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'Buy a Brick' for the proposed new GSPCA Wildlife Hospital

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Support the development of the Channel Islands 1st Wildlife Hospital. Some 40 new wild animals per week that need nursing back into health, a specialist, demanding and frequently prolonged process, before they may be rehabilitated back to the wild.



If you have visited one of the GSPCA recent events or stalls you may well have learned of the newly launched 'Buy a Brick' campaign to help the GSPCA achieve the proposed new Wildlife Hospital.

The GSPCA currently treat over 2,000 wild animals and birds each year. This number continues to

increase and our existing facilities can't cope with the increase in demand and are not fit for purpose. They desperately need a radical reorganisation and updating.

From seal pups to baby hedgehogs, kingfishers to buzzards, ducklings to loggerhead turtles, bats to voles the variety of wild animals and birds GSPCA help is vast.

To help achieve the new Wildlife Hospital we are launching our Exclusive Build Partner scheme and a 'Buy a Brick' scheme for individuals and businesses looking to support this much needed build.



With the 'Buy a Brick' campaign we have two options for you to choose:

Option 1: For £250 you can have your family name or company logo engraved on a brick that will feature in the build of the Wildlife Hospital.

Option 2: Purchase a brick for £50 for the build.

Multiple brick packages are also available. For more info visit our website.

GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne said: "At the GSPCA 1920's Ball last month we launched our 'Buy a Brick' campaign to help achieve our proposed new Wildlife Hospital.

"Sure kindly lent us some phones and DLM Architects headsets so that when we are out and about we can show case the new build and what we hope it will look like.

"From Temperance the Grey Seal pup we released this year to Blucher the Barn Owl from Herm we help so many wild animals and each brick can help make a huge difference to those animals coming through our care.

"The 'Buy a Brick' for the new Wildlife Hospital could make an ideal gift for a loved one or friend who has a passion for conservation and helping wildlife and with Christmas fast approaching we can do a lovely gift pack through the 'Buy a Brick' campaign for our Wildlife Hospital."



More on the Exclusive Build Partner Scheme -

DLM and the GSPCA are delighted to showcase the proposed designs for the new GSPCA Wildlife Hospital and launch the Build Partner Scheme.

With 1500 to 2000 wild animals and birds that come through the doors of the GSPCA every year the charity sees more wild animals requiring care than domestic species.

The charity has been helping this number of wild animals for many years and with the buildings at the centre dating back many decades a new fit for purpose facility is crucial for the future of the centre.



David De La Mare, Director at DLM Architects, said: "As a chartered architecture practice we have a responsibility to design buildings that have a positive impact on our natural environment through sustainable intervention. This can range from thermal performance, energy consumption, building materials, planted walls and roofs, and aesthetic appearance to the specific use of the building.

"The proposed wildlife centre will allow the GSPCA to work more efficiently and cope with the increasing demand on injured wildlife in a purpose built space giving the animal the best chance of recovery and integration back to the wild.

"DLM Architects is a team of animal lovers and whilst we enjoy designing a building within a detailed criteria for the benefit of our local wildlife, it is also very rewarding to show our support for the great work done by all at the GSPCA."

The design has evolved primarily from the requirements of a brief set by the GSPCA, isolating various species within suitable zones and necessary room size in relation to the duration of treatment required.

DLM has made consideration to minimise on going maintenance costs, centralise storage, administration and cooking facilities, and reduce the trauma of moving the wildlife to and from the relevant zones.

GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne said: "The GSPCA are hugely grateful to DLM Architects who have listened and understood our requirements and turned them into this wonderful design.

"From seal pups to baby hedgehogs, kingfishers to buzzards, ducklings to loggerhead turtles, bats to voles the variety of wild animals and birds we help is vast.

"Without Build Partners so far we couldn't have achieved our multi purpose animal welfare buildings in 2015 which has cared for Slovakian puppies to Olivia the loggerhead turtle, injured cats to stray bearded dragons and we are appealing for those that really want to help us help the wildlife of Guernsey.

"To help achieve the new Wildlife Hospital we are looking for businesses and individuals looking to support this much needed build."



The GSPCA is asking for 350 Exclusive Build Partners to help meet the building costs associated with our new Wildlife Hospital Building.

Companies or individuals can sign up for a minimum of £520 a year for 5 years or a total of £2,600 per partnership and the charity would love to hear from anyone that would like to get involved in raising much needed funds for the Wildlife Hospital new build.

As a Build Partner you will gain:

- the knowledge that you are actively supporting animal community
- the first 25 GSPCA Build Partners to register will be entered into a draw to lay the first foundation stone



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- one Build Partner will be selected by draw to help complete the topping out
- V.I.P. invitation to the opening of the new facilities
- exclusive rights to use the GSPCA Build Partner logo
- updates on the progress of the new building
- should you wish, a personal / corporate profile on the GSPCA website
- recognition of your support within the new building if desired

If anyone would like to learn more or discuss how they can get involved and support our Wildlife Hospital new build please do get in touch by calling 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg.



A successful summer Bat week at the GSPCA



During the summer a kind and caring member of public Corinne Connolly, who helps to run many fund raisers for the GSPCA, rescued Pipistrelle Bat from a cat.

The bat which was called 'Midnight' was checked over and placed in an intensive care

unit. Midnight was very lucky and thankfully had no major injuries so GSPCA Volunteer Wardens Matt Hill-Smith and Jen Bradshaw were able to take Midnight to a location at dusk to be released back into the wild.

As Midnight was being released GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne accepted a second bat, this time a Brown Long Eared Bat, which had flown into a car. The team at the Shelter placed the bat in an intensive care unit and were hopeful of its release the next day.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "It's amazing as we don't see an injured bat for weeks and then we got two in two nights.

"When rescuing bats you should always wear gloves or use a cloth to pick them up. Thankfully both bats were very lucky and it was great to see the VT of Midnight being released back to the wild."

Any bat that is found on the ground, or in an exposed area, especially during the day, is likely to need help.

If the bat is on the ground, on an outside wall, or in exposed area where it may be vulnerable, it should be contained in a box.

You should avoid handling the bat, but if it is necessary WEAR GLOVES due to the small risk of a rabies type virus.

To contain the bat, like a spider, place a box on top of it and slide a piece of card underneath, alternatively, cover the bat with a cloth/tea towel and carefully scoop it up and place it in the box.

Make sure to put a tea towel or soft cloth in the box for the bat to hide in as well as a small, shallow container e.g. a plastic milk bottle top with **a few drops of water** (not enough for the bat to drown in). Make sure the water is topped up regularly.

Keep the bat somewhere quiet and dark at room temperature and most importantly, **call the GSPCA on 01481 257261.**

Only a bat that has been confirmed as fit and healthy by a bat carer should be released, and never during the day.

Please don't assume the bat is healthy and leave it outside to fly away.



A small number of bats in the UK have been found to carry EBLV, a rabies like virus. There are two known strains of EBLV: EBLV1 and EBLV2.

If you find a dead bat please call the BCT Helpline on 0845 1300 228. They can then send you postage-paid packaging so that you can send the dead bat to the Animal Health Veterinary Laboratories Agency for passive surveillance testing to check for the rabies virus.

The risk of catching the virus from a bat in the UK is extremely low, for several reasons but if a bat bites you wash the wound immediately with soap and water for at least five minutes. Additional cleansing of the wound site with an alcohol base or other disinfectant is also recommended.

Seek immediate medical advice from your GP or A & E, even if your rabies vaccinations are up to date.

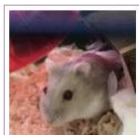
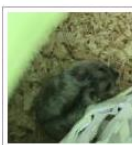
Contain the bat so that it may be collected and assessed by a bat worker and contact the GSPCA on 01481 257261.

We are lucky enough to have 18 species of bat in the UK, 17 of which are known to be breeding in the UK and 3 in Guernsey - that's almost a quarter of our mammal species.

Every summer, thousands of people venture out to experience the wonder of bats in their natural environment. Sadly, bat populations have suffered severe declines during the past century, but the Bat Conservation Trust and more than 100 local bat groups across the UK and Channel Islands are working hard to help our bats hang on.

Bats are just some of the 1000's of wild animals the GSPCA helps every year. There are many ways to support the shelter in caring for wildlife like these two bats such as becoming an Angel Pen Pal sponsor, donating, volunteering or helping with our upcoming events and flag days.

Can you rehome an animal in our care?



We have lots of animals in our care from ferrets to gerbils, cats, dogs, guinea pigs, snakes, degus bearded dragons, fish and birds.

If you think you can give an animal their forever home please come and see us at the shelter or visit our website www.gspca.org.gg

A huge thank you to all our volunteers & corporate helpers!

In August a team of 23 staff from Specsavers spent the day helping around the site at the GSPCA.

The group arrived at just after 9am where they were greeted by Tim Pellett GSPCA Community and Training Officer who gave them a very quick induction, got a group picture looking clean and tidy and then set them to work.



