



Association of
JerseyCharities



**ANNUAL REPORT
2014/2015**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Friday 21 November - The date that the Charities (Jersey) Law 2014 was enacted (and some of it came into effect). We have a statutory definition of charitable purpose. We have a public benefit requirement (albeit we still require clarification on what will constitute public benefit in Jersey). We have a role of Charity Commissioner (but no appointment as at the time of writing this narrative). We have scope for a Charity Tribunal for appeals against the (yet to be appointed) Commissioner's decisions. There is a registration requirement (voluntary, not compulsory) that, again, has yet to be enacted.

SO WHERE ARE WE? IN LIMBO.

Last year we were excited about the prospect of a law that would provide a formal definition of 'charity' in Jersey. We were wondering how registration would work. We also pondered what regulation might arise once the Commissioner was in post and the registration phase had been completed.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING INTO THE UNKNOWN.

What has happened in the interim is that Jersey has identified a deficit in its budget. This has meant that the key decision on how to fund the post of the Charity Commissioner was delayed. We are in regular communication with the Chief Minister's Department on this issue and progress has been made but we are not quite there.

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Turning all of this into a positive, we have more time to reflect on the implications of the Charity Law and for you, as our members, to plan your response to the law. I say "plan your response" because all of you should be reading the law and assessing whether you will wish to register as a charity (registration is voluntary but you cannot call yourself a charity unless you are registered) and, if you wish to register, whether you will be eligible for registration (does your purpose meet the charitable purpose test and could you demonstrate that you provide a public benefit?). For the majority of our members I expect they will choose to register as a charity but some may not see any advantage and others may need to be clear on what public benefit they provide. So now is your opportunity to plan.

For the Association of Jersey Charities there are other considerations we have to reflect upon. One of the key roles of the Association is to 'vet' members before they are eligible to receive grants from the Lottery profits. However, once the formal scheme of registration is established and the Charity Commissioner is in post, it will be the Commissioner's responsibility to administer the charity test.

This will render our vetting role for membership mostly redundant. I say “mostly” because we are an organisation not just for charities but for other causes that benefit the community generally. In such circumstances should we continue to be a membership organisation? Perhaps we should automatically accept all registered Jersey charities into membership and only vet the community benefit organisations?

Alternatively, should we cease to be a membership organisation completely and focus upon distributing Channel Islands’ Lottery profits to charities and good causes? What is clear to your Committee is that there are issues around and arising from the Charities (Jersey) Law to be considered and discussed and raised with you as a membership. Over the course of the next year we shall be communicating with you our thoughts and obtaining your own input on how the law affects the role of the Association in the future.

Looking back at the activity of the Association this year it has been an excellent year in terms of funding the sector. As you will see from our Treasurer’s report, we spent more than we received in income. For a commercial organisation this might be viewed as a negative but for our Association, this is good news as we are applying our reserves to meet the needs of our members. Elsewhere in this report you will see the statistics for the grants we have given, the funds that we have available and some success stories from our members. All of this makes me immensely proud. Proud of you, our members for continuing to devote so much time and effort to the good causes that you support. Proud of the Executive Committee which continues to work hard to vet membership applications and grant requests which is now spending more time considering how the role of the Association sits alongside the Charity Law. Proud of our wonderful administrator, Lyn, who is a friend, mentor and organiser for all of us.



As I look to the year ahead, I see that there will be changes for all of us. The appointment of the Charity Commissioner will see the Charity Law move forward towards registration. Please ensure that your organisation is ready for this and has considered the aspects I referred to previously. Your Committee will look at the questions that relate to our future structure and we will communicate with you about this. When I am drafting my report for the 2016 Annual Report I anticipate talking a lot about the changes that we have all experienced...

