category in 2025.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Athletics



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A busy 2025 saw Guernsey Athletics make some progress on its plans to develop areas such as volunteering, inclusivity and age group changes. This groundwork will lead to some tangible changes and improvements in 2026.

The Island Games was again used as a vehicle to fuel positive performance increases and development opportunities for up-and-coming athletes, with Development Officer Tom Druce highlighting the importance of the unique competition's benefits to Sarnian athletes.

Schools

Athletics as a fundamentals-driven sport is continuing to be delivered in schools by the Guernsey Sports Commission. Guernsey Athletics again delivered two primary school events in the Track & Field Championships and the Zedra X Challenge (cross-country). Senior schools also took part in the latter and the club's development team worked with PE departments to make some small changes to the Senior Island School Sports event.



Community

Many of the club's endurance events, in particular the Butterfield Half Marathon, served the wider community with excellent opportunities to set a goal and test themselves in highly organised but welcoming settings.



The club also ended the year by hiring an Inclusion Development Officer to lead in areas such as improvement of opportunities for disabled athletes in 2026. This demonstrates their commitment in this area following some isolated success over the past 18-24 months.

Performance

Alastair Chalmers was again the leading athlete; he lowered his best to 48.30sec for the 400m hurdles which means he's the sixth-fastest Briton of all time. He also made the World Championships semi-final.



The Island Games as usual provided many highlights, with gold medal-winning performances from Nic Ackermann, Darcey Hodgson, Vicky Hancock, Chris Bain and Rhiannon Dowinton. Bain's 5,000m win was arguably the highest quality of those, with Dowinton's noteworthy as it was her third consecutive 100m Hurdles victory. Amelia Hart (400m) and Gian-Luca Robilliard (800m) both won bronze medals in high quality track events.



Bain was in good form elsewhere for the rest of the season, securing spots in various races in mainland Europe over 1500m and clocking 3:45.18. He was the highest standard of performance by a Sarnian aside from Chalmers. Youngsters Amelie Van Heerden, Emil Friedrich and Theo Le Tissier led the way in terms of promising junior performances.

Workforce/Coach Education

Beth Powell was the most active coach for the club in terms of climbing the qualification ladder. She progressed from 'Coaching Assistant' to 'Athletics Coach – Throws' within the England Athletics coaching framework, putting in a

significant amount of work in the process. Many of the club's volunteer coaches continued their CPD using online resources from trusted sources, reaping the benefits of this age of accessibility through virtual means.

New technical officials were recruited and shadowed the existing team at the club's local track and field events.

Future Plans

- A major change in athletics for 2026 is the change of age groups that is being implemented by England Athletics. This process is more complex than it first appears, this being due to technical changes such as hurdles and throwing implement specifications as well as racing distances and overall competition formats. This will mean important work to ensure smooth changes in local competition delivery as well as the training of youth athletes. Both will need to fall in line with our own existing youth development philosophy and that of England Athletics.
- Inclusion development will be a big part of 2026, with the appointment of Caroline Barby into a formal role to oversee this. It will include para-athletes and also adult female athletes as a focus.

Badminton



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



Guernsey Badminton Association LBG



gsybadminton

Guernsey Badminton welcomed our new Badminton Development Officer John 'Rocky' Fiel who arrived in June 2025.

Our Juniors U13 and U15 and U19 teams entered the Southwest counties league played at Portishead School.



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 at the start of 2025 season but only 1 senior team for 2nd half of 2025.

We sent a team to the Island Games in Orkney.

Senior Mixed Doubles and Level Doubles Leagues and Singles League.

Guernsey Masters played Wales and a few players played in the Masters team event in Wimbledon.

Schools

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

Community

Guernsey Badminton supports the Sports Commission's On Your Marks holiday camps and Community Sport Fun Days to provide badminton.



We have St Michaels Junior Club, which runs on a Saturday, which is a pay and play session for Juniors U18.

We also supported the Specsavers Youth Games with 60 young people enjoying badminton and we ran 2 junior festivals and 2 interschools tournaments, which saw approximately 40 children at each event.



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 in 2023 and token machine, allows members and non-members to book courts online and then buy a token from



the coin machine when they turn up for their booked time, which gives them lights for one hour.



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

Performance

Our over 35 team had a home match against Wales, Guernsey won this match
We also had our senior domestic leagues running once a month for level and mixed doubles

The U13, U15 and U19 Southwest counties has to be highlighted as Guernsey won all sections, playing Devon, Somerset, Cornwall and Avon.

Winners 2025

Guernsey Open Silver Men's Singles -
Alex Tapp

Guernsey Open Silver Men's Doubles -
Paul Le Tocq and Mr Ove Svejstrup

Guernsey Open Silver Mixed Doubles –
Paul Le Tocq and Anne Hubscher

Guernsey Masters Bronze Men's Doubles
- **Paul Le Tocq and John Cooper**

Guernsey Masters Mixed Doubles – **Paul Le Tocq and Mhairi Armstrong**

Guernsey Masters Bronze Mixed Doubles
– **Paul Le Tocq & Mhairi Armstrong**

Island Games Men's Doubles Silver medal - **David Trebert and Alex Tapp**

Paul Le Tocq being selected to represent England Masters Team.