The volunteers split themselves into groups helping with our Memorial Garden to walking dogs, gardening to helping clean animal cages. After a hard days graft the team were given a tour and each given a certificate of thanks for helping at the GSPCA.

Tim Pellett GSPCA Community and Training Officer said "The staff from Specsavers were a fantastic help last week and got so much achieved around the site as well as helping with the animals."

"They did a fantastic job helping with the Memorial Garden which is nearly ready to re-open to the public."



Also in August we were once again lucky enough to have help from KPMG staff.

The team of 13 on the were amazing help at the GSPCA undertaking grounds work, helping with the Memorial Garden, gardening and so much more and we are all so grateful at the GSPCA for all they did to help.

We also have to thank [KPMG](#) for getting involved with 'Take Your Dog to Work Day' at the end of June which not only proved great fun for their team also helped raise much needed funds for the GSPCA.

The GSPCA had a great time at all of the Summer Shows and especially at the West and North Show thanks to some amazing volunteers from Northern Trust.

Over the previous four years 134 volunteers from [Northern Trust](#) have helped out at the GSPCA, with 38 staff helping in 2014 and a further 26 helping in 2015, 34 in 2016 and 16 in 2017, 26 earlier this year and with this additional 22 it takes the total to 162.



Every one of the volunteers helped make a massive difference setting up our stall, dressing as giant animals, serving customers, showing visitors our tortoise and so much more and we are hugely grateful to all of the wonderful volunteers from [Northern Trust](#).

Each day all of the volunteers did an extremely hard days' work dressed up and helping on the GSPCA stall and Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager and Lorna Prince GSPCA Animal Welfare Manager presented each of the volunteers from Northern Trust with a few gifts as a thanks.



In October a team of staff from [Source Recruitment](#) joined us for the day to help around the Shelter.

This is the second time their wonderful team has helped and we are extremely grateful to [Source Recruitment](#) as not only did they do a great deal to help at the Shelter but they are also a Silver Angel Pen Pal

Sponsor and so help support the many animals in our care.

The team arrived just after 9am and were set to work caring for the animals and helping spruce up the reception and hospital outer building.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "We are so lucky to have wonderful businesses in Guernsey like [Source Recruitment](#) that care so much for animals and for the second time have given their time to help us here at the GSPCA.

"At the end of their morning helping I chatted to them about our future plans and the new Wildlife Hospital which is much needed a some of their team got to see some of the animals in our care.

"We always love to hear from businesses that would like to help us help the animals and community of Guernsey and there are many ways of getting involved from CSR programmes to sponsoring animals in our care.

"We can even run bespoke events such as guided tours for your team and their families."

Students from Delancey Campus came along to visit the GSPCA in October.

The purpose of the visit was to fulfil enrichment and practical experience opportunities for the students by engaging with realistic work experience, meeting with potential employers and discussing volunteering avenues.



The access course promotes learning outside the classroom with such practical experiences and held at different locations around the community. It also helps with confidence building, independent living, self-esteem and preparing for work.

As part of the visit the students were able to see the various projects that are currently evolving around the shelters' buildings and garden areas.

Tim Pellett GSPCA Community and Training Officer said "We discussed how the students could potentially help us by using the skills they have learnt whilst on their access course, such as gardening.

"The tour continued with a visit to several departments and meeting key staff such as Anna in the upper floor Cats department, Seb in Boarding Dogs and Beckie in Hospital and with our Reptiles.

"The students were able to interact with our resident bearded dragon 'Nellie' and as a result were able to identify that several students were willing to discuss how they could help out and offered to volunteer at the GSPCA.

"Finally, the students were able to 'grill' me by asking a series of their pre-prepared questions on life at the animal shelter."



Later in the month Scouts joined us from the 3rd St. Martins Cub Scout group who came to help out at the Shelter and gain hours towards their badges in Community Impact, Environmental Conservation and World Challenge awards.

The 9 Scouts, guided by parent volunteers, were able to give a good tidy both the GSPCA Memorial Garden and the Poison Garden and helped clear the duck pond walkway of leaves and weeds.

Working in teams the Scouts were able to be part of the GSPCA environmental project by ensuring that the 10 large sacks of green waste gathered were put to excellent use in our on site composers.

Tim Pellett GSPCA Community and Training Officer who cared for the group said "We discussed the benefits of recycling and self-

sufficiency, growing our own veggies and healthy eating for ourselves and our pets.

We also discussed the positivity of volunteering in the community, attitudes and values. There were some brilliant intuitive questions and thought-provoking answers offered, as well as some good old-fashioned hard work. Well done to everyone who came along to help."

We were also joined by staff from Man Fund Management (Guernsey) Limited who attended the GSPCA to give up a day in the office to help with the work around the Shelter.

The day was started with a quick induction and they were put to work to help paint a container next to our Memorial Garden which was in desperate need of a spruce up.



Once their team had finished with a fantastic paint job they got the opportunity to help with the many animals in the care of the GSPCA followed by a guided tour of the site at the end of the day which ended in a thanks and gifts of certificates for their hard work.



In November a team of HSBC Private Bank staff spent the day helping out at the GSPCA.

The group arrived just after 9am where they were greeted by Tim Pellett GSPCA Community and Training Officer who after a quick safety briefing got them off to work around the site helping clean, tidy, garden and care for the

many animals at the Animal Shelter in St Andrews.

All of the HSBC Private Bank staff were an amazing help and from all of the GSPCA a huge thank you to them for all they did.

At the end of their very busy day they all were able to have a full behind the scenes tour of the many buildings, sections and areas of the GSPCA which was finished with a thanks and gift of certificates and leaflets to each of the HSBC Private Bank Staff.

The second team of HSBC Private Bank staff spent the day helping out at the GSPCA.

Who helped around the site by helping to clean, tidy, garden, paint and care for the many animals at the Animal Shelter in St Andrews.

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At the end of their very busy day they all were able to have a full behind the scenes tour of the many buildings, sections and areas of the GSPCA which was finished with a thanks and gift of certificates and leaflets to each of the HSBC Private Bank Staff. They also got to learn about the Buy a Brick scheme for the proposed GSPCA Wildlife Hospital .



Over the course of last two months in autumn students from the Guernsey College Access Course have been volunteering at the GSPCA.

Each week they have been giving up an afternoon in the classroom to attend the GSPCA to help with work around the Animal Shelter and care for the 500+ animals.

Tim Pellett GSPCA Community and Training Officer said: "The Guernsey College Access Course students have been a great help at the GSPCA.

"From walking the dogs to feeding the many rabbits the Guernsey College Access Course have helped in many areas around the GSPCA.

"We are looking forward seeing to seeing the Guernsey College Access Course students again very soon."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager "We always love to hear from groups and individuals wanting to help us at the GSPCA.

"There are lots of ways schools, colleges and any group can help at the GSPCA. The Guernsey College Access Course students have been a great help and we are very grateful to all of them."



During November the GSPCA has been extremely grateful to the Guernsey Adults with Learning Disabilities who have been helping out at the Animal Shelter in St Andrews.

On their first day they were met by the GSPCA Community and Training Officer Tim Pellett who gave them an induction and were then able to start

working alongside the Work to Benefit workforce.

From a behind the scenes tour to helping wash the GSPCA ambulances the team got a unique inside to the work at the GSPCA and got actively involved in a range of tasks.

Tim Pellet GSPCA Community and Training Officer said: "It has been a real pleasure and great help having volunteers from Guernsey Adults with Learning Disabilities helping at the GSPCA. We'd like to say a huge thank you to them all for their help and we look forward seeing them again very soon."



On Monday 30th July 8 passengers from the cruise ship Crystal Serenity were greeted by GSPCA staff members Tim Pellett and Rual Gomez.

The Voluntourists who were on their holidays from around the world arrived at the Shelter just after

9am and had a short induction and were then sent to help the staff and care for the many animals at the GSPCA.

Each received a gift of a GSPCA t-shirt to wear for their half day volunteering caring for the many animals at the GSPCA.



At the start of November we held our 12th volunteer induction and greeted 23 new helpful faces eager to help the animals and work of the GSPCA.

This year alone we have now inducted 170 new volunteers, placements and work through these inductions and are graced with an average 120 volunteers each week but with over 500 animals in our care there is always plenty to do.

All are always looking for help at the GSPCA as there is so much to do from fund raising to caring for the animals, the animal ambulance to gardening, painting to answering the phone, our charity shop to helping at events.

Of the 23 new volunteers 13 are carrying out Duke of Edinburgh placements and we often see 30 to 50 Duke of Edinburgh each week helping at the GSPCA. The many others are helping in all sorts of areas and yesterday two started their volunteering on the cattery and kennels.

We welcome all that are interested in helping at the GSPCA and with our work, although for those wanting to help onsite at the Shelter the minimum age is 13.



A huge thank you to our volunteers who donned costumes, sashes and GSPCA buckets to collect outside of Alliance earlier in the year.

An amazing £495 was raised and we are so thankful to all involved.

Michelle Champion who organised the flag day at Alliance said

"With so many animals at the GSPCA every penny helps them and the work the Shelter does 24/7."