PHILLIP CALLOW CHAIRMAN AJC

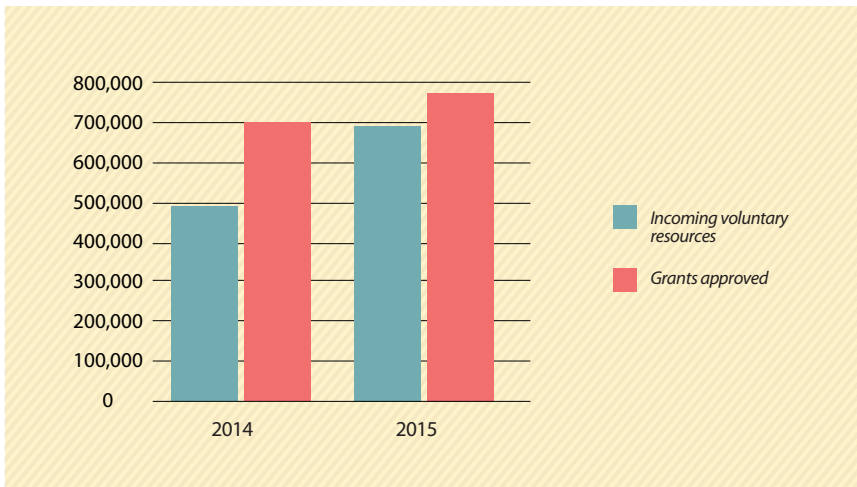


TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association continues to fulfil its objective of distributing as many funds as possible to member charities who have successfully applied for grants.

During the year the Association incurred a deficit of £35,421, despite an increase in incoming resources from £581,302 in the year ended 31 March 2014 to £813,131 in the year ended 31 March 2015. This increase was driven by a rise in Channel Islands' Lottery profits from 2012 lottery profits of £401,793 (paid to the Association in the year ended 31 March 2014) to 2014 lottery profits of £684,555 (paid to the Association in the year ended 31 March 2015). This demonstrates how the increasing success and growth of the Channel Islands' Lottery is directly benefitting local charities.

There has been a year-on-year increase in charitable expenditure of £40,030 or 4.6%. Furthermore, charitable expenditure continues to exceed the grants and donations earned by the Association.



AVERAGE VALUE OF A GRANT APPLICATION:

2014: £16,667

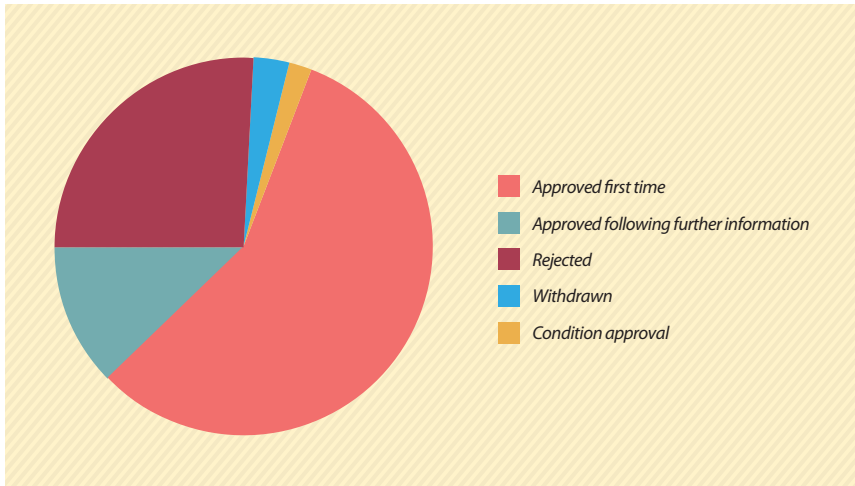
2015: £16,352

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Association's restricted funds made a deficit during the year of £36,819.

One of the reasons for this is that one of the main restricted activities is the funding of the Jersey Voluntary Community Sector ("JVCS"), the funding for which was earned in full in the year ended 31 March 2013. Therefore, this year there has been on-going expenditure in support of JVCS paid out of income earned previously. During the year ended 31 March 2015 the cumulative costs paid by the Association on behalf of the JVCS reached the total original funding of £120,000 received from the Health and Social Services Department of the States of Jersey. The balance sheet position on this restricted account at 31 March 2015 is therefore £Nil.

