Chairman's message

Gerard Farnham

We're really working hard on expanding our capabilities and productivity at JTFL so it's great news the town ring road tree survey is under way and progressing well and the Cheap Tree Scheme has been launched, allowing bulk purchase of trees and hedging plants to help facilitate more trees getting planted each year.

We're delighted to have benefited from a generous donation from a local charitable trust to help us develop and modernise infrastructure and increase resources for our major projects such as the Jersey Hedgerow Campaign.

This year we have had lots of help from volunteers, with Robin Hart, our Volunteer Co-ordinator doing a grand job and we are very pleased to welcome Lynsey Mallinson, our new Development Officer, who will be helping us forge ahead with new plans and initiatives.

For art lovers we have an interesting event coming up in November - An exhibition of tree art by artist Graham Bannister at the CCA Galleries International in St Helier. We hope to see you there.

Finally you may have noticed we've been easing in our new branding which we are very pleased with. It brightens the place up no end and partially makes up for yet another awful photograph of me!

The truth behind ivy

There's been much talk about the poor maligned ivy in the press recently about its supposed threat to trees versus its benefit to the environment.

We have published a measured and scientifically based response, written by Conrad Evans, our arboricultural officer, explaining the nature of ivy, its effect on trees and advice about what action, if any, should ever be needed.

Recently reviewed for any advances, the article reflects the commonly shared industry best practice for dealing with ivy on trees and is available on www.jerseytreesforlife.org – just search for 'ivy'.
Val de la Mare

Conrad Evans, Arboricultural Officer

All those with any horticultural knowledge would agree it’s been a good growing year for most things which has meant a damper summer with less sun.

This has helped the recently planted trees we are cosseting in the zones, but in particular the Chinese section. They’ve been watered almost every week by us, and the family who are sponsoring the zone, for which we are most grateful.

Recent stormy weather, however, has caused some damage. A dead pine tree was toppled in this zone but fell short of a red Japanese Maple and Tulip tree.

In the Japanese zone, the wonderful Table Dog Wood has suffered terminal damage, having blown over due to being almost completely rotten at its base. One redeeming factor to report is we predicted its loss in the near future and planted a new one two years ago.

The weather seems to have affected one species of the insect population in that wasps have been a lot scarcer this year. We can usually claim to have lots of stings by now and spotted numerous nests but that certainly is not the case.

Call Conrad!

Members, please remember if you’re in need of free tree advice, Conrad is available.

And members get a 10% discount on any tree work we undertake.

“Trees are your best antiques.”
Alexander Smith
Thanks to the RBC volunteers who planted 323 whips and trees in St Peter as part of the Jersey Hedgerow Campaign

Many hands make light work...

The success of any planting scheme depends on aftercare and this year has been no exception.

Vegetation has grown apace which has meant the team has trimmed far and wide. A promising spring was soon left behind with a wetter and duller summer taking over. This has suited our hedging and tree whips however, as it has made for good growing conditions.

Thanks are due to the many organisations who have helped us in this respect including the Social Security Foundations, the Community Jobs Fund and Back to Work groups with their new skills and training programme working on the Jersey Hedgerow Campaign in St Clement and Mourier Valley.

Val de la Mare has greatly benefitted from corporate input. We were ably assisted by KPMG as part of their Make a Difference Day and were grateful for 2 days of work from many staff.

Santander International helped in creating habitat piles by stacking fallen and felled trees in places that will hopefully be inhabited by both flora and fauna in the near future. They also cleared bracken from around a previous planting project in Mourier Valley, giving them another insight into conservation work.

The 6th Manton Cubs helped carry out a seedling sycamore pull at our national Alder Collection in St Brelade as well as doing a litter pick and stripping ivy from walls to prevent it causing damage.

Thank you all, maintenance matters!
Town ring road tree survey

JTfL is currently undertaking a survey of the tree species within the ring road of St Helier and St Saviour.

Volunteers have been recruited to identify trees from ariel photographs and find them on foot.

Using a tablet and an app to identify and plot locations of the trees against GPS co-ordinates recording the species, locations, size and condition, the work will form part of our urban tree survey.

This is the first of its kind in Jersey and will be used as a foundation for future care and planning of the island’s tree population.

Arboricultural Officer Conrad Evans said: “Recording these trees in this way will play a really important part in town’s future.

"It will enable us to get key information on the condition and density of the current tree population which can then guide us in future planning for the benefit of the environment."

Sue Harvey is our Administration Officer and the woman who can help if you need anything!