"A huge thank you to Alliance, all that supported and helped from all at the GSPCA."

"We have lots of events upcoming and anyone that would like to volunteer please do get in touch."

A huge thank you to all the two and four legged volunteers that helped and of course to all that supported and donated.

The GSPCA always loves to hear from groups and individuals wanting to help with the vast range of daily tasks at the shelter. If you'd like to volunteer your group or business for the day please get in touch by calling 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg "

Memorial garden offers a place of reflection for GSPCA team devastated by death of Seal



Despite around the clock care Seal the Common Seal Pup who was rescued in August sadly passed away a few days later.

At only 7.2 kgs the emaciated pup found a Chouet with multiple health problems was

so weak that the team were unable to save Seal and were extremely saddened with the death of the poorly seal pup.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "All of the GSPCA team are devastated of the loss of Seal. The team did all they could but with multiple health issues including seizures we were only able to give safety, care and comfort for the last 24 hours of the pups life.

"It is heart breaking when we are unable to help any animal and all of the team are saddened by the loss. At the GSPCA we are redeveloping our Memorial Garden where the ashes of Seal will be scattered."

A new garden has being designed to be complementary to the new Chapel of Rest. This peaceful and private area will give those who have lost their pets an area to reflect and say their farewells to their friends where ashes can be scattered in the central heart.

It will be accessed from the new stone curved steps or the path on the upper level which is designed for those with mobility difficulties. The Zen

garden will set the scene leading to the area protected by fencing and hedging to give privacy during this stressful time and keep intrusive noise to a minimum.

This will be a place for quiet reflexion and enjoyment of the scents of the plants, such as Lavender, specifically chosen for their healing properties, highlighting the importance of nature.

The woodland area will provide a peaceful area with seating and the water feature will add a calming influence. Our hope is that when they will leave the garden, visitors will feel strengthened and renewed.

The border at the front has shrubs carefully chosen in jewel colours to lift the spirits. Substantial progress has been made so far and the GSPCA is indebted to the CEPS team and other volunteers who have made all this possible.

Some areas have already been planted and this has made a huge difference and gives a snapshot of things to come.

We would welcome sponsorship to complete the garden as well as CSR teams and individuals to help with the digging / planting on site for the new layout.

Advice on what to do if you see a sick seal pup from the GSPCA



Every autumn the shores of the Bailiwick see grey seal pups being born. The earliest grey seal pup the GSPCA has rescued in recent years was Temperance who was found during the last week of October last year.

In recent years every winter the GSPCA have helped rescue and care for grey seal pups.

Geoff George, Animal Collection Officer and main carer for Seals at the GSPCA, said: "Grey Seal Pups are often born from the end of October around the Bailiwick of Guernsey and we like to let the public know what to do if they see one.

"With bad weather seal pups can often get separated from their mother during their first few days of life which is crucial to help with their development. If anyone spots a seal pup healthy or not we urge people not to approach them and to give us a call on 257261."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "It is always hard to rescue and rehabilitate seals which are so weak, but every year in the last six years we have rescued one or two, cared for them and got them back to the wild, after months of treatment.

"A healthy grey seal pup should look like a fat sausage and you shouldn't be able to see a neck, but if in doubt please send a picture in or give us a call."

Temperance was the thinnest grey seal pup to come into the GSPCA's care last year and earlier this year was released back in the wild on Jethou with the help of Rib Voyages.

Often healthy seal pups will have their Mother watching them from out at sea and it is people that have scared them off, so the advice is to keep your distance and dogs under control.

A healthy pup looks like a big, stuffed maggot without a neck. However, a thin pup looks sleek (but not bony) and has a visible neck, like a healthy dog.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE SEAL. They can give a nasty bite, which will become infected by bacteria that live in a seal's mouths. Do not allow dogs or other animals to harass a seal.

If a seal is scared back into the water, it could then be washed out to sea by strong currents and be lost. You should not put a seal pup back in the sea as it may get into difficulty.

If you spot a seal pup that is sick, thin or injured contact the GSPCA immediately on 01481 257261 day or night

When reporting an injured, sick or abandoned seal to the GSPCA, please make sure you are able to supply the following information:

- Exact location; nearest town
- Position on the beach, and state of the tide
- How long you have observed the pup; any disturbance/risk to it; whether the mother has been seen
- Any wounds/obvious signs of illness
- Length/colour/condition.

Caution: Handling of any animal domestic, wild, dead or alive may be potentially hazardous. Obvious dangers include bites, scratches and general hygiene issues. Common sense should be applied in all instances and, if unsure, seek additional advice or assistance. Personal hygiene should be taken into consideration after handling any animal, whether it's domestic, wild, dead or alive.

Some grey seal facts -

Population numbers since 1960s have doubled

- A grey seal pup weighs 14kg at birth
- A grey seal pup mothers milk contains 60% fat
- Grey seals can dive to a depth of 70m
- Another name for a grey seal is the horsehead seal
- Grey seals are found in the waters surrounding Europe, Russia, North America, and Channel Islands
- Grey seals can be found in estuaries, inter tidal zones, brackish water, polar and shallow seas
- There are 18 known species of seal in the world

Andrew the Jersey seal pup is in expert hands!

Early in November Andrew the Jersey Grey Seal Pup was rescued and transported to the GSPCA.

At only 17kgs and less than a week old this very pretty young seal pup should have still been with his mum and not in the emaciated condition as he was found.

Andrew has a very bad chest infection is desperately underweight and has been receiving care around the clock day and night.



Rescued by the Jersey British Divers Marine Life Rescue with help from the JSPCA, cared for overnight at New Era Vets and kindly transported to Guernsey by Blue Islands, we are pleased to report that Andrew seems to be improving but he has a long road ahead of him.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Geoff George and the team continue to provide around the clock care for Andrew. He still has his white coat which mean he must have been only days old when he was found."

Geoff George Animal Collection Officer and main carer for Seals at the GSPCA said: "Andrew seems to be doing well but he is still very weak and it is still very early days.

"We are hugely grateful to all that have donated blankets and towels to help Andrew and the many animals at the GSPCA and we continue to appeal for more as we use them for so many of the 500 animals in our care or you can donate to them via our online page www.paypal.me/DonateGSPCA ."

Thank you to all that supported and helped our stall at Sound at St James last month



During the last weekend of October the GSPCA team went along to the Sound event at St James.

The two-day event showcased the amazing musical talent in Guernsey and helped to raise money for local charities.

The GSPCA were able to raise funds for the many

animals in its care and promoted the 'Buy a Brick' appeal for the proposed new Wildlife Hospital.

Michelle Champion GSPCA team member said "We had a lovely two days at Sound and not only got to watch and listen to great local bands and performers, but we also helped raise funds for the many animals at the GSPCA.

"Thank you to all of the organisers, those that helped and of course all that supported it was very much appreciated."

To see more about the Sound event please visit -
<http://www.sound.gg/festival/>

...And to all who were involved with and supported the 2018 Guernsey Gaming Fest'

In August [Guernsey Gaming for Good](#) held a fabulous, well-attended event at the Digital Greenhouse full of games and fun for all ages.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We are hugely grateful to [Guernsey Gaming for Good](#) for the wonderful event they ran in aid of the GSPCA which also promoted our appeal for our new Wildlife Hospital we are trying to achieve with the help of DLM Architect's.



"It was a great event and there was also the chance to try a virtual reality headset so you can see inside of the Wildlife Hospital that we are trying to build to replace a number of very old structures and give a fantastic facility to care for the 1000's of wild animals and birds that come through our doors every year.

"Thank you to all they supported and were involved with the Guernsey Gaming Fest' 2018."

James Hookway from [Guernsey Gaming for Good](#) said: "It was a really fun day and the total raised for the GSPCA is currently £444."

"If you've got a smart phone, you can check out the 3D images of the proposed Wildlife Hospital on DLM's Facebook page."

GSPCA team devastated by the death of Marina the lion cub & their story



The GSPCA team were devastated on hearing of the very sad death of Marina the lion cub who stayed at the GSPCA back in 2008.

Although many of the team didn't get a chance to meet the lion cubs that came into the care of the GSPCA back in 2008, their pictures remain

on the wall and the story of their journey is often spoken of.

Lorna Prince, Animal Welfare Manager, who helped care for the lion cubs said: "We were sad to learn that Marina, one of the two lion cubs that spent time at the GSPCA, had to be put to sleep due to ill health.

"Marina arrived in February 2008 with her sister Sarnia after being rescued from a future as a circus lion in Romania. They were full of character and very cheeky; no different from the kittens we are used to just so much bigger!

"We know Brutus her male companion is still calling for her and the team at Shamwari are devastated, so we send them our warmest wishes and condolences and take comfort in the knowledge that Marina and her sister Sarnia, spent 10 wonderful years in Africa."

Staff became very fond of the lion cubs during their 3 months stay at the Shelter and the GSPCA was very proud to play a part in helping these two beautiful animals move to a more natural life at Shamwari South Africa.

