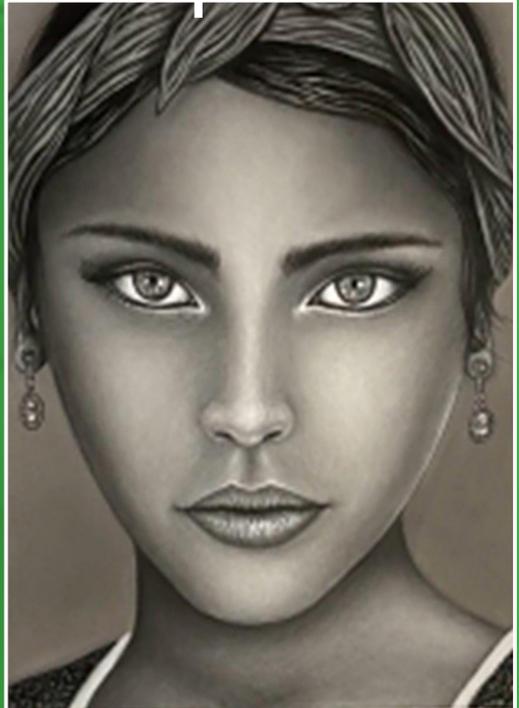


2025 Annual Report



GUERNSEY

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2025 Overview

During 2025 we supported 114 people. We saw an increase in the use of our dedicated Activities Centre at the Caves and introduced a second free lunch every week on a Thursday (we were already providing a free two-course lunch on a Wednesday). To help facilitate this we secured grant funding from the Social Investment Fund to extend our kitchen area and fit two ovens. This has greatly assisted in our hospitality and food provision.

In March 2025 Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders celebrated its 10th anniversary as a Guernsey Registered Charity. We hosted a celebration curry night at Trinity Church to thank all our volunteers, funding partners and the other agencies with whom we work closely. A short film was shown charting our development as a charity from 2013 onwards (the first two years as a branch of Caring for Ex-Offenders UK) before registering as a Guernsey charity in our own right in 2015. We also held a sale of craft items made by service users at our Caves Activities Centre.

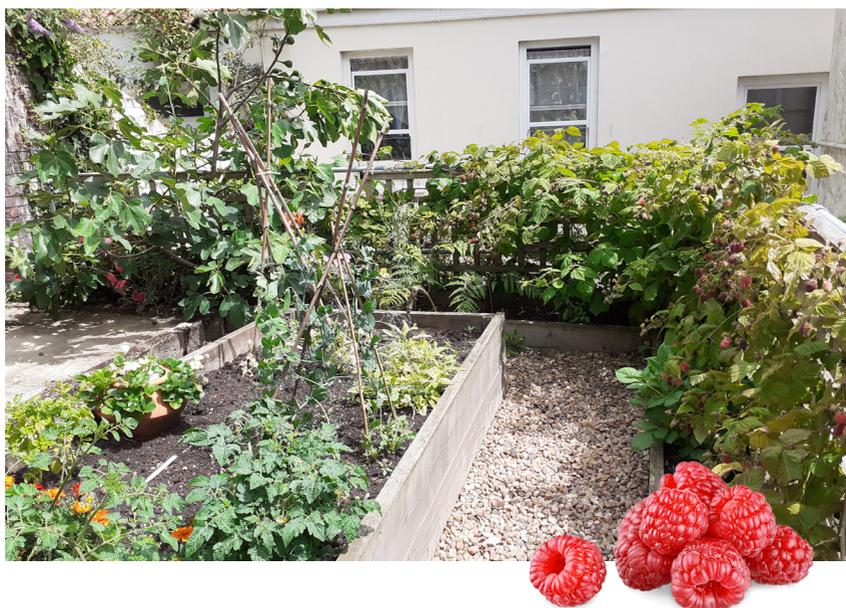


Accommodation

We have supported more than 22 people to source or retain secure accommodation in flats, bedsits and multi-occupancy lodging houses in 2025. Accommodation continues to be one of the most challenging and difficult issues to resolve for people leaving prison. Towards the end of the year GCCEO attended a series of project workshops run by the Home Affairs department looking at better accommodation planning for the future. Although in its infancy, we hope this initial analysis work will develop into tangible solutions in the coming years.