She is based at our headquarters at the Frances Le Sueur Centre along the Five Mile Road, Monday - Friday (9am-1pm) so feel free to drop in and see her, or to email or phone her with any queries.

Sue was recently seen at the Highlands’ Fresher’s Fayre where she spoke to lots of students about JTfL and how they can get involved.

She said: "It was great to speak to youngsters about Jersey's trees and lovely that so many were interested in our conservation work."

Robin Hart
Town Ring Road Tree Survey and Volunteer Co-ordinator

Robin has been with the JTfL team for five years now, working alongside woodland technicians Don and Colin.

Recent additional roles include managing our survey and its results as well as coordinating groups of helpers with various projects.

Lynsey Mallinson
Development Officer

Lynsey is the newest addition to the JTfL team.

Her responsibilities include PR/marketing as well as managing events and projects and liaising with members, volunteers, supporters and donors.
The Four Seasons exhibition

A celebration of trees with artists Graham Bannister, Anna Gillespie and Helen Nue

We are delighted to be working with CCA Galleries International, Intertrust and the National Trust for Jersey during November to celebrate the magnificence and importance of trees.

Graham Bannister has exhibited internationally but his love of the Jersey landscape began more than 25 years ago with a collection of Jersey coastline paintings. This exhibition is a culmination of 18 months working alongside us and the National Trust for Jersey to record some of the island’s most iconic trees.

Graham said: “The exhibition shows a love of trees and celebrates the life they give. It also informs of their importance and history in relation to man and his environment.”

Anna Gillespie is known for her figurative sculptures using found organic tree material such as acorn cups, leaves and twigs. She has exhibited at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Glastonbury and has work in collections worldwide including The Somerset Museum and Museo Arte Contemporanea Sicilia.

Helen Nue is an etcher and all of her work is made in her studio in the Loire in France. Her work depicts the hidden life in the forest, the life we don’t always see when walking in the wood. She is well known in France for her illustration work and collaborations with writers and she has exhibited widely throughout the country.

The exhibition runs from 2-23 November (Mon-Fri 10-5pm and by appointment) at the CCA Galleries International, Royal Court Chambers, Hill Street, St Helier.

It also includes work by guest artists Jasmine Bannister (photography), Jean-Pierre Mousquie (wire sculpture) and Nadine Dupeux (contemporary basketry) as well as workshops, demonstrations and talks.

Call 739900 or email enquiries@ccagalleriesinternational.com for more information.

Would you like to join the JtFL committee?

We are looking for more people to join our team.

The volunteer role demands some time and a pro-active approach to helping us achieve our long term goals.

Perhaps you have additional skills or interests that you could bring to support us in our work?

To find out more, please contact Sue who will put you in touch with our Chairman, Gerard Farnham, to discuss things informally in more detail.

THANK YOU

JtFL would like to say a grateful thanks to members Mrs Drydale, Mrs Perkins, Mr and Mrs Garton, Mr and Mrs Strong, Mr and Mrs Thullier and Mrs Paton for their recent donations.

We are extremely grateful to all our supporters who kindly support our work with one-off and monthly donations. Thank you.
Trees We Love

We had more than 80 entries for this year’s RUBiS Fuel Supplies photographic competition, Trees We Love.

Grateful thanks to RUBiS for partnering again with us and Guernsey Trees For Life.

Non-professional photographers were asked to send in a picture of their favourite Channel Island tree from which winning pictures will be selected.

There were two categories of entries; school/junior and open. Adult winners will be awarded £500 credit for RUBiS and younger winners will receive a £200 Amazon voucher.

Good luck to everyone who entered and we look forward to seeing the final production when the calendar is launched around National Tree Week at the end of November.

And don’t forget, you can donate your RUBiS petrol points to us.

As we are the company’s nominated charity, when you fill up at any RUBiS fuel stations, you can further support us by donating your loyalty points to us – just let them know at the tills.

Last year, we received more than £3197.50 this way. Thank you RUBiS customers.

Three Peaks Challenge completed for JTfL

Update! The Investec team, Kevin Allen, Audrey Lynch and Andy Smith, who recently completed the Three Peaks Challenge for JTfL raised an astonishing £3,000+ for us. Thank you so much.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM and BBQ. It was lovely to see so many of you. We also collected £454.20 in kind donations which made it even better!

Regular giving

Regular income helps us forecast projects and future spending as well as securing the future of JTfL.

If you’d be interested in supporting us in this way, we’d love to hear from you – even a small amount a month can make a difference and setting up a standing order or a lump sum payment each year is very easy to organise.