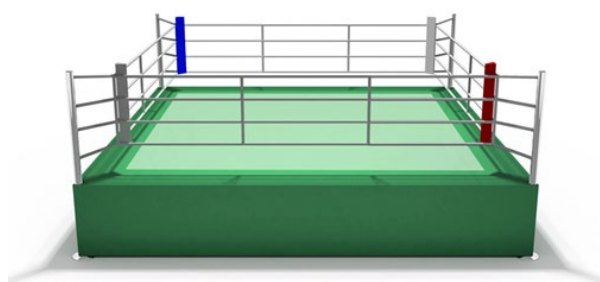
Workforce/Coach Education

Andy Aspinal, BE Level 3 Coach and on the BE Performance Coach plan with Badminton England, visited and delivered 2 coaching sessions and worked with our new Development Officer Rocky John Fiel. Andy was also our coach at the Island Games in Orkney and came back in December to coach our junior and senior players.

Future Plans

- U13, U15, U17 & U19 South West Inter-Counties Team Championship
- Senior Inter-County Championship team
- More visiting coaches to visit the Island to train Squads
- Juniors to attend more off Island events
- Guernsey Badminton Senior Silver Tournament 100 Years anniversary – celebration planned to mark the occasion

Boxing



GABC



Guernsey Amalgamated Boxing Club

It's been another year of growth for the Guernsey Boxing Club.

We held 4 dinner boxing shows in 2025.

Due to the continuing success of our Development Officer promoting boxing within schools and the community, we now run additional junior sessions. One session in particular is for newcomers and for those with special needs.

We selected four boxers to take part in the Bristol Box Cup which was highly successful in building confidence, skill and self-belief. We selected the Bristol Box Cup as we have a good relationship with the coaches in Bristol.

We also took a small group of young boxers to Wales for a training camp.



Schools

The Boxing Development Officer has extended her outreach into more schools' programmes providing boxing sessions to Les Varendes High School, College of Further Education, St Sampsons High, the Sixth Form Centre, Ladies College, Vale, Hautes Capelles, Melrose and Thrive. The session size ranges from 12 to 24 children in year 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 delivered 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 had on the members, the sessions have been increased to every week.



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

There are approximately 35 children attending each session.

To help with 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 40 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 11 sessions a week to accommodate the increased number 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 the next year 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.

2025 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 and completed a judging course this year.

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 2026 which will showcase a further 6 new junior boxers, with a total of 15 juniors looking to compete on this show.
- Continuing to work with referrals for one-to-one sessions.
- 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 look into Youth Box Cups to assist with the progression of our Youth boxers.

Cricket



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Cricket continued to grow in both participation and profile during 2025, supported by a comprehensive development programme across schools, clubs, community initiatives and representative pathways.

Key highlights included the delivery of structured junior leagues at U11 level; the introduction of structured cricket at U7 and U9 level; expansion of women's and girls' cricket and, notably, the successful introduction of the Women's Super League.

The season also saw Guernsey host and participate in a number of representative fixtures, alongside senior men's and women's international commitments, including the Senior Men and U19 Men participating in ICC World Cup Qualifying tournaments. Off the field, Guernsey Cricket invested in workforce development, safeguarding, and governance to support sustainable growth.

Collaboration with schools, clubs, volunteers and local partners remained

central to our approach, ensuring cricket remains accessible, inclusive and enjoyable for all ages and abilities across the Bailiwick.



Schools

Schools cricket remained a core focus in 2025, with structured delivery across primary and secondary education. Guernsey Cricket delivered curriculum and sessions in partnership with local schools, reaching pupils through taster sessions, and regular coaching programmes.



Activity included softball and hardball formats, ensuring accessibility for

beginners while supporting progression for more experienced players.

We also organised the Cricket World Cup visit to all schools in the Bailiwick, with thanks to the ICC.

Girls-only sessions were delivered where appropriate, supporting increased female participation and confidence.

Across the year, cricket was delivered in all schools, providing all children with a taste of cricket.

Clear pathways were promoted from schools into junior club cricket, with liaison between teachers, coaches and clubs to support retention and progression beyond the school environment.

Community

Community engagement remained a priority throughout 2025, with cricket opportunities provided for a wide range of ages, backgrounds and abilities. Club-based junior and senior cricket continued to thrive, supported by cup competitions and leagues, as well as informal participation opportunities.

Women's and girls' participation continued to grow through targeted sessions, social formats and club integration, particularly with the introduction of the Women's Super League.

Community events helped raise awareness of cricket and encouraged new participants to get involved.

