



# People and Nature Survey for Guernsey – October 2025

This survey is about your experiences and views on the natural environment in Guernsey. It has been developed in partnership between the Nature Commission and the States of Guernsey, and is open to all individuals aged 16 and above.

The questions focus on natural spaces that can be visited by the public rather than personal gardens or other areas of land that are not open to the public.

It will help the Nature Commission to:

- understand how you access, use and enjoy the natural environment in Guernsey and your thoughts/opinions on these natural spaces
- monitor changes in use of the natural environment over time, at a range of different spatial scales and for key groups within the population
- understand environmental attitudes and the actions you take to protect the environment.

This survey includes questions about you including your age, gender, level of education and employment status.

On completing the survey you have the option of entering a prize draw to win either a 'Real Guernsey' Land Rover Tour or a Herm Puffin Patrol Kayak Trip.

The closing date for this survey is **Sunday 23rd November**.



### About you

1.	Which parish do you live	in?	
	☐ St Peter Port	☐ St Martin	☐ Torteval
	☐ St Sampson	☐ Castel	□ Vale
	□ St Saviour	☐ Forest	☐ Prefer not to say
	☐ St Pierre du Bois	☐ St Andrew	,
2.	Which of these age band	s do you fall into?	
	□ 16 to 24	□ 45 to 54	□ 75 to 84
	□ 25 to 34	□ 55 to 64	☐ 85 and over
	□ 35 to 44	□ 65 to 74	☐ Prefer not to say
3.	Are you:		
	☐ Male	□ Pre	efer to self-describe
	☐ Female	□ Pre	efer not to say
4.	If you prefer to self-desc	ribe, you may provide a descrip	otion here if you wish.
5.	What is your highest edu	cational qualification or which	of these is it equivalent to?
	☐ Compulsory education GNVQ (Foundation/ In	n (GCSEs at C or 4+ grade or hig ntermediate))	her, O Levels / GCEs / CSEs,
	☐ Further education (BT diploma)	EC diploma or certificate, A Lev	rels, Advanced GNVQs, IB
		D / HNC, First degree (e.g. BA, E	3Sc), Postgraduate degree (e.g.
		o formal qualifications / GSCEs	or equivalent at lower than C or
	. Brade om,		
	☐ Prefer not to say		



6. Do you consider yourself to have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?  By long-standing illness, we mean any condition that has lasted (or is expected to least 12 months. Include any problems related to old age.						
	□ Yes					
	□ No					
	☐ Prefer not to say					
7.	Which of these best describ	es your emplo	yment s	status?		
	☐ Employed or self-employ	yed full time		Unable	to work – long	g-term sickness
	☐ Employed or self-employ	yed part time		or disal	bility	
	☐ Unemployed			A full-ti	ime carer	
	☐ Retired			Prefer	not to say	
	☐ A home-maker			Other (	(please specify)	):
	☐ In full-time education					
9.	<ul><li>☐ Yes</li><li>☐ No</li><li>☐ Prefer not to say</li><li>How often do you use the formula of the formula</li></ul>	ollowing mod	es of trai	nsport?		
		Frequently	Occasi	onally	Not at all	
	ar/van/SUV etc.	<u> </u>	$\overline{\bigcirc}$	