Although we haven't had any lion cubs since at the GSPCA we had seen a variety of other species coming into our care from Olivia the turtle to the many seal pups. Over 3000 animals come through the doors every year at the Animal Shelter from the smallest of baby birds to the stray horse that turned up in our car park.

As with the two lion cubs it was a wonderful team effort with the GSPCA helping work with other organisations with their journey and it is something we continue you to do working with 100's of organisations, businesses and charities every year.

Although not being designed for lions wild animals is at the top of the GSPCA priorities currently as we are appealing for funds to help build the first ever Wildlife Hospital in the Channel Islands.

Meet Bandit

Breed: Fox Terrier

Age: 2 - 3 years

More Info:

Bandit is a really sweet little dog looking for a new home.

He is a typical busy terrier and would love an active family where people will play games with him, enjoy long walks and most importantly give him tummy rubs!



Bandit cannot be left for too long as he gets worried but he can live with children and other dogs. He really loves playing with dogs.

(He will need cat testing.)

Bandit is such a happy boy and loves company; please contact us if you can help him.

If you think you can give these lovable bunnies their forever homes please contact us on 257261.

Thank you to all that supported our stall at the Alternative Solutions Guernsey 2018 Waterfront Marathon Seafront Sunday



On a very wet windy Sunday the GSPCA joined the Alternative Solutions Guernsey 2018 Waterfront Marathon for their Seafront Sunday.

Despite a wet and windy day we'd like to thank all that supported and helped our GSPCA stall.

Michelle Champion GSPCA staff member said: "Sadly

the weather wasn't on our side at the Alternative Solutions Guernsey 2018 Waterfront Marathon Seafront Sunday but a huge thank you to all that supported and helped as well as a thank you to the organisers for the kind invite."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "This is the last Seafront Sunday we've been invited to in 2018 and we have to say a huge thanks to all the wonderful events we have been able to attend and we are already looking to arrange our Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday in 2019."

The GSPCA team, two staff and a volunteer were named finalists in this years' Guernsey Pride Awards



Last year Geoff George our Animal Ambulance Driver won the Emergency Hero Award in the Guernsey Pride Awards and this year we have been humbled and shocked as the GSPCA, two staff and one volunteer were finalists at this years' Guernsey Pride Awards.

GSPCA – Emergency Hero
Terry Buckley - Customer Service
Kieren Trebert - Young Achiever
Beckie Bailey - Carer of the Year

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We are all so humbled and shocked for the whole team, Beckie, Terry and Kieren who were all finalists in this years' Guernsey Pride Awards and what amazing finalists to be featured with in the Guernsey Press this week."

"A huge thank you to all of those that voted for the GSPCA, Terry, Beckie and Kieren in the Guernsey Pride Awards it is really appreciated."

"There are so many amazing people and groups in Guernsey and the Guernsey Pride Awards are such a fabulous way to celebrate those doing so much for the island."

...And the Award for Young Achiever of the Year goes to Kieren Trebert

On Saturday afternoon 4 groups of GSPCA team members attended the Guernsey Press Pride of Guernsey Awards as we had 4 finalist entries.

"It was such a wonderful night and we all enjoyed meeting the finalists and the sponsors as well as the fabulous Guernsey Press team.



"It was an honour for Beckie, Terry and the GSPCA to be finalists in three of the awards and absolutely amazing that Kieren won the Young Achiever.

"Kieren is an amazing lad and we are all so proud of how he has developed and come on despite his Autism over the last year, he is such a lovely, helpful young man and all of the team are so happy that he was recognised."

From all at the GSPCA a huge thank you to the Guernsey Press, sponsors and all involved in a fabulous evening.

Captain Jack after an 18 month stay at the GSPCA loves his new home



In January 2017 Captain Jack arrived at the GSPCA covered in paint with bald patches and sores.

After cleaning him up we discovered he had very sensitive skin and with a unique character so needed a special home.

After nearly 18 months in our care this Summer we

found that forever home and recently got an update on how happy he is.

His new owners said: "Here are some photos of Captain Jack, as we know he stayed with you for a long time and you might miss him.

"He is a really lovely cat and we are so very pleased he has joined our family."

Anna Paint, Senior Animal Care Assistant, said: "Captain Jack was a lovely cat although had a rough start with arriving covered in paint.

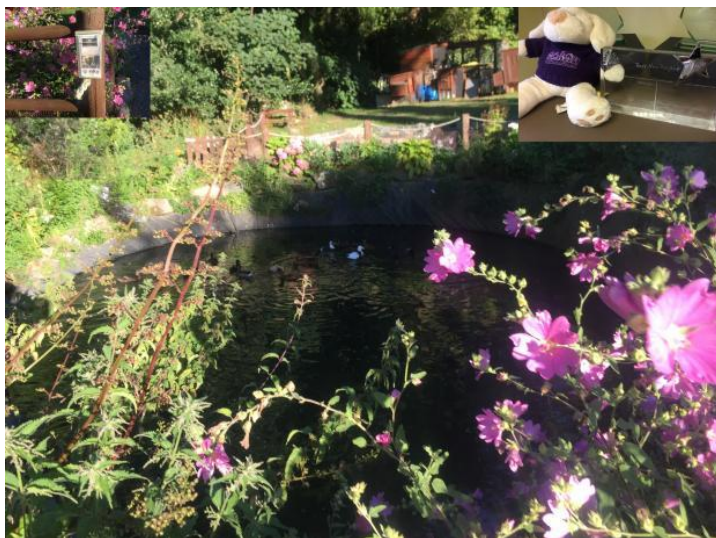
"After weeks of care and treatment he improved although we have found out he has sensitive skin so needed a special home. It is wonderful to see how happy he is in his new home."

We have many older cats and those needing special homes at the GSPCA from those with health issues to those looking for farm or stable type homes.

You can see many of the cats in need of homes on the website or you can visit them between 11am and 430pm each day.

We have lots of adult cats in need of homes and if you can't adopt one then sponsoring a cat pen is a great way to support those in our care.

Best New Project Award for the GSPCA Pond & Poison Garden at the Floral Guernsey Annual Awards



The Floral Guernsey Annual Awards Presentation and Dinner was held at Les Cotils in September featuring entries from Sark and St. Saviour.

St Andrews Floral Group who have been hugely helpful in improving the grounds at the GSPCA and won Gold at the 2017 awards had taken 2018 off from the awards for the Parish but have continued hard working around the Parish and headed up by Ann Wragg at the GSPCA.

Earlier in the year the judges Alan Dorey and Rae Beckwith popped along to the GSPCA to see the community work that continued and had been recognised in both the 2016 and 2017 awards.

The GSPCA were overjoyed and Ann was on hand to receive a brand new award called the Best New Project to recognise the great work that has taken place to improve the pond area for visitors and wildlife at the GSPCA and also the Poison Garden which is an educational area for pet owners to teach them about the plants that prove a danger to pets if they consume them.

Ann Wragg said: "It was a lovely evening and we are so pleased that the work at the GSPCA has been recognised. The GSPCA pond and Poison Garden has been a huge community project with so many helping make it what it is today."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We are so grateful to the Floral Guernsey Annual Awards for the wonderful accolade of Best New Project for the work that has been done to improve our pond area and the Poison Garden which is a fabulous resource when we are showing groups and schools around to teach them about the dangers of plants to their pets and what to think about.

"The area also has a huge conservation side to it and we are developing a pond dipping area to help further with the educational visits we have.

"There are so many to thank that have helped achieve this project, literally in the hundreds from businesses to school, cubs to St Andrews Floral Group, RSPB to many other charities and groups."

Meet Butterscotch & Cinnamon Roll



Four-month-old Butterscotch (left) is a lively, inquisitive rabbit looking for a home with her best friend, Cinnamon Roll (below).

If you think you can give these lovable bunnies their forever homes please contact us on 257261.



Lido's operation a huge success thanks to all of the donations and his excellent care

Many of you may have followed the story of Lido the silver longhaired Main Coon who underwent a life saving operation in September. We're pleased to report that Lido is recovering well despite a much larger growth than expected.

The operation took place at Isabelle Vets who kindly undertook the surgery at a huge discount and thanks to the many amazing donations the £1500 was raised.



The surgery had to be much more extensive than first thought and with much of Lido's right ear canal missing he is sadly now deaf on one side but without the operation his life was at great risk.

Lido now has his own recovery room and is on daily pain relief and treatment while having special cuddles from the GSPCA to help him feel better.

Anna Paint Senior Animal care Assistant said: "Lido had a much larger lump than first thought and he is on a lot of treatment currently to help him fully recover. He is now deaf in his right ear but if we hadn't have had the lump removed he wouldn't have lived for long."

Steve Byrne GPSCA Manager said "A huge thank you to Isabelle Vets and all of those that donated to this amazing cats operation. Lido has a special room all to him self and he is getting lots of TLC from the team.

"We have so many people wanting to adopt him and once he is fit enough we hope to have him in a new home very soon.