Strong volunteer support underpinned delivery, with clubs playing a vital role in creating welcoming, sustainable environments for participation at all levels. We also introduced our Young Volunteers programme to encourage younger cricketers to assist with coaching and take coaching courses.

Performance

2025 was a positive year for cricket performance across multiple levels. Senior men's and women's representative teams competed in international fixtures and regional

competitions, gaining valuable experience and exposure, including (for the Senior Men) participation in the World cup Qualifying tournament in the Netherlands.



Age-group representative programmes continued to develop, with U11, U13, U15 and U17 players participating in structured training and competitive matches / tournaments, strengthening the long-term performance pathway.

Individual players achieved personal milestones through selection, debut appearances and progression between age groups, while clubs benefited from improved standards of coaching and competition.

Harry Johnson, Charlie Forshaw and Annie Le Ray are now all part of the Hampshire CCC development programme that will continue during 2026.





Thanks to Martin Gray for the photos

Performance success was supported by an integrated approach linking schools, clubs and representative programmes, ensuring opportunities exist for talented players while maintaining a strong emphasis on enjoyment, development and inclusivity at all levels of the game.

Workforce/Coach Education

Workforce development remained a key focus in 2025, with investment in coach education, safeguarding and volunteer support. New and existing coaches undertook recognised coaching qualifications, workshops and continuous professional development opportunities, including for our officials.

Safeguarding training was delivered and refreshed in line with best practice, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all participants.

Volunteers across clubs and programmes received ongoing support, recognising their essential role in sustaining cricket delivery and future growth.

Future Plans

- Arrival of our new Cricket Development Manager, Ilze van der Westhuizen, from South Africa, who is

due to arrive in January 2026 to further progress our training and development plan across all age groups.

- Participation of our U15 girls' and boys' teams in the first ever ICC tournament for this age group to take place in the UK in the summer.
- Hosting of the U19 Men's World Cup Qualifying Tournament when Guernsey will welcome 7 other European teams to the island to participate in this ICC event.
- Continued development of the Women's Super League after the successful launch in 2025.
- Expanding the fixture programme for the Senior Women's National Team both in terms of home and away fixtures, as the team look to make progress in the ICC World rankings

Football



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2025 saw the Home of Guernsey Football, Victoria Park, open in March with a grand opening weekend.



On the Friday night founding partners and sponsors were invited to join together for drinks and celebrations in Nutmeg. On Saturday the first GFC home game took place with special guest Lieutenant Governor Sir Richard Cripwell ceremoniously opening the gates.

The School of Popular Music students sang around the ground to create a welcoming environment for spectators.

On Sunday the focus was on community and young people. The morning started with a girls' festival where Wildcat members were invited to attend to meet other girls playing football. The session

was hosted by FA coaches who were visiting the island and provided a workshop for female coaches. In the afternoon a 4v4 festival was held for clubs to enter teams in Year 3&4 and Year 5&6.



We hosted the BWCI Mini Soccer Festival at Victoria Park with guest teams from Jersey and Alderney.

Mourant, Aztech and Spirit Academies collectively have over 180 players from Year 4 to Year 11.

Schools

The GFA Development Staff continue to deliver Primary School PE across the island for Year 5 and Year 6 students.

We have also delivered Secondary School PE at Le Murier, girls PE for LVHS and SSHS and Primary School Lunch Clubs for girls with thanks to Sure our Community Partner.



Primary School Afterschool Clubs for girls (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, and we have continued the sessions at Le Rondin during lunch times engaging with children in KS1 during Autumn 2 with thanks to Collis Crill for their partnership in this programme.



St Martins Primary School also receive a regular after school session for a mix of boys and girls which began in September and will continue for the entirety of the school year reaching children across all year groups within the school. So far 30 Year 2 pupils have attended sessions.

Community

Victoria Park hosted the Girls Football event for the Specsavers Youth Games with 58 girls registered and 49 taking part in the competition day.

The GFA delivered another Quiet Football session at Victoria Park during

the Summer holidays where 8 members of Autism Guernsey attended.

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.

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

Development staff attended the GSC Family Fun Day with one of the machines from Aztech Soccer.



Maya Le Tissier hosted a Puma event at Victoria Park for players within the Aztech and Mourant Academies.

Performance

The men and the women both won their respective Murattis on 17th May at Victoria Park.



The U11 and U16 boys won their inter insular matches.

Victoria Park hosted a day of inter insular football for U11, U13, U15 boys against Jersey.

Guernsey Girls Academy went to Jersey to play against the Jersey Bulls girls teams Year U13 and U16.

Rozel Rovers came to Guernsey to play the Girls Academy U13s and U15s.

Workforce/Coach Education

UEFA C Licence completed by 12 candidates including 3 from Alderney



FA Coach Developers visited Guernsey and delivered 5 workshops with grassroots coaches in all the clubs.

