



Grace Trust
JERSEY

Care and support for Jersey's most needy



Messing about on the river.

This is a lovely piece of art work from our Art in the Park project. Drawn by Eddie earlier this year, this just gets the whole drift of what can be provided within this project. A place where we can simply be away from problems and anxieties, we can be part of a great group of folk or we can simply be drifting down our own part of the river. Pictured below, is our Community piece which we entered at the Jersey Eisteddfod this year.



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We would like to say a huge thank you to the Lions Club of Jersey and everyone who swam their heart out in this years 51st Jersey Lions Swimathon. Thankyou for supporting The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Grace Trust foodbanks in our Island. Thank you to Ravenscroft who sponsored the event.



The Jersey Eisteddfod is without doubt the highlight in the Art in the Park year. We had some more great results this March. Thanks as always to Sue and Rosie who have their work cut out but always get the job done. Thanks too to Debbie, Kathy, Jackie and Anna. We had so many entries. As you can see on our front page we were presented with the Open Class winner award. Everyone has their place at Art in the Park “each one unique, but all are an important part of the community”.



Our Saturday Lunches



Welcome to Grace Trust’s longest running project! This last year we have seen so much to be thankful for. We have received a wonderful grant from the Jersey Community Foundation towards this worthwhile initiative. Kristina Moore Jersey’s Chief Minister kindly joined us one Saturday and in no token gesture got stuck in, helping, chatting with folk and listening to their day to day life. We also received our Eat safe certificate. Rev David Grantham joined us to do a few tricks and share some Good News with our folk. Our numbers are not going down that’s for sure. It’s a great vibe and we love it , best free restaurant in town on a Saturday lunchtime! Enjoy a 2 course dinner, doors open at 12 serve at 1pm.

The Grace Trust Foodbank



“ Foodbank” It has probably become one of the most used word in the media over these last few years. We first started with a very small cupboard holding a few Soups , Beans and Pasta. This was when our office was located at the back of the Salvation Army building in Minden St. It has gradually increased over the years. We see so many different people from so many different backgrounds.

Over the course of 2022 we saw 428 individual people and gave out nearly 3,000 bags of food. We saw 42% of folk only once in that year. A lot of people we see are working and doing all they can to keep their heads above water. Yet, they still need some support at some stage in their year. So for us to be there for them is so important. Along with the practical help that we can give , there is also the relationship factor that we can engage in. Sometimes just an encouraging word or a helping hand can mean so much to people when life is a little tough. We have seen mental health needs increase over these last few years, and all too aware of the challenges that some folk face.



Look to the left, no one does this for fun. Look to the right, Gerry Padden, he's been doing this a while now. Every Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday morning Gerry is here . A great guy to have around, he can cheer people up and always happy to talk football, especially this year!





A big thankyou to Vicky Boarder and Chris Binney (pictured below) and their wonderful team who kindly cooked us 133 frozen meals this February. This all comes under the umbrella of our Corporate Cook day project which is going really well. Please be sure to contact Mark at Grace Trust if you are interested as a Corporate or simply a team of 4-5 people who wish to make a difference.



Goodbye Tim Barrass.
It was a pleasure to know you. Rest in peace.



This QR code will take you to our website and financial donation information.

Thank you.



Ok, these guy's will agree with me, that Rhona's Fish finger sandwich in Gorey takes some beating . A huge shout out to Rhona and her team out East, for all their efforts this year in supporting us. To all those who have tasted this delicious sandwich and in turn helped to raise funds for Grace Trust. We are so grateful to you. It is so good to

know the support that is out there. We never take it for granted, thanks so much.



Bye, bye Stumpy. Some days are unique at Grace Trust and so was Stumpy. Stumpy was 8 years old when he passed away. He was rescued, cared for and loved by Jean in 2015 after being attacked by an older lizard. GT and a lot of people will miss him .



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