Community

The Caves Activities Centre is used for arts, crafts, small furniture restoration and a safe place for ex-offenders to find community and purpose. We made great use of our small garden this year and grew a variety of fruit and vegetables which contributed to our weekly lunches for exoffenders. 36 people regularly used the Caves in 2025.



Our weekly walking group continued between March and November 2025 and has remained a popular and healthy social activity. We always end each walk with a coffee at a different cafe or kiosk around the island. Attendance at the walks grew over the year and we saw numbers increase to as many as 14 each week.

May and June 2025

GCFFEO had stands at two of the Seafront Sunday events using our new gazebo. This was a great way to raise our profile as a charity and also a useful outlet to sell some of the goods made at our Cave's workshops. We attended the Liberation event in May and the Arts Seafront Sunday in June.



August 2025

The electricity supply was upgraded to the Caves in order that our two new ovens could be installed. The kitchen units and work area were doubled in size which has made a huge improvement in our ability to provide meals for ex-offenders.

Installation and fitting was completed in August. During August we had a special commission from Government House to do a complex mosaic tile top for the coffee table on their garden terrace. We had great fun designing a pattern to compliment the existing victorian tiled flooring . The end result was really impressive and very well received.

GCFFEO entered a number of entries to the South Show at St Martins Community Centre in August. Our service users won many prizes including a trophy for overall best art work submitted. The winning piece is featured on the cover page of this report.



November 2025

GCFO had a large stand at the Round Table Charities Fayre held at Beau Sejour Leisure Centre. This was for a whole Sunday and we raised a significant amount of money selling goods made at the Caves. We also had a tombola to win a soft toy made by one of our service users.



December 2025

GCFCO had a stall at the Trinity Ladies Breakfast and raised more funds for the Caves. On Christmas Eve, we held our first ever full Christmas Lunch for service users. This was a huge success and a really lovely Christmas event. Many of the people who came would have been very isolated and on their own without this, or may not have had a Christmas Dinner. It is now set to become an annual fixture within our programme of activities.



Employment

205 detailed employment applications were submitted in 2025 and 16 jobs were secured (14 fulltime and 2 part-time). While we would like to see more of our service users rehabilitate into fulltime work we recognise that it is still very hard for anyone with a previous conviction to find gainful employment. We are currently supporting 24 service users who are in-work too.



Thursday Church

We run a weekly Thursday evening group for ex-offenders wanting to explore the Christian Faith. This group, known as Thursday Church, meets throughout the year as one of the five official congregations of Trinity Church. One of our members was baptised on a beautiful summer's evening in July, at a private field in Pleinmont. The celebration was followed by a barbecue for about 30 people.

Prison & Probation

We continue to work closely with the Prison and Probation services, as together we support those people preparing to leave Prison and starting new lives in the community. In 2025, Trinity Church, together with the Deanery of Guernsey, funded a new PA system for the Prison. This will greatly improve the sound quality and amplification for various events like the annual education awards ceremony, the carol service and remembrance service etc...



Employment and Social Security

In November 2025 the newly elected politicians from the Employment and Social Security Committee (ESS) visited our premises at the Caves to see for themselves the work we do. We have a formal Service Level Agreement with ESS and are extremely grateful for their ongoing financial support.



The artwork that appears on the front cover of this report was painted by one of GCFCO's service users



Vision & Mission

Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders' ('GCFCO') vision is to reduce re-offending by reintegrating ex-offenders (of any faith or none) into society through the local church.

Working in partnership with other agencies, GCFCO seeks to support ex-offenders to live changed lives. We believe that by breaking the cycle of crime, individuals, families and neighbourhoods can be transformed.

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