The JVCS became an independent legal entity in January 2013 and became financially and operationally independent from the Association in January 2014.



This has been achieved by approving a majority of the applications made for grants during the year.

Of a total of 65 grant applications during the year (2014: 56) with a total value of £1,062,892 (2014: £933,354), 75% were approved by the committee (2014: 82%). 57% were approved straight away and 17% were approved following requests for further information.

Of the remaining 25% some applications were withdrawn or are still awaiting further information. 23% of all grant applications have been rejected as not meeting the criteria (2014: 11%).

FUNDS HELD

At 31 March 2015, the funds held by the Association are committed to restricted purposes (largely from an anonymous donation in 2009 which was made with specific conditions attached), committed to cover grants already approved, or available as unrestricted funds as follows:

	2015 - £	2014 - £
Cash at 31 March 2015	1,289,856	1,061,205
Restricted funds - anonymous donation: specified grants	(213,705)	(213,705)
Restricted funds - anonymous donation: training and support	(199,698)	(217,270)
Restricted funds - Jersey Finance: Jersey Charity Awards	(21,347)	(19,276)
Restricted funds - HSS funding re JVCS	-	(32,785)
Chairman's reserve	(10,000)	(10,000)
Unrestricted funds available	845,106	568,169
Grants approved, but not yet paid (including June 2015 meeting)	(619,576)	(654,307)
Cash funds available	225,530	(86,138)
Balance of investments at 31 March 2015	2,494,391	2,435,083
Restricted investments - anonymous donation	(1,809,134)	(2,055,736)
Total funds available	910,787	293,209

This shows that the Association is in a strong position to continue funding member charities over the course of the next year and beyond.

The reason the cash funds available position has improved, despite the fact that grants paid out have exceeded donations received during the year, is because during the year, the Association received £410,120 which was previously owed by the States of Jersey. These were monies that were historically held as a retention on Channel Islands' Lottery profits by the States of Jersey.

The restricted amount of the investment balance has decreased from £2,055,736 at 31 March 2014 to £1,809,134 at 31 March 2015. This is because, under the terms of the anonymous donation, the Committee may designate 5% of the capital balance to unrestricted funds per annum. During the year ended 31 March 2015 the committee designated £246,602 from restricted investments to the unrestricted fund (being the 5% for the years ended 31 March 2012, 31 March 2013 and 31 March 2014). These funds remain within investments to achieve income and capital growth for the Association, but could be realised as cash should the Association sell some of the investments.

The 2014 lottery profits were the strongest yet at £701,802, and the Association is yet to receive these monies. Therefore, this further strengthens the Association's ability to continue to distribute valuable, much-needed grants to our charitable organisations in Jersey.

That just leaves me to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as Treasurer of the Association. I have learned such a lot about the vast amount of good work that is being done in the charitable sector in Jersey and being able to contribute to that, even in a small way, by ensuring that funds get distributed to the Association's members, has been extremely rewarding.

I wish all of the Association's member charities the very best for the future.

HANNAH WILLIAMS *TREASURER AJC*



GRANTS AWARDED IN 2014-2015

Each year, the Association receives the Jersey share of the Channel Islands' lottery profits from the Economic Development Ministry to distribute to its members specifically for the benefit of the people and island of Jersey.

Charity members applying for grants have to demonstrate sufficient need and show that the grant is both for the benefit of Jersey residents, and for a charitable purpose, for example the advancement of education or the advancement of religion or the relief of or research into ill health or any other purpose of benefit to the community.

Association officers meet quarterly to approve grant applications as well as membership requests from new charities.