£3 a month helps us buy three hedgerow plants for the Jersey Hedgerow Campaign, contributing to our wildlife corridor network across the island helping birds, hedgehogs and small wildlife.

£5, or more, a month helps us pay for larger projects such as the Val de la Mare Arboretum where we require large amounts of materials to fulfil our aims.

And for every donation of £50 or more, JTfL can claim 25% tax back, making your donation even more valuable to us.

Visit our website for more information and to set up a regular payment by direct debit or contact Sue on 857611 or admin@jerseytreesforlife.org
Jersey Legacy Week

November marks Jersey Legacy Week; a time when islanders are encouraged to think about the difference they can make through donations that continue to fund charitable projects when they are no longer here.

Legacies are a significant income source for charities, enabling them to undertake work and projects over and above the regular day-to-day activities thus really making a difference to the future of the island and its residents.

Our charitable work includes a busy environmental programme to ensure the value and needs of local trees will be understood for many years into the future. With increasing local development pressures and the threat of climate change, protecting the future of our precious trees and woodland is now more urgent than ever.

Leaving a legacy to JTfL will ensure our practical commitment to the conservation and improvement of the island’s natural environment will continue to grow. This support will help us protect, preserve and promote Jersey’s trees for the benefit of future generations.

If you’d like to discuss regular giving or legacy opportunities with us, we’d really love to hear from you. Legacies can be anonymous and any discussion about these opportunities will be in the strictest confidence.

Become a JTfL member

We are always seeking new members. Individual membership is £25 a year and corporate membership is £250 including the following:

- A one hour consultation with arboricultural officer, Conrad Evans

- 10% discount on professional arboriculture labour services

- A copy of the book Trees In Jersey to help you identify species

- The opportunity to become involved in tree planting programmes and activities

- Invitations to events including the AGM and summer and Christmas luncheons

- Six-monthly newsletter and email updates with progress reports and items of interest

Gifts with a difference

Looking for inspiration for gifts for those people who are so difficult to buy for?

We have a small number of major trees at the Val de la Mare Arboretum available for exclusive personal lifetime of tree adoption; a very unique and one-off gift perfect for birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries and other celebrations.

20 trees including White Ash, tree ferns, Red Pines, River Birches, Maple, Walnut and Oak species have been selected across all of the Arboretum’s different zones to be adopted by individuals or corporate supporters.

Prices start at £500 and adopters can remain anonymous, or have their names printed on a plaque.

Visit the website for more information or to arrange a visit please contact Conrad on 07797 713321 or email contact@jerseytreesforlife.org.

Make a donation to JTfL...
Visit www.jerseycharities.org and search for us on the member list, click on the donation amount and continue with your payment details

Make a regular payment to JTfL...
Visit www.jerseytreesforlife.org, click on 'Donate' and then simply fill in the Direct Debit form for £3 or £5 a month
About us

Jersey Trees for Life (JTfl) is a registered charity (formally Jersey Association of the Men of the Trees) providing protection and care for trees in Jersey as well as education regarding their value and importance locally.

Since 1937, we have been working to plant and protect trees and to manage existing woodland in order to provide maximum benefit to the island’s landscape and wildlife.

We offer expert advice on the planting, management and care of trees and hedges and their associated environments to individuals and businesses, as well as delivering educational services to schools.

We also work with, and alongside, community focused organisations and States’ departments as well as co-ordinating and managing environmental projects and facilitating volunteer work for a range of groups and business professionals as part of their corporate social responsibility commitment.

Our projects include the Val de la Mare Arboretum (the Forgotten Forest) where people can adopt a tree or sponsor a particular zone, the Jersey Hedgerow Campaign (planting and restoring Jersey’s hedgerows and farmland trees), Adelina Wood (the creation and maintenance of a community wood in St Helier), Birds on the Edge (planting of hedgerows near St Ouen’s pond and woodland at Mourier Valley) and a nationally recognised Alder Collection in St Brelade where we monitor and maintain a group comprising 25 species grown from seeds collected from many countries around the world.

We also have many volunteering opportunities for those interested in working with us.

JTfl committee members and staff

Chairman – Gerard Farnham
Vice Chairman – Anna Robertson
Treasurer – Greg Bestwick
Secretary – Helen Pulley
Arboricultural Officer – Conrad Evans
Committee members – Joel Freire, Phillip Le Brocq and Joy Carry
Administration Officer – Sue Harvey
Development Officer – Lynsey Mallinson
Volunteer Coordinator – Robin Hart
Woodland technicians - Don Jones & Colin Langlois

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