Lido is one of over 500 animals in the GSPCA's care currently and for those looking to adopt a cat we have quite a few older felines and some with their own health or other challenges needing a special new home.

To donate to Lido's on going care or the many other animals at the GSPCA please visit www.paypal.me/DonateGSPCA calling us on 257261, at the Shelter in St Andrews or by post GSPCA, Rue des Truchots, St Andrews, GY6 8UD.

Meet Red



Breed: German shorthaired Pointer

Age: 2 yrs 6 months

More Info:

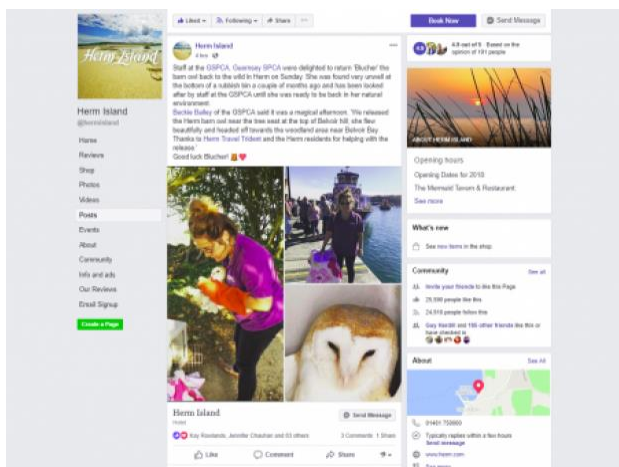
Red is a large bouncy young man full of energy and potential. Large breeds such as pointers are not for the faint hearted; he will need lots of training and walking and potential owners should consider the cost of feeding and Vet bills. Red loves playing and has basic commands.

He could live with another dog but he cannot live with children as he does resource guard and this will need management in a new home.

If you are looking for a big active dog and enjoy walking and training then this young man might be perfect for you.

If you think you can give Red his forever home please contact us on 257261.

Herm Island Rescued Barn Owl back in the wild on island after care at the GSPCA



In August a very poorly Barn Owl was rescued from a bin in Herm and brought over to Guernsey and care of the GSPCA.

Over the course of 3 weeks the GSPCA team cared for the bird which was named 'Blucher'.

Blucher after arrival was cared for in an intensive care unit and was very weak but after weeks of care was strong enough to go into an outer rehabilitation aviary.

When Blucher was deemed fit enough for release an identification ring was placed on his leg and the trip back to Herm island was planned.

Beckie Bailey, one of Blurchers Animal Care Assistant's volunteered to take the Barn Owl back to the wild on her day off and from all of the GSPCA we have to say a huge thank you to Travel Trident for the free trip for Blucher and Beckie over to Herm for the release.

We must also say a thank you to the Herm island team who gave Beckie and Blucher a lift to the top of Belvoir Hill!

Beckie Bailey Animal Care Assistant said: "We had a very successful release and Blucher flew off beautifully!"

"We released her at Ben's seat in Herm and she flew down towards the woodland area near Belvoir and it was just magical!

"We had a few Herm residents watch the release including Luke the man who found the owl at the bottom of the bin. Children from Herm helped me put some mice around to give the owl the option to eat them and we released her about 5:15pm just as dusk was closing in."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager "We have seen quite a few birds of prey and owls this year and we do help a number of animals from Herm each year.

"We always strive to get wild animals released in the area where they were found if suitable and it was wonderful to see Blurcher being released back on Herm where she belongs."



HAVE YOU SEEN TIAGO?

He is a big, male Tabby cat with white socks, white bib and white smudge under his nose.
Lost in the area of the Animal Shelter.
Thought to be in St Andrews or Castel

Please call
257261
with any information
Greatly missed by his young owner



A 2 1/2 year old male tabby and white cat has gone missing in the Rue des Truchots area of St Andrews. He has white paws, gold eyes and a stripy tabby.

He is very friendly. No collar. Short haired.

He may be making his way to Torteval, but has possibly been seen in the St Andrews area in the last few days around Rue des Truchots. Any sightings or information please call the 257261 or email admin@gspca.org.gg

If you are able to get a picture or video of any tabby and white cats you see in your area we would really appreciate them if you don't know who they belong too or not seen them before 30th March.

For further lost and found advice please see
<http://gspca.org.gg/services/lost-found-advice>

Paws for Support Fun Dog Show a lovely afternoon & thanks

The GSPCA would like to say a huge thanks to Paws for Support for allowing us to join them at Fairfield's for their Open Day and Fun Dog Show that took place in October.

The GSPCA took along lots of games and raised over £120 for the 500+ animals in the care of the Shelter.



Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We had a lovely afternoon at Fairfield's for the Paws for Support Open Day and Fun Dog Show. It was lovely to see and learn about the great work they are doing for therapy and assistance dogs in Guernsey. A huge thank you to all involved and that took part from all at the GSPCA."

'Paws For Support' is hosting Craig Ogilvie

Interactive Play Workshops
2hr session (6 handlers per workshop)

Participating £65 Spectating £20
Saturday 15th + Sunday 16th December 2018

Session 1: 9-11am Session 2: 11.30-
1.30pm Session 3: 2.30-4.30pm

Taking place at
Island Dog Training Club clubroom
Booking Contact:- PFSdogs@sky.com or 07781115029

The workshops consist of a good mixture of practical sessions filled with content delivery and lots of room for Q&A to ensure everyone gets the most out of the event.

Some of the most common subjects that Craig helps his workshop attendees with are:

- Enriching your relationship with your dog
- Learning how to communicate with your dog when they are stimulated
- Redirection during play
- Improving your existing play with your dog
- Toy possession issues

Paws for Support have kindly offered to make a donation from this event to help the animals at the GSPCA so please support them and this great event.

A fantastic Peter Rabbit event at Beau Cinema in aid of the GSPCA



At the end of September the GSPCA team and animals took over the Beau Sejour reception area and Beau Cinema for a sell-out event.

The Peter Rabbit movie was being shown at Beau Cinema in aid of the GSPCA and the reception area at Beau Sejour was filled with animals in the care of the GSPCA, games and

tombolas, those in fancy dress, giant mascots including Beausie Bear and Peter Rabbit as well as the plans, leaflets and a 3D headset showcasing the proposed new Wildlife Hospital which is a much needed new facility.

The volunteers from the GSPCA were setting up from 12pm after packing the vans and driving to Beau Sejour. After setting up very quickly the visitors to Beau Sejour started to fill the reception area and supporting our stalls and checking out the animals, displays and 3D headset for the proposed new Wildlife Hospital.

The two chicken chicks, bunnies, rabbits and tortoise were a big hit and many enjoyed using the 3D headset to see the proposed new Wildlife Hospital and learn about the 'Buy a Brick' campaign.

The afternoon was hugely popular and with a giant Peter Rabbit and Beausie Bear entertaining the crowds, Beau Sejour was full of GSPCA supporters and Peter Rabbit fans.

The Peter Rabbit tombola was extremely popular and many of the children arrived in fancy dress or bought bunny ears from the GSPCA.

When the 400 film viewers entered Beau Cinema, which was sold out, they got an extra surprise as Peter Rabbit accompanied by Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager greeted the crowds and cheers went up for Peter who was hugely popular.

Steve gave a big thanks from the GSPCA and before the film started he and 9 year old volunteer Joseph Fox handed out GSPCA bunnies to all those that attended in fancy dress or with bunny ears.

Helen Holmes, of the GSPCA, said: "Myself, Evie and Joseph were looking after the GSPCA animals we had taken and they and the children were amazing and all so keen to see and learn about them."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "We all had an amazing afternoon at Beau Cinema on and we are so grateful to all involved, volunteered and supported."

Over £600 was raised on the day and the GSPCA is receiving a donation from the proceeds taken on the day which will make a huge difference to the 500 animals in need of care.

Fantastic Play Date on Pembroke Beach with Guernsey Cockapoo's and friends



In October the Guernsey Cockapoo group organised a wonderful event on Pembroke Beach for dog owners.

Organisor Kerry Le Cheminant said: "It was a beautiful sunny morning and the dogs had an amazing time playing on the beach and making new friends."

"There were approximately 50 Cockapoos ranging from 14 weeks old to 8 years old. It was a pleasure to see so many Cockapoos on the beach playing and they all went home rather tired from their play date."

Steve Byrne GSPCA manager said "We are so thankful to Kerry Le Cheminant, Guernsey Cockapoo and all that attended and supported the Play Date on the Beach at Pembroke on Sunday."

"It looked like an amazing day with lots of happy dogs and from all at the GSPCA a huge thank you for the amazing £259 raised which will help the 500+ animals at the Shelter."

GSPCA 1920's Ball a great night thanks to all involved

In September the GSPCA 1920s Ball took place at the Farmhouse Hotel.

The Farmhouse was packed with supporters and fantastically dressed 1920's tables raising funds in aid of the GSPCA.

The entertainment was fantastic and there are so many thanks to give to so many that supported with a very special thank you to Suzy Rose and Michelle Champion who took this years' mantle in running such a great night.

