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Art of Living Community Volunteers Guernsey

How the Guernsey team get the best for and out of our small island

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Agenda

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Fundraising in Guernsey

Julie Madeley

To pull our weight as members of the AOL and IAHV families, fundraising is a significant part of our activities.

- 1 How do we choose what to raise money for? This IAHV Conference is our way to make contact and hear what is happening, so never underestimate the importance of this meeting.
2. Bucket days. Approximately twice a year, we get permission to stand outside supermarkets and collect. We call on AOL members, friends and people we work with in other areas to give an hour of their time. Guernsey people are very generous. We support one on island and one non-island charity, with the non-island charity being an IAHV cause.
3. Teaching yoga and meditation to corporates. Often these are companies that supply volunteers for our work and gain an interest in the work of Art of Living. They will pay for a teacher to come in and give staff relaxation exercises.
- 4 Staff collections. A local business, companies and others will organize cash collections we can put to our efforts with the various charities of IAHV if we can make a good case to them.
5. Ad hoc donations. We discuss the projects we support with various people, schools and others and seek donations from them.

Caritas Cafe

Julie Madeley

Caritas Café was set up by a charismatic vicar, who is known to us, with the aim of employing ex-prisoners and giving ex-prisoners somewhere they could get a cheap meal and meet up. He worked in the Prison and taught cooking to the prisoners.

We helped in the fields where the organic vegetables are grown for sale to raise money to open the café.

Once the café opened, we soon discovered that some people we enlisted as volunteers in the Community Volunteers, preferred working in the café to outdoor work.

Now the people we enlisted are the most reliable of the volunteers and their dedication is keeping the cafe open.



How does Art of Living Community Volunteers assist the island?

Andrew Pouteaux

You will see that the front cover and back cover show corners of Guernsey and they represent two different ways we work. Our focus is assisting those who do good works unpaid for the island.

A. Vale Parish

Here we work with the Constable of the Parish, people of prestige but no payment.

- We had worked to restore a field from what had been a quarry and found sponsors for seats as this field is dedicated to the folks in a home for the elderly across the road who had lost their garden when the home was developed.
- During these works, out of curiosity we nosed around a mass of greenery and found stonework. We approached the Societe Guernesiaise (our society knowing about Guernsey) and they sent their Historic Buildings expert to look at it. He became excited as it was the last section of the very old farmhouse (predating the quarry) and it had been overlooked in surveys.
- With our volunteers, a team from a local company and three members of Societe, the old farmhouse and associated buildings were uncovered.

B. Zigzag Path at La Vallette

We have put in work here over the last five years. One obvious failing was a path that was dangerous.

- With the States of Guernsey supplying materials and the Probation Service providing the assistance of the juvenile offenders, we got the path repaired. Sadly, we cannot photograph the Young Offenders so only the result is seen.

Where are we going?

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Funding

- We are able to find the funds to cover the small costs we have to pay for what we do. So this isn't an issue.

Volunteering opportunity

- It sounds crazy but our experience tells us that whatever other years have been like, this year will be totally different.

Corporate Partnership or Local Government Partnership

- We spend a lot of time talking to both our local corporates and the island government. For our work, we act as brokers between those who want work done and those who have the people who will make it happen.
- Centrally, our insurances are what keeps us in business. We are well covered to the standards of the Guernsey Government. We can detail our tools, our jackets, our refreshments and all those details but contacts and our reputation are what makes it all possible. We are known around the island and use the media ruthlessly.
- **We are looking at who will follow us.** We have joined the Chamber of Commerce with a view to looking for possible successors to follow in our footsteps.

Key contacts, urls and social media

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Thank you

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