Over the past 12 months, a **total of £784,611.69** has been given to 42 member charities as follows:

MARCH 2015

- **Jersey Child Care Trust** - for a special needs project - £30,000
- **Les Amis** - to convert a garage into a bedroom - £30,000
- **NSPCC** - for two midwives salaries - £30,000
- **Headway Jersey** - for an occupational therapist salary and minibus running costs - £30,000
- **The Bailiwick of Jersey RAYNET Group** - for equipment - £5,460.72
- **Jersey Youth Trust** - for youth worker salaries - £30,000
- **National Trust for Jersey** - for a new truck - £20,000
- **Triumph Over Phobia** - to send two to a conference - £1,600
- **Jersey Dyslexia Association** - for an administration assistant salary for one year - £14,500
- **Brook in Jersey** - to increase staff hours, resources and training - £15,018
- **The Shelter Trust** - to refurbish Aztec House - £29,868.48

DECEMBER 2014

- **Music in Action** - to pay for musicians for workshops and an administration assistant salary - £11,150
- **BeachAbility** - to cover the salary of a seasonal co-ordinator - £4,494
- **7 Overseas (Jersey) Squadron Air Training Corps** - for PCs and laptops - £5,000
- **Durrell** - to resurface the foot paths - £17,031
- **Freedom for Life Ministries** - for a lift for the centre - £19,484
- **Community Savings Ltd** - towards part time salaries - £30,000
- **Silkworth Lodge** - to upgrade kitchen and replace carpets in communal areas - £9,563

SEPTEMBER 2014

- **George V Residents' Association** - for coach trips - £1,000
- **Jersey Scout Association** - to send five scouts to the World Jamboree - £8,000
- **Friends of St Thomas' Church** - to cover the shortfall on the cost of refurbishing the hall toilets - £1,183
- **ACET Jersey** - HIV Education in Schools project - £30,000
- **Friends of Mont a l'Abbé School** - to make the playground more wheelchair friendly - £22,800
- **Jersey Council on Alcoholism** - to refurbish 26 and 28 West Park Avenue - £27,966
- **Durrell** - to refurbish the entrance to Café Dodo - £12,969
- **NCT Jersey** - to train an antenatal teacher - £17,260
- **Jersey Heritage Trust** - to purchase eight Edmund Blampied sketchbooks - £20,000
- **Maison des Landes** - for roof repairs - £30,000
- **Arts in Health Care Trust** - towards three concert tours - £9,000
- **Macmillan Cancer Support** - towards the refurbishment of the centre - £20,000



JUNE 2014

- **Le Congrès des parlers Normands et Jèrriais** - towards an MSC - £1,350
- **JCG PTA** - for a minibus - £24,925
- **Jersey Scout Association** - to re-cover the floor of the 9th scout hut - £2,000
- **Jersey Heritage Trust** - to complete the scanning of WW1 documents - £1,914
- **St Peter's Youth Club** - towards sessional youth worker salaries - £17,342
- **Grand Vaux School PTA** - to refurbish the library - £4,209
- **Jersey Cancer Trust** - for 10 chemotherapy couches - £29,815
- **St John Ambulance** - for a replacement support vehicle - £28,000
- **Triumph Over Phobia** - to send two people to a conference - £1,679
- **Caring Hands** - towards two salaries - £30,000
- **La Moye School PTA** - to refurbish the kitchen - £10,191
- **Words and Numbers Matter** - for an administration and an assessor salary for one year - £9,959
- **Jersey Arts Centre Trust** - Theatre In Education Project - £18,000
- **Jersey Citizen's Advice Bureau** - for debt advisor's salary for two years - £30,000
- **Little Sisters of the Poor** - to continue major refurbishment - £30,000