Over £4500 was raised, which is amazing and we are so grateful to all involved and supported this fantastic event.

A special thank you has to go to Butterfield Bank, Save the Date and the Farmhouse without which we couldn't have had such an amazing event.



Also a special thank you to Jazz band The Swinging Satins, the Charleston Dancers and thanks to Jamie Le Tissier from GADA as well as Julie Haimes from Fitsteps and finally Jack Tostevin Hall and Annabelle Pizzey who welcomed the guests by playing the sax and all helped entertained everyone and made the night a spectacular event.

We must make a special mention to the raffle prize donors which were ABN Amro, Creaseys, Wink, InterSport, Gloss Beauty, Beauty on Call, Earlswood, Samuel Pepys, Le Friquet Garden Centre, Investec, Healthspan and a number of others who asked not to be mentioned, thank you so much for your support.

Michelle Champion one of the event organisers said: "Thank you so much to everyone that made the GSPCA 1920's Ball such a huge success and helped to raise over £4500 as it is really appreciated."

Suzy Rose, of the event organising team, said: "We are so grateful to everyone that donated and supported the raffle and the GSPCA 1920's Ball. It was a great night and so lovely to see everyone have so much fun."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "A huge thank you to Suzy, Michelle and all that made the GSPCA 1920's so much fun helping raise much needed funds for the animals and work at the GSPCA."

"We launched the 'Buy a Brick' campaign on the night and for the first time we took out a 3D head set from DLM Architects and Sure to showcase the building and give those there a look around part of the proposed new Wildlife Hospital.

"It was very entertaining watch those with the 3d head set and we had wonderful feedback."

Christmas Lottery tickets on sale at the GSPCA 7 days a week



Christmas Lottery Tickets are now available from at the GSPCA at a cost of £3 per ticket under the revamped lottery.

The jackpot will continue to be a climbing prize, based on the number of tickets sold, but it starts at a guaranteed minimum first prize of £500,000.

In total the prize fund for the 2018 Lottery is larger than in previous years, starting at £3.3million, with the overall prize fund growing as well as the jackpot until the draw on Thursday 20th December.

Nominations are now open for the Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity Awards – please vote for a charity or someone that inspires you

These inspirational awards provide an opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of our nation's staff and volunteers who go to great lengths to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals in need.



Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity Awards

The Petplan and Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) Animal Charity Awards give you the opportunity to recognise the hard work and dedication of charities and say 'thank you'!

[Want to say thank you to an animal charity?](#)

Please support us or a valued member of our team in our efforts to improve animal welfare and find pets forever homes. All nominations are anonymous and all nominees will receive a certificate to proudly display.

[Say thank you to an outstanding individual or team and nominate today!](#)

You can nominate the following categories: Animal Charity Volunteer of the Year, Employee of the Year or Team of the Year

Visit www.petplan.co.uk/charityawards today and nominate an animal charity volunteer, employee or team who deserves to a thank you!

In 2015 our very own Yvonne Chauvel was a finalist and so was Geoff George in 2017 for the Animal Charity Employee of the Year and with so many amazing team members at the GSPCA we would love your support by nominating us or one of the team.

To go directly to the nomination form please go to -

<https://www.petplan.co.uk/charityawards/nominationform.asp>

Another awards open for nominations are The Ceva Animal Welfare Awards – <http://www.cevawelfareawards.com/>. To find out more on trips, talks and our education work please email education@gspca.org.gg or call 01481 2572

Spooky Halloween guided tours a great success



Over the October Half Term the GSPCA held a series of Special themed Spooky Guided Tours and what a wonderful week we had.

Each afternoon at 2pm a huge number of children dressed in Halloween outfits and even some parents met at the front of the GSPCA ready for their Special Tour.

Each of the tours involved a Halloween themed quiz and those taken part got to see creepy crawlies up close, including our tarantula 'Webster', and learnt about the bats we care for to meeting hundreds of the animals in our care.

The tour concluded where the reptiles are kept and the answers were given along with medals for all the efforts made in their fancy dress and the quiz.

The next part of the afternoon was the Spooky Treasure Hunt. The children had to enter a very dark scary room filled with creepy crawlies and cobwebs to find Halloween cards to win prizes.

After the children were laden with prizes they all got a Halloween Certificate and were thanked for their support.

"We had a great time during Half Term with our Spooky Halloween Guided Tours, Quiz and Treasure Hunts, said Steve Byrne.

"We raised over £500 and we want to thank all that supported these great fun and educational events."

"Our next tours are at Christmas and the next themed tour will be at Easter, but don't forget we do run Special and Birthday tours for those looking for a unique experience."

Beckie Bailey GSPCA Animal Care Assistant said: "There were so many wonderful Halloween outfits the children wore at the tours and the children had so much fun."

"We are so grateful to all that supported our tours and for those that don't know we do have areas of the Shelter open for a donation 7 days a week between 11am and 4pm."

We have now planned our tours all the way into 2020 once again with some special tours for the children. You can also book a tour for a special event or birthday. For details on special tours please see below.

This is your opportunity to visit behind the scenes at our Animal Shelter in St Andrews and see the work being carried out.

We ask for a minimum donation of £7 per person and £5 per child, or £20 for a family of four or £18 with an Islands Mum card. In 2018 we have some themed tours which are £20 per child or £17.50 with an Islands Mums card.

The tours take around 80 minutes and you get to see in many of the departments, interact with some of the friendly residents and a variety of species. The special tours can take a little longer.

Tours are a maximum of 20 people per tour, so please book early. The special tours are also a maximum of 20.

Some of the animals you will have the chance to see will be cats, rabbits, birds, hedgehogs, dogs looking for homes and some of the other wildlife.

If you would like a certificate as a gift then please do get in touch for more details

Here are the dates planned -

- Boxing Day 26th to New Year's Eve 31st December 2018 – Guided tours each day at 2pm
- Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019 Half Term - Guided tours each day at 2pm
- Wednesday 17th to Easter Saturday 20th April 2019 Easter Holidays - Special Easter Guided Tours, quiz and Easter Egg Hunt each day £20 per child (£17.50 with Island Mums Card), prizes for best costumes & fun games room (children must have a guardian/parent)
- Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019 Half Term - Guided tours each day at 2pm
- Monday 22nd July to Friday 26th July 2019 Summer Holidays - Guided tours each day at 2pm
- Monday 26th to Friday 30th August 2019 Summer Holidays - Guided tours each day at 2pm
- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019 Half Term - Special Halloween Guided Tours each day £20 per child (£17.50 with Island Mums Card), prizes for best costumes & fun games room (children must have a guardian/parent)
- Monday 30th January 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020 Christmas Holidays - Guided tours each day at 2pm
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020 Half term - Guided tours each day at 2pm

To book please call 01481 257261

Please note if you book via paypal please indicate the date and time tour you would like as well as the names of those attending.

Birthday, Special & Tours Booked As An Event

If you would like to bring a private group or party to the GSPCA for a visit and tour at the Animal Shelter we can arrange this in advance.

We ask for a minimum donation of £80 for a group (this is for 8 children and 2 free adult places) and an additional £5 per person with groups larger than 8 (restrictions do apply with children to adult numbers).

We can provide a birthday or gift pack if the tour is for a special occasion.

We have a large events room, tables, chairs, projectors, speakers with mic, and a number of toys or things for children on request.

For details on room hire please check out -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/room-hire-gspca>

Guided tours of the Shelter on average take about between 60 - 90 minutes and it is your opportunity to see behind the scenes, although for animal welfare reasons there are areas that are unable to be viewed.

If the event is for a special occasion the birthday or lucky individual will receive special treatment and be allowed some unique experiences holding and possibly feeding some of the animals in our care.

Guided tours of the Shelter is your opportunity to see behind the scenes, although for animal welfare reasons there are areas that are unable to be viewed.

We do ask that there is 1 adult per 8 children.

For a booking form to enquire about availability please complete this form

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<http://gspca.org.gg/sites/default/files/Birthday%20booking%20form%20Jan%202018.pdf>

If you are interested please email your form to stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg or call the GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne on 01481 257261 to discuss details.

Island Mum cardholders can receive a 10% discount on special tours, please see this link for details - <http://islandmums.com/quernsey/gspca-birthday-parties/>

To find out our opening hours and when you can visit some of the animals in our care please visit <http://www.gspca.org.gg/page/gspca-opening-visiting-times>

GSPCA showered with praise at the Guernsey Community Foundation Awards



In November the Guernsey Community Foundation Awards 2018 took place and the GSPCA were there in force with staff, volunteers and linked organisations as an amazing number of categories had GSPCA volunteers or projects as finalists.

Sadly 2018 wasn't the year for the GSPCA to win an award but from the key speaker being GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne to the sheer number of links and finalists the GSPCA was heavily mentioned and highlighted at these amazing awards.

In 2016 the GSPCA were awarded with the Guernsey Community Foundation Awards 2016 Charity of the Year and all of the team had a wonderful night cheering on friends and colleagues who were blessed with an award.