FA Education is now online, and staff and club coaches are required to complete

mandatory training in Safeguarding, Welfare and First Aid as well as ongoing CPD.

Referee Basic Training was delivered with 8 candidates completing the course.

Future Plans

- BWCI 2026 6th and 7th June
- Hosting Cherry Godfrey Cup
- U16 Muratti at Victoria Park

Hockey



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2025 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 150 children regularly attending Summit Group Minis and 160 PwC Youth Players in their respective programmes, our junior section of the club continues to thrive. Sure Division 3 and the Walkers Junior Development League continue to provide a valuable gateway to 11-a-side senior hockey, with many of our older youth players now playing integral roles for their senior club teams at weekends.



The 2025/26 Season is well underway, with many exciting games already played and the battle for the senior league titles heating up.



We have also welcomed Rob Turville to the administration team at Guernsey Hockey this year, where he is working closely alongside our existing Club Administrator, Ali Le Tocq.

Schools

Our Rihoy and Sons Hotshots Outreach Programme was delivered in most States primary schools in 2025, with over 800 Year 5 and 6 children receiving a 6-week introduction to hockey. Sark School accessed the programme for the first time, with Teya Sheppard, our Hockey Development Officer, travelling over once a week to deliver the sessions in the Spring term. The programme culminated in another successful Year 5 Festival and Year 6 Tournament at Footes Lane. 2025 saw our largest number of entrants so far, with 11 schools in the Year 6 competition of which Castel were crowned eventual champions.



This academic year Guernsey Hockey will continue to deliver in all States primaries, whilst also adding Blanchelande and Le Rondin into the schedule. Encouragingly, we are persistently seeing more junior players coming into the club as a direct result of their hockey enjoyment at school- across States, private, primary and secondary sectors.

Community

Outside of our school delivery, HockeyFest kicked off our Minis' Season in September, with over 250 local children and their families coming along to give hockey a go.



We also launched a 'Back-to-Hockey' scheme this season to encourage more adults to return to the sport. This has been extremely successful, with over 25 new senior players so far and the 'Ladies Leopards' playing competitively in Division 3.

The Summer saw the return of a 7-a-side Social League, with 6 local company teams participating across 6 weeks of hockey. Youth Games 2025 was another great success, with 60 children participating in Hockey training followed by Games Day itself.

We also continued to partner three local charities – Headway, Guernsey Mind and The Eleanor Foundation. Our relationship with Guernsey Dairy and The Town Butchers allows all our Minis' players to enjoy a free glass of milk and hotdog after training.

Performance

The Rihoy and Son Local Talent academy has entered its third year, offering our most promising young hockey players (Yr 8-12) additional sessions on-island to support their performance development. Four of these players have been selected this season to train with England Hockey's South Coast Talent Academy, based in Havant.

Our Youth section have enjoyed successful trips to the UK, with the U13 Boys competing in the regional championships in Nottingham in the Summer and the U18 Boys entering the England Hockey Club Championship competition for the first time. Our U16G, U16B, U14G and U14B all travelled to Jersey in March to play a triangular against Jersey and East Grinstead.



Off-island, Dougal Perfitt has progressed through the England Hockey Umpiring

Qualifications and is now part of the U4N (EuroHockey Umpiring Programme) programme- which is supporting him in his ambition to become an international official.

The Men's and Ladies' Representative sides both had strong Cup runs in 2025, with both teams bowing out at the Quarterfinal stage. Both teams have entered the Tier 2 Cup again this season, with their campaigns continuing in the new year. Senior Inter Insulars were hosted at home, where over 500 supporters filled the stands throughout the day, ending in an overall 3-3 draw.



Workforce/Coach Education

We've had two visits from South Coast Talent Academy Coaches in 2025. On both occasions, junior players were assessed for inclusion in the SCTA programme for the upcoming season.



Coaches also received a Q+A session, which focused heavily on Goalkeeper inclusion and technique.

We have developed a coaches' charter, which coaches now work through before being signed off as an official Guernsey Hockey Coach. A First Aid course with St Johns qualified another 11 coaches, and many others have attended Sports Commission or England Hockey led Safeguarding courses to update their certification during 2025.

Future Plans

- Hosting the Junior Inter Insulars 2026 (Feb 7th)
- Partaking in the Junior County Championship tournaments for the first time
- Senior Inter Insular in Jersey
- Continuing 1st XIs' cup runs in Tier 2 England Hockey Championships
- League Restructuring discussions for 2026/27 Season
- Formal umpire training programme

Outdoor & Adventure Sports



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Alan Jenner, Outdoor and Adventure Sports Development Officer

2025 has been a collection of personal retraining and training delivery, supporting schools and the community and continuing the never-ending battle to make the Island a safer place for all water-based activities.

The Specsavers Youth Games continues to be a great opportunity to develop water-based skills, while having fun and adding a little competition.