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

- **Love Thy Neighbour Jersey** - *To help those in need that have fallen on hard times and need support. This could be divorce, loss of job and are struggling for help when they are going through a crisis in their life. This could be helping them deal with different agencies, support of the church and help by volunteers. This would apply whatever gender, colour, creed or faith*
- **Jersey Coders** - *To provide a club for young people (primarily school years 7+) to teach and support IT and computer coding skills through mentoring and shared learning. This is a not-for-profit organisation and all monies raised through sponsorship or other fundraising, shall be used to invest in IT education in Jersey*
- **Friends of Samarès School Association** - *To promote a close relationship between parents, guardians and staff of Samarès School. To further the interests of the school in any practical way which seems appropriate, by supporting and promoting Samarès School in the achievement of all aspects of the education of the pupils*
- **Down's Syndrome Association, Jersey Group** - *To create and develop the conditions which will enable people with Down's Syndrome to attain their full potential and to undertake any other charitable activities in connection with Down's Syndrome in Jersey*
- **Jersey Action Against Rape (J.A.A.R.)** - *To provide support for survivors of rape and sexual assault in Jersey and their families by, amongst other things, establishing and maintaining a supporting framework that includes a dedicated helpline, website and trained counsellors. To educate the general public on the facts and myths surrounding rape and the extreme trauma suffered by survivors of rape and sexual abuse. This will include being aware of and advising others of the latest thinking, research and treatments available to a survivor and their confidants*



- **Gurkha Welfare Trust Jersey (GWTJ)** - To raise monies for GWT UK to support its activities in the relief of hardship and distress among Gurkha ex-servicemen of the British Crown and their dependants
- **Little Miracles** - To support the parents of premature and sick babies who are under the care of the Special Care Baby Unit by providing them with care packages filled with gifts. To undertake fundraising activities and gain support and sponsorship from the public in order to fulfil our aim
- **Oscar Maclean Foundation** - The raising, administration, management and application of funds to support both specific projects and more general activities whose primary purpose is to support (financially or otherwise) children suffering from various conditions and their families during and following diagnosis, treatment, palliative care and bereavement
- **Philip's Footprints** - To relieve the suffering and emotional distress to parents and families in or from the Channel Islands, facing the death of their baby during pregnancy or the death of an older baby or child. To raise awareness of baby loss generally and provide additional items as requested and training if required to health professionals. To provide emotional support
- **Caring Cooks of Jersey** - To help less fortunate island families eat well and eat together, but most importantly to ensure our island's children are receiving the nourishment they deserve, at times when parents are struggling. This is done through Grace Trust Jersey, Family Nursing & Home Care, St Helier Methodist Centre or direct to families



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A very busy year with setting up the new website. This was achieved at a cost of just over £1,500, and is now hosted and supported by Clearsite Ltd, a small local web design company. This means that we have broken our link with the JEP, after many years of the Guiton Group hosting our site. It also means that the volunteer vacancies are no longer displayed on ThisisJersey, however we do manage to circulate your needs to many other online and physical outlets. Our grateful thanks go to the Guiton Group for being so supportive of the Association over the last 10 years.

It seems my constant 'nagging' about subscriptions and annual returns is paying off and only one organisation failed to pay their subscription for 2014/2015. We are still a few annual returns short so this area could improve. The importance of the Association having your correct contact details cannot be emphasised enough, especially if your organisation doesn't have an online presence or a listing in the telephone directory. And on this point I am encouraged by so many of you taking up the technical social media training courses that we have recently started. Anyone needing to set up a website or Facebook page should contact me if they need help.

This year will see a return of the Jersey Charity Awards and the application process will be launched 11 May. The ceremony will once again be held in a marquee in the grounds of Government House, and His Excellency, Sir John McColl and Lady McColl will be attending to present the prizes. If you are going to enter the Awards, please keep the date free, Sunday 13 September 2015 at 2pm.

LYN WILTON

"BeachAbility is a local charity providing specially designed beach wheelchairs for use on our island's beautiful beaches. A generous grant from the Association of Jersey Charities has enabled us to employ a seasonal coordinator which will allow us to respond to enquiries as promptly and efficiently as possible."

MARGARET LE HERISSIER
CHAIRPERSON BEACHABILITY



MEMBER ACCOLADES

Congratulations on behalf of the Association of Jersey Charities to the following islanders who were rewarded for their voluntary efforts:

Many congratulations to:

Robert Christensen who received an MBE for services to Cancer Research UK in the New Year Honours list.

Colin Taylor was awarded a BEM for his charity work in the community, assisting men in crisis and for providing long term accommodation for the poorest in Jersey through the two charities Colin set up, Caring Hands (now Sanctuary Trust) and Love Thy Neighbour.



"A big thank you to the Association of Jersey Charities. Grants have permitted us to commence and continue the ongoing work of the renewal of the windows with double glazing and the exterior décor of the building at the same time. Without this help, we could not have envisioned this work and we are so grateful."

SISTER GERALDINE *LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR*



WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

- **Media Training** *Jersey Hospice Care* | 08.04.14 | *Alex Mallinson*
- **Jersey Gambling Commission** *St Paul's Centre* | 14.05.14 | *Dr Jason Lane*
- **Governance - Master Class Corporate Fundraising**
Jersey Hospice Care | 17.06.14 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Governance - Making The Most Of Social Networking & E-Fundraising For Charities**
St Paul's Centre | 18.06.14 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Governance - Developing A Fundraising Strategy**
St Paul's Centre | 19.06.14 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Media Training** *Jersey Hospice Care* | 21.08.14 | *Alex Mallinson*
- **An Introduction to MASH** *St Paul's Centre* | 10.09.14 | *Julie Cubbin*
- **Media Training** *Jersey Hospice Care* | 25.09.14 | *Alex Mallinson*
- **Media Training** *Jersey Hospice Care* | 23.10.14 | *Alex Mallinson*
- **Governance - Event Fundraising & How To Effectively Market Your Cause**
St Paul's Centre | 04/11/14 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Governance - Managing & Motivating Volunteers**
St Paul's Centre | 06/11/14 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Social Media Technical Training** *Regus* | 12.01.15 | *Christopher Journeaux*
- **Governance - Social Networking & E-Fundraising for Charities**
St Paul's Centre | 13.01.15 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Governance - Building A Winning Team** *St Paul's Centre* | 15.01.15 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Performance Management For Charity Sector Leaders**
St Paul's Centre | 15.01.15 | *Bill Treweek*
- **Social Media Technical Training** *Regus* | 16.01.15 | *Christopher Journeaux*
- **Management of Charitable Funds** *Societe Jersiaise* | 25.02.15 | *Quilter Cheviot*
- **Governance - Good Governance & Why Do We Need It**
St Paul's Centre | 17.03.15 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Governance - Social Networking & E-fundraising**
St Paul's Centre | 19.03.15 | *Jane Galloway*
- **Performance Management For Charity Sector Leaders**
St Paul's Centre | 17.03.15 | *Bill Treweek*

ASSOCIATION OF JERSEY CHARITIES

The Association of Jersey Charities (AJC) is the representative body of the majority of charitable organisations operating in Jersey. These represent a wide and diverse section of island life, ranging from large organisations providing essential services to the community, local branches of national charities and smaller local charities, organisations, clubs and societies representing the needs and concerns of particular groups within Jersey.

Established in 1971, as of 31 March 2015 there are currently 308 members.

OUR OBJECTIVES ARE:

- to encourage and facilitate charitable and community work in Jersey
- to encourage co-operation and co-ordination of activities between members and prospective members, as well as to encourage discussion and exchange of ideas regarding services offered to the community
- to administer the distribution of funds to members, which are principally made available to the Association as a result of the Jersey share of the Channel Islands' Lottery profits
- to develop and administer a programme of education and information to benefit members
- to assist and represent our members, both individually and as a whole

"My charity supports underprivileged children in Sri Lanka and South India and provides them with school equipment, computers, clothes, toys and everything needed for a normal childhood which we all take for granted. I am extremely grateful to the Association for their support"

DR HIMA PATRON, ISLAND FRIENDS TOGETHER



ASSOCIATION OF JERSEY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Patron - Lieutenant Governor of Jersey,
His Excellency General Sir John McColl KCB, CBE, DSO

Chairman - Phillip Callow

Deputy Chairman - Liz Le Poidevin

Treasurer - Hannah Williams

Secretary - Simon LARBALÉSTIER

Training and Events Officer - David Newman

Publicity Officer - Lynsey Mallinson

Committee Member - Stephanie Duke

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