Here is a full list of last night's award winners:

- Charity of the Year: Guernsey Mind
- Outstanding Individual Achievement: Jon Honour
- Organising Committee of the Year: Floral Forest
- Fundraising Team of the Year: Ernie's Angels
- Corporate Social Responsibility Award: Investec Guernsey
- Youth Award: Charlotte Horsepool
- Innovation Award: The Pollinator Project

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "The GSPCA team had an amazing night last night at the Guernsey Community Foundation 2018 Award. It was fantastic to be highlighted in so many categories and see so many of the wonderful charities win an awards that we work with."

"It was incredible to see so many of the winners we are linked with such as the winner of the Youth Award Charlotte Horsepool who on the weekend was raising funds at the Leo Club of Guernsey Bake-a-thon, the Charity of the Year Guernsey Mind have provided training for our team and the Innovative Award the Pollinator Project has helped with a growing plot on site, helped with our education visits and are going to put insect boxes on site for us.

"I had the real privilege to be the key speaker at the awards and it was very humbling to be on the stage in front of such a range of incredible Guernsey caring individuals, groups and businesses.

"A huge thank you to Sadie and all at the Guernsey Community Foundation for putting on such an phenomenal event and allowing the GSPCA to highlight so much of our work that goes on 24/7 and wouldn't happen without the fantastic Guernsey community.

"Well done to all of the amazing charities, individuals, companies and groups it was so inspiring to see all of the incredible work that goes on in Guernsey and it was so wonderful to have this show cased at the Guernsey Community Foundation Awards."

Beckie Bailey GSPCA Animal Care Assistant said: "Such a privilege to be invited to The Community Awards event." Even though The GSPCA did not win, we were runners up in three different categories!

"However, I was absolutely over the moon that Ernie's Angels won an award!!! So well deserved!"

The categories and individuals that were finalists are below that are linked to the GSPCA but the Shelter works with many of those shortlisted and those that won an award -

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT

Ann Wragg - Ann has been heavily involved with a wide range of community projects over the years. She has volunteered extensively at the GSPCA and with the St Andrew's Floral Group where she latterly led the Group.

Karen Girdlestone - In February of 2017, Karen re-launched FrOGs (Friends of GROW Limited) and is acting as its Chair. She currently is heavily involved at the GSPCA, and has spent a year on the KGV fundraising committee.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

GSPCA: Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday - The annual Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday, now in its 7th year, is a community event celebrating animals, animal welfare and also the achievements of the GSPCA itself. It was held on 20th May and had to be set up, run and packed away on a very tight schedule and with a limited budget.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Barclays Bank PLC – Guernsey Branch ('Barclays') launched its Shared Growth Ambition in 2016. They collectively generated £13,577.94 net profit, of which £3414.99 was donated to local charities including

State Street Guernsey - There are two key elements to State Street Guernsey's CSR programme delivery: community investment through the grants programme, supporting charities in the area of education with an emphasis on workforce development and employability, and employee engagement through the volunteering and matching gifts programmes.

State Street Guernsey, with a view to building the long-term capacity of the charitable sector, has also provided funding to support the GSPCA with the launch of its NVQ training and the introduction of its Community and Training Officer role

INNOVATION AWARD

GSPCA with Employment & Social Security, State Street Guernsey & Guernsey College of Further Education - Over recent years the GSPCA has been supporting Employment & Social Security with their "Work2Benefit" scheme by offering placements for long-term unemployed people to assist with their work rehabilitation.

In this award the GSPCA have worked with and alongside both Wellbeing Animals Guernsey and the Pollinator Project.

Herm Island supporting the GSPCA if you stay with your dog before the 31st December



To book please email: reservations@herm.com or call: 01481 750000

As anyone who has visited Herm will know it is a stunning and wonderful island to visit and for those who have taken their dog over will have enjoyed the scenic walks and friendly atmosphere.

The GSPCA are hugely grateful to Herm Island who for any booking in their cottages with a dog before the 31st December are donating £20 to help the many animals in our care.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "Herm is such an incredible place to visit and as a family we have often taken our dogs over to enjoy the stunning walks and wonderful dog friendly locations on the island."

At the GSPCA we are hugely grateful to Herm Island who are donating £20 for bookings with dogs made before the 31st December, so please do go over, enjoy the island and help with this fabulous initiative which will help the 500+ animals in our care.

To book please email: reservations@herm.com call: 01481 750000 or visit <https://www.herm.com/where-to-stay/> for more details

A fantastic night with Sidney's Sponsored Events, fantastic entertainers and the wonderful 40s UK Act Jill Daniels



On Saturday 10th November Sidney's Sponsored Events ran another fantastic evening of entertainment from the 40's with UK Act Jill Daniels and many other entertainers.

With those there in Fancy dress 40s style and Black Tie as well as a room superbly decorated everyone enjoyed a fantastic night in aid of the GSPCA, Clic Sargent and the

Royal British Legion.

We have some amazing pictures from the event and for a £5 donation we can send you the original please just email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg with the request of which picture you would like and donate via www.paypal.me/DonateGSPCA or by calling us on 257261

It all took place at St Pierre Park Hotel and organised by Sidney's Sponsored Events headed by the wonderful Corinne Connolly.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said: "We are hugely grateful to Corinne Connolly from Sidney's Sponsored Events who once again organised a fantastic night in aid of the GSPCA, Royal British legion and Clic Sargent.

"Everyone had a great night and all the entertainment really was wonderful from the Burlesque Bombshells to Guernsey Ballroom Dancers and not forgetting Singers from Gadoc."

"The main act was Jill Daniels who really was fabulous and really got the crowd going. There were some amazing raffle and auction items and from

all the charities a huge thanks to Sidney's Sponsored Events and all that made it such a special night."

Corinne and her volunteers each year hold amazing evenings in aid of local charities and from all at the GSPCA thank you.

Sidney's Sponsored Events are looking to put together next year -

Bee Gees on April 6th at Fermain Tavern in aid of GSPCA

Abba Tribute Swede Dreamz on July 29th at Beau Sejour in aid of the GSPCA and Clic Sargent

If you would like to support, sponsor or find out more details please contact Corinne on 07911-720469 or Email: corinneconnolly@cwgsy.net

Winter is coming for our Game of Ducks and we are looking to find them new homes



Earlier this year the GSPCA were called out to help a large number of ducks in need.

Many have thankfully found new homes but we currently still have Chip, Mr Potts and Mrs Potts, the Runner Ducks and Gilly, Barristan, Danaerys, Gregor, Hodor, Jofrey, Jon Snow, Petyr, Renly, Robb, and Roose the Muscovy Ducks.

That's right we have 14 ducks looking for new owners! If you are interested you can visit the Shelter 7 days a week ideally between 11am and 4pm when the viewing areas of animals are open.

There are many ways to help support the GSPCA



Animal Sponsorship Scheme - Animals Needing Guernsey's Everlasting Love

Help us make a real difference to animals in Guernsey with your help we can ensure thousands of animals are rescued and cared for every year.

Without you the GSPCA couldn't run 24/7 helping animals like the recent 25 Slovakian puppies to the 2 kittens found covered in maggots.

In the just a few days in November we helped rescue a Barn Owl, Guillemots, Cats, Dogs, Rabbits, all types of birds and 7 hedgehogs all of which need food, veterinary care and many specialist facilities.

If you join and become an Angel Pen Pal Sponsor or give as a gift to a loved one you can be part of something special and receive some great gifts which include -

- A GSPCA Pin Badge
- A free GSPCA t-shirt or polo shirt for those donating £5 a month or more (children's sizes available)
- Or a free GSPCA hoodie or sweat shirt for those donating £10 a month or more (children's sizes available)
- A plaque on the GSPCA Angel pen Pal Sponsor Board
- A Certificate
- A Car Sticker
- Our most recent newsletter (which you receive each quarter with updates)
- In our newsletter we have Angel Pen Pal updates on many of the animals you help sponsor

To download a Corporate Angel Pen Pal form please visit:

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/angel-sponsorship-scheme-animals-needing-guernseys-everlasting-love>

For the first time those caring souls that wish to sponsor an animal pen or kennel at the GSPCA Animal Shelter here in Guernsey can now do so.

The ANGEL Pen Pal sponsorship scheme is a way you can give regularly to help support the many animals at the GSPCA.

How your Business can help the GSPCA & Corporate Sponsorship

There are many ways in which your business can get involved with supporting the GSPCA and it provides an excellent opportunity for companies to reach out to animal lovers and find an audience that believes deeply in Animal Welfare.



There are many ways to get involved and sponsorship opportunities are available and can be tailored to fit the joint needs and focus of both your company and the GSPCA.

From corporate volunteering opportunities and employee fundraising to sales promotions and sponsorship, there are great opportunities for you and your company to create a mutually beneficial partnership with the GSPCA.

Why choose the GSPCA?