We fought hard for sponsorship for the Pembroke Swim Platform, and thankfully Rocq Capital and the Co-Op CI came to our rescue with support for repairs and improvements. The platform now has a dampener system which helps with wave action / tidal forces.



Two major digs at the bathing pools allowed for the Jumping Platform to be reopened and following trials, and with the support of the States of Guernsey, we have now placed our first throwline units at the Ladies and Children's Pools.

Schools

The AquaSmart Schools Programme has now entered its 4th year, and its fulfilment

is my primary annual target, with over 1,500 students now experiencing water safety training and life skills. I continue to development and enhance this opportunity for all primary school Year 4's to learn valuable water safety life skills and in 2025 the GSC delivered 2 classroom lessons and 1 immersion lesson at Pembroke, to over 500 Guernsey pupils.



In addition, I have been working with Les Voies, the Sixth Form Centre, St. Martins Primary School, Vale School and the Thrive Centre to offer pupil-orientated outdoor and adventure solutions which are focused on lifesaving, risk assessment and emergency action with the outcome being students who have life skills fit for purpose for Island life.



Community

Training has been a major part of 2025, not only personally, but also delivering training to GSC staff and those involved in water activities in the community.





I have also been working with the States of Guernsey regarding the Bathing Pools and in particular the jumping platform and throw lines, which greatly improve the time it takes to rescue someone and are much more user friendly.

I continue to chair the Guernsey Water Safety Action Group and develop a website which is going to be a focal point for the emergency services to have a forum for safety information for the public, and for the community and visitors to Guernsey to have clear safety guidance while they use our World Class coastline.

I have also undertaken lunchtime Corporate Water Safety training for a number of employers. In addition to the Pembroke Platform which was in place for Summer 2025 season with a number of enhancements, we also continued to work with local businesses clearing the Ladies Pool at the Bathing Pools of material that was washed in during high tides, therefore allowing the depth of the pool to be maintained at safe levels.

Performance

Lifesaving racing – Specsavers Youth Games - being a sportsman, sometimes you can get lost in trying to be the best and trying to beat everyone. It is therefore so inspiring to see the competitors in these games take to the water with such a spirit of fun, that it makes winning and losing irrelevant.



In addition, I undertook a series of lessons with Les Voies School, and it was so pleasing to see them fully engaged in life saving and challenging themselves, and I am certain that these pupils would now think twice about water safety as they develop into teenagers and then adults.

Finally, the AquaSmart schools programme always offers such a great range of fun and laughter, and that is fundamental to learning. As long as there is an undercurrent of learning outcomes, we, at the Sports Commission, will continue to try and make every experience special.



Workforce/Coach Education

Requalified as an Aquatic Safety Qualification instructor

Requalified as a BSUPA Level 2 Instructor and Instructor Trainer (one of only 30 in the UK)

Completed significant CPD work with UK water safety professionals

Full training and real-life exercises with the Sports Commission Team

2 x Aquatic Safety Qualification Training Courses for the community



Supporting Fizzy Fish Swim School with the pool safety team required for a GSC swimming intervention pilot project.

Future Plans

- The launch of the GSWAG website



- Enhancing the AquaSmart Schools course
- Enhancing the Pembroke Swim platform, to make it as inclusive as possible
- Developing a 10-week Water Safety and Lifesaving course for the 6th Form
- Continuing the drive for throwlines to replace life rings around Guernsey

Netball



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2025 has been a bumper year for netball on the Island. We have seen growth in all of our programmes; introduced new and developed existing ones to allow more people to be engaged in the sport across the island.

The winter league continues to offer competitive netball to everyone, encompassing over 30 teams competing across three adult and one junior divisions, with new teams entering and existing clubs expanding to accommodate the growing number of people who want to play.

Schools

The County rounds of England Netball National Schools Competition for U14, U16 and U19s have taken place again in November 2025, with six teams qualifying for Regional Finals in January but only four teams choosing to travel, due to costs and timing of the tournament in January clashing with other commitments.

Island School tournaments were competitive and challenging and saw some great levels of netball taking place, with increasing numbers of these players involved in Youth and junior clubs; the standard is noticeably improved across the board.

The GNA has been able to provide each primary school with a 6-week block of

netball this season - two of which have completed theirs already with a view to introducing years 3 and 4 to netball and provide teachers with CPD opportunities. We look forward to delivering the remainder in the Spring and Summer terms.

A mixed Primary school tournament is set for March 26, and we continue to offer CPD to all teachers and volunteers at many of our sessions.

Community

EY renewed their sponsorship of our years 7-9 Youth programme, and this has expanded to now offer four sessions across the week. All sessions are now full, and we are operating a waiting list.



Titan Wealth renewed their sponsorship of our Future Panthers' programme for years 2-6 and again, this is operating at capacity with our brand-new purple t-shirts. The kids are loving their Saturday morning sessions!



We attended the Utmost Community Sports Fun Day, and the Specsavers Youth games, with Fast 5s netball being very popular and competitive!

Back to Netball goes from strength to strength, with average numbers each week achieving above 20 attending our fun and friendly sessions. We have seen a number of our players go on to join clubs and play competitive netball weekly. We look forward to establishing a pathway for them, working with our clubs and teams to support access to continued participation for all ages and abilities.



Our new Mums 'n' Tots sessions ran for twelve weeks with very positive feedback received from those taking part. Due to low numbers, we will take a break with this programme now and look to run it again in the warmer months.

Performance

Jersey hosted the Inter-Insulars in 2025 and it was a red wipe out, with Jersey claiming the honours in all age groups. Our squads are revamped, rested and ready to go for Guernsey hosting in 2026. We await Jersey's feedback on some proposed changes to hopefully make the annual competition more competitive and worthwhile for both sides!

Our Seniors didn't qualify for the England Netball South region league but were invited to join the newly formed CD Phoenix development league. We have played three weekends away and have four more to enjoy in the New Year, which are proving very valuable for us to aim for qualification next summer. Fixture weekends against the British Army and Ireland were enjoyed by all with some fabulous competitive netball on show.

Our Under 16s compete in the Netball South Regional Leagues and the improvement of this squad has been exceptional! One more away weekend and four home double-headers await the team in the new year.



Our under 19s have been competing in the Prem division on island as an invitational team, which has proved a valuable way of competing as a team on a regular basis. All our performance squads are training well, and we look forward to developing all squads further



over the year to come as well as seeing the commencement of the U11, 12, 14 squads training programme in the New Year.

Our Oak Sponsored PDP Academy continues to grow and develop with over 100 trialling for a small number of places. 19 x U13s are training on a weekly basis with an exciting weekend of Netball in April to look forward to. Our U15s may be small in number with 13 of them, but they are mighty in stature and are looking forward to competing in the London Pulse PDP play day in April.

Workforce/Coach Education

With thanks to the Titan Wealth Coach the Coaches programme, we continue to develop our coaching workforce. We have recruited new coaches within all of our programmes and are working to develop them further and ensure they are qualified at the earliest opportunity, whilst still providing them with mentoring and informal support. We have four coaches booked on their level 2 award in Jersey at the start of the New Year and Sally Carns is now qualified to deliver and assess both level 1 and level 2 coaching courses.

Our umpire numbers continue to swell with over 50 now qualified at Into Level, four working towards C qualification and one working towards assessor qualification to complement our current two on-island assessors.

In August we held an education weekend with two coach developers travelling over for a full weekend of sessions. Our teachers, coaches and payers learnt lots from them and we hope to replicate it at the end of this season 2025-26.

Future Plans

- Develop Facility plans and aim to build a “Home for Netball” alongside valued partners.
- Continue to develop competition structure on and off island for suitable levels for all ages.
- Pathway for Back to Netball players to develop into clubs.
- Increased Junior opportunities for competitive netball and participation.
- Newly formatted Inter Insulars for U11/12 and training to start for U14s.

Sailing



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Sailing has had a great year in 2025. The Guernsey Sailing Trust (GST) had a full calendar through the year and saw 322 children try sailing for the first time.



The Guernsey Yacht Club (GYC) has recently been awarded prestigious RYA Pathway Club Status. These clubs aim to make racing fun, develop great fundamentals and create a lifelong love of sailing through fun, accessible environments where young people develop as racers and feel part of a bigger team. Focusing on junior sailors, Pathway Clubs enable young people to access affordable, high-quality junior racing and race coaching once they have

learnt to sail. This is an exciting development for Guernsey sailing.

The Guernsey Sailing Team at the Island Games in Orkney, comprised of Darragh Lee, David Aslett, Jessica Watson and Monty Desforges sailed brilliantly and won Bronze in the Sailing Team Event. Jessica and Monty being junior participants.

Schools

In 2025 the GST engaged with all schools in the Bailiwick, with the exception of St Anne's in Alderney. The aim remains that every child will have had the chance to experience sailing by the time they finish Year 6. Sailing not only teaches a new sport but also helps develop a growth mindset and key character attributes: teamwork, determination, communication, independence, confidence and creativity.



The GST saw:

929 primary school children

307 secondary school children

156 children attended afterschool clubs

Primary aged sessions are on Model Yacht Pond, sailing the Oppie dinghies. Secondary school children either sail on the sea in dinghies or Hawk20 keelboats or learn to drive powerboats. The GST works closely with inclusion groups and many children that visit benefit from learning outside of the classroom.

Sailing is also an option for activities weeks. In 2025 Les Beaucamps High School, St Sampsons High School, Elizabeth College, The Ladies' College, Le Murier, Forest and St Martins joined for activities week.

Community

Sailing has held many open days and community events in 2025:



GYC Open Day: 40 sailors aged 5-11

RYA Discover Sailing Open Day at the GST: 90 people tried sailing and powerboating

Saturday Drop In Sailing in July & August (free sessions on the Model Yacht Pond): 265 children over 8 weeks, with 94 new sailors

The GST ran courses through school holidays from April – October, where children worked through the RYA Sailing Scheme. 361 children attending, from beginners to advanced sailors. 177 RYA certificates were issued.

GYC ran regular coaching and race training for 50 sailors (66.6% male; 33.4% female).

The GST ran a successful Sailability programme – aimed at getting everyone out on the water, no matter their ability. Sailability from younger children was held on the Model Yacht Pond, which adults sailed in our keelboats.



The GST saw an additional 450 children through one off sessions with youth groups.



Performance

The Youth and Junior sailors that represent Guernsey at off island events, will now be known as the “Marauders”, a branding which will be announced to the public shortly with associated sponsor involvement.

In 2025, six young sailors in the Optimist fleet travelled to at least one National Event. Monty Remfrey (13) had a target to get in the top 100 ranked Optimist sailors in the UK. He attended four National ranking events, including the week-long British Open and National Championships and improved his inaugural ranking of 148 to 77! We are hopeful that he will break into the top 60 by the year end, with one more event left to sail. In August he became Junior Channel Island Champion.

Jess Watson (17) and Monty Desforges (18) continue to do well in the ILCA. Jess is ranked 3rd on UK u19 female national rankings and Monty is ranked 20th on UK u19 male national rankings.

Workforce/Coach Education

The GST ran an RYA Assistant Instructor course and an RYA Dinghy Instructor Course, run by an RYA Trainer in 2025. This saw 6 new Assistant Instructors and 5 new Dinghy Instructors join the instructor team. Three Guernsey Dinghy Instructors travelled to Jersey in the summer to take the RYA Senior Instructor course, which they all passed.



We continue to develop our instructors from 14 years old; it is so rewarding to watch these

young people grow into responsible, confident instructors. For 2026 we already have a number of young people interested in the Assistant Instructor course and starting their instructor journey.

Future Plans

- The GST will have visiting RYA Trainers in 2026 and are working with them to plan an RYA Instructor Development Day for all our instructors, this will also be open to Alderney and Jersey.
- The GST has recently signed up to offer RYA Swim Safe with Onboard training. This programme is a collaboration between the RYA and Swim England to help children develop water confidence and safety skills in open water while wearing a buoyancy aid. We hope it will benefit all children learning to sail.
- The GYC and GST will be holding a combined Open Day in April, offering many ways to get on the water and learn about joining the GYC.
- The GYC in conjunction with the RYA will be holding a coaching course to validate 6 new racing coaches.

Squash

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Squash57 or Racketball as it more commonly known continues to grow in Guernsey. An alternative to squash which offers a similar workout at a slightly reduced intensity. Squash57 gives players the chance to continue playing into later year and also offers an easier pathway to getting into squash. Squash57 has also been introduced into some schools' sessions, increasing the enjoyment for younger players.

Our squash development continued with community event like the fun day in the park, youth games, company sports and social sessions, allowing us to introduce our sport to lots of new players.

Schools

We introduce squash and squash57 to thousands of school pupils in 2025, through lunchtime clubs, PE sessions and curriculum sessions at Beau Sejour. This program includes pupils from years 3 to 13 and provides a vital link to our juniors' clubs at Beau Sejour.

Community

Our wider community program offers the opportunity for potential new players to join our squash and racketball program. The program links closely with our schools' program, reaching out to cubs, scouts, brownies and other youth groups for juniors to experience squash and squash57. For adults we ran a number of company sports and social events, along with events for parents of junior players.

We also supported the Specsavers Youth Games with 30 children from Years 5 and

6 learning how to play squash and competing in a fun competition on Games Day.



Once again, we attended the Utmost Community Sport Fun Day in Saumarez Park giving both children and adults a fun introduction to the sport.



Performance

The squash and racketball inter insular was one of the highlights of the year for Guernsey Squash with a huge transition in racketball results helping Guernsey win the overall event.

Guernsey was also represented in the European Squash Championships with a team of 4 finishing 13th in division 3.



Junior squash was also well represented with an outstanding performance from the Elizabeth College KS3 team finishing 2nd to Harrow in the National Schools Championships. Success continued in the Hampshire Junior Closed with Guernsey taking two county championships, one runner up and two third places in various age groups in both girls and boys' events. 6 players went on to be selected for the aspire regional training and 5 players selected to represent Hampshire in the inter county championships.

Workforce/Coach Education

Coach development proved tricky in 2025 with a change in the way the courses were run from online to face to face. Despite this we continue to support coaches through their development.

Future Plans

2026 looks exciting with a number of players looking to embark on the following events:

- Gibraltar Racketball Championships
- National Schools Championships
Boys & Girls KS3 & KS4
- Hampshire Silver Squash
- Guernsey Racketball Open
- UK Racketball Championships
- ETC3 Squash Championships
- Hampshire Closed

Table Tennis



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Guernsey Table Tennis Association



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2025 has been an exceptionally busy year for the Guernsey Table Tennis Association (GTTA). Participation continues to grow across all age groups, from beginner level through to high-potential performance pathways. Our players, coaches, and volunteers have been active both on-island and across the UK and Europe, gaining valuable experience and delivering strong competitive results and gaining valuable experiences.

Schools

GTTA continues to deliver a strong schools programme, with students from **Year 4 to Year 12** attending PE sessions at the GTTA Centre in 2025

Schools Participating in 2025:

- Blanchelande
- Les Voies
- Les Varendes
- St Martin's
- Le Murier
- Le Viage
- Six Form Centre

On average, **100 pupils per week** attended during the 2025 school year.

Year 3 Taster Programme

A highly successful 6-week Year 3 programme ran during June/July 2025, giving every student the opportunity to learn basic table tennis skills and engage with equipment they can access at school or at home. Many of the Year 3 students joined the coaching for Beginners.



Community

GTTA remains committed to supporting island-wide community sport through participation in:

- Sports Commission initiatives
- Specsavers Youth Games
- Family fun events in local parks
- Sport in the Library programme
- Various community outreach days



Performance

Junior Development & Performance Pathway

Training groups for beginners, intermediates and high-potential juniors



have expanded significantly, with increasing weekly attendances.

Key Junior Events & Achievements

Primary Schools International – Wales (April 2025)

A squad of eight U12 players travelled to Wales to compete against England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, and Jersey. Results were outstanding:

- **Girls Team – Silver Medal**
- **Individual Events – Bronze Medals** in both Girls and Boys Singles

Senior Schools International – Jersey (June 2025)

A squad of 16 players competed across U14, U16 and U18 categories, gaining excellent experience against high-level opposition and demonstrating significant development throughout the event.

Home Nations International Dublin (November 2025)

A team of 12 players competed across U15, U18 and Senior categories, gaining excellent experience against high-level opposition and demonstrating significant development throughout the event. GTTA came away with 2 bronze Medals in the Senior Men's and U15 Girls categories,

Visiting Scottish Coach– July 2025

A visiting performance coach from Scotland delivered a 3-day training camp at the GTTA Centre. **45 players** ranging from 8 years old to 82 years old benefited from high-quality coaching, tactical development and multi-ball sessions over the 3 days.



European Training Camp – Latvia (August)

Four GTTA U13 players attended a prestigious European development camp in Latvia, training alongside elite coaches and players from across Europe.

Two players - **Isla Bretel (age 11)** and **Luke Evans (age 12)** - continued on to compete in the **2024 Mini Championships in Strasbourg**, gaining valuable experience against strong European opposition.

Junior British League

The GTTA junior squad successfully applied to enter the **Junior British League**, having 2 girls team competing with the A team finishing **3rd in the league at the end of 2025**, with the final round scheduled for February 2026.

Senior Table Tennis

Senior British League

GTTA entered one senior team (4 players each) in the Senior British League.

- Teams continue to travel to Widnes four times annually for competition.

Veterans British League

Our Veterans team is excelling, currently **1st in their division**, with the final weekend taking place in February 2026. Having won promotion in the 2024 season.

Veterans Competitions

Veterans Home Countries International – England

Guernsey veterans attended the **Veterans Home Countries International** in September 2025 at the Nottingham University Campus

- **150 players** from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the Isle of Man competed over four days.
- GTTA fielded teams in **O40, O50, O60, O70, and O75** categories.

- **Ladies Over 60 Team – Bronze Medal:**

- *Juliette Yeaman & Kay Chivers*

Workforce/Coach Education

Coach Development

Several volunteer coaches are preparing to undertake the **Level 1 UKCC Coaching Qualification**. 5 young GTTA players are now assisting the Development Officer to gain coaching experience and prepare for future qualifications.

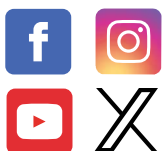
Umpires

- One member successfully **Qualified as a Gold Badge International Umpire Badge**, completing ITTF exams and being assessed at international events. Only 2 Gold Badge Umpires in Europe.
- Multiple GTTA umpires attended off-island competitions to maintain their experience and expertise.
- 2 female umpires now being trained up to gain their International Umpire Badge in 2026.



Future Plans

- **Visiting UK Coach & Player (May & July)** – 50 players involved
- **Primary Schools International (Scotland)** – U12 Boys & Girls, April
- **Senior Schools International (Wales)** – U14, U16, U18 June
- Continued participation in:
 - **Senior British League**
 - **Girls Junior British League**
 - **Boys Junior British League**
- **Summer Off-Island Junior Training Camp** – Latvia, August



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