By forming a partnership with the GSPCA your business can provide huge benefits to you and your company including:

- Increasing staff AND customer loyalty when associating with only all Animal Welfare organisation in Guernsey.
- It gives you and your colleagues the opportunity to gain a great sense of pride and achievement through life-changing fundraising challenges.
- Getting your colleagues motivated at work and feeling inspired by giving something good back to society.
- Helping your company achieve CSR objectives and providing engaging content for CSR reports.
- Increasing staff enthusiasm by your company working with such a passionate organisation as the GSPCA and in turn potentially reducing staff turnover.

We need YOU to help us become your company's charity of choice!

Please nominate the GSPCA

If your company has a charity of the year programme, why not speak to your company's charity committee about how to make the GSPCA your charity of choice?

You may be asked by your company to vote for a charity or choose your favourite charity to be on a shortlist. We totally rely on YOU to please put the GSPCA on that list!

By making the GSPCA your company's charity of choice you will also benefit from being associated with only all Animal Welfare organisation in Guernsey.

If you want more information on how you can help the GSPCA become your charity of choice or charity of the year get in touch with Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

Become an exclusive Build Partner

The Build Partner programme is designed to meet the building costs associated with our new £1.3 million multi-purpose animal welfare building. The building is to replace five existing structures that have become unusable with age.

Our new building incorporates a welfare cattery, quarantine and isolation facilities, a secure transfer location while also providing logistical and organisational spaces and facilities for the day-to-day running of the GSPCA.

Products

If you are a retailer or manufacturer and would like to develop products with us, then please do get in touch.

At the GSPCA we have a range of logo'd goods, collection boxes and counter boxes. If you or your business is interested in helping raise funds through these for the Shelter please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg



Sponsorship of Events

Maybe your business would like to Sponsor all or part of a GSPCA event? The major annual events we hold each year are:

Monthly Bingo Nights at the Market Bistro
GSPCA Purple Week – February
GSPCA Mafia Ball - February
Big Fun Family Lunch - March

Easter Fayre

GSPCA Cupcake Week – May

World Stray Day – April 4th

Summer Fair & Dog Show – June/July

Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday – September

GSPCA Animal Awards – Autumn

World Animal Day – 4th October

GSPCA Ball - November

Santa Paws Walk & Christmas Fayre

By sponsoring one of these events we can include your business in promotional material, our supporters newsletter, and online with our web site and social media.

Each year we also look for local businesses to Sponsor runners for the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Giant Animal Mascot Race and for more details please go to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/page/animal-welfare-seafront-sunday>

CSR Volunteering

Whether an individual or a group, here at the GSPCA we can provide CSR opportunities for you and your team to help out at the Animal Shelter.

From individual projects to the daily work, events to administration there is something for everyone.

To find out more please go to -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/corporate-and-group-days>

Many of the volunteers that have helped through their work place have continued to volunteer at the Shelter during their days off and we are very thankful to them for their support.

If your business has skills or expertise in a particular field and you would like to donate time or resources we would love to hear from you.

Fundraising

There are many ways to raise funds for the GSPCA in the work place. From dress down days to dress up days, issue GSPCA pens to staff to a sponsored event, selling cupcakes for break to a sponsored silence for those chatty staff members...

If you have a great idea please let us know or have a look at others and download a sponsorship form by going to -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising>

Wish List & Plans

Maybe your business would like to sponsor something specific to the GSPCA. We have an ongoing page dedicated to much needed items and appeals and you can see these by going to -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list>

Cattery & Quarantine Build Appeal

Our biggest wish and appeal is the Cattery & Quarantine New Build Appeal. With the current three buildings anywhere up to 60 years old we are in desperate need to rebuild these facilities. If your business would like to sponsor towards this project then please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg and check out the page with more details by going to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/gspca-cattery-quarantine-build-appeal>

Membership

As a charity we are made up of members who pay £10 a year to support the work of the GSPCA and for this they receive a number of benefits including a quarterly newsletter.

If your business wanted to join the GSPCA on behalf of your team and be part of the leading animal charity in Guernsey and receive updates and copies of the quarterly newsletter then please contact stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

Newsletter & Advertising

We are looking for a sponsor for our quarterly newsletter. If you are interested please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

We would also like to hear from you if you would like to join us in sponsoring advertising for animals in need of homes or campaigns.

Talks and Training

If your business would like a talk about the work of the GSPCA or potentially have training needs then please get in touch.

To find out a little about our education programme please go to -
<http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/education-and-schools>

If your business would like a guided tour of the Shelter then for a donation we can arrange a member of staff to show you around the facilities and talk about the hundreds of animals in our care.

If you would like to discuss how your business can help support the GSPCA then please contact GSPCA Manager Mr Steve Byrne on 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

GSPCA team are preparing for Whiskers the naughty little elf

Businesses around Guernsey will be plagued by these cheeky little elves in the Guernsey Press's Magical Elf Quest.

The Guernsey Press in a very special edition this week said this –

'These poor business owners can't get their work done,



Some mischievous elves are causing trouble for fun.

The place in chaos, they're all in a tizzy,

The staff can't seem to catch them, they're just far too busy.

They're up to no good as we're sure you can tell,

We need your help to find them but they're hidden quite well.

Please come in and search for their cheeky pink faces,

You're likely to find them in the strangest of places.

If you find them – Quick! Tell the staff right away,

They'll reward you with the coupons that are needed to play.

If one of your coupons is drawn from the hat,

You'll win £20 cash, how fantastic is that?

When January comes, we will hand out the prizes,
The more coupons you send, the more your chance rises.
These cheeky little monkeys are running amok,
Do your best to catch them, we wish you good luck.'

For full details please see the Guernsey Press.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We're all a little worried about Whiskers showing sometime soon as we've been informed he is one of Santa's naughtiest little elves."

"The staff and volunteers are currently busy making sure all the animal cages are locked securely as we really don't know what Whiskers will get up to at the GSPCA."

"The forms for the Magical Elf Quest will be at the GSPCA from tomorrow morning and for your chance to see Whiskers you can visit the GSPCA 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm."

"Keep an eye on our social media pages to see Whiskers adventures at the GSPCA."

To visit the Guernsey press website please go to -
<https://guernseypress.com/>

To great all sorts of great Christmas gifts pop to the Shelter which you can find us at GSPCA, Rue des Truchots, St Andrews, Guernsey GY6 8UD and Perry Guide page 24 A1 off Route de la Croix au Bailiff.

For more information please call 01481 257261 or email admin@gspca.org.gg

The 2019 Ceva Animal Welfare Awards are now open for nominations

Now in their seventh year, the 2019 Ceva Animal Welfare Awards recognise the achievements and outstanding commitment of the remarkable volunteers, charity



workers and veterinary professionals who have dedicated their lives to improving animal health and welfare here in the UK and around the world.

In 2017 a team of GSPCA staff and volunteers were flown over for the awards as the team were bestowed with the Special International Animal Welfare Recognition award and in 2015 local vet and GSPCA President was honoured with the Chris Laurence Vet of the Year Award.

This years categories include:

- Chris Laurence vet of the year
- Vet nurse of the year
- Charitable contribution of the year
- International Cat Care welfare of the year
- Farmer of the year
- Farm educator of the year
- Outstanding contribution to animal welfare

The awards take place on Wednesday 3 April 2019 and will be judged by a panel of respected industry professionals including Christopher Laurence MBE BVSc.

Entries must be in by 25th January 2019.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "The Ceva Animal Welfare Awards are a fantastic way that those helping animals 24/7 in so many ways are highlighted and celebrated."

"Last year a team of us at the GSPCA were flown over as we were humbled in getting an incredible honour which was the Special International Animal Welfare Recognition Award."

"It's really easy to vote and some great categories to recognise the incredible work that goes on around the world helping animals 35 days a year."

To find out more about the awards and nominate your animal welfare hero/es please visit <http://www.cevawelfareawards.com/>

Gifts in Wills and funding

The GSPCA is a charity that was founded many years ago and wouldn't be able to carry out its animal welfare work without the generosity of our caring and kind supporters.

With rising costs and thousands of animals each year the GSPCA needs your help as we receive no state aid.

You can help us by leaving a gift to the GSPCA in your Will which allows you to continue helping to improve the lives of animals into the future.

After providing for those you care for, please consider leaving a proportion of what remains to us. A gift like this to GSPCA ensures our animals and those in Guernsey will always have someone to keep them safe.

If you have already left a gift in your Will, please contact Steve on admin@gspca.org.gg or call 01481 257261. We can then keep you informed and up to date about developments at the Animal Shelter and our work. We always love to hear that you have left a gift but there is no pressure to say so. We understand that this is a private and personal matter.

Leaving a legacy is not a decision that can be made lightly and we are always happy to discuss this with you or send out additional information.

As a charity, gifts in Wills account for approximately 50% of our total income. We rely on this to continue to give safety and sanctuary to the animals in our care.

We simply couldn't do it without your help and support.

To download a leaflet with helpful wording for a Will or Codicil and to find out about how we can care for your pet please call 257261, email admin@gspca.org.gg or visit - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/gifts-wills-and-funding>



Thank you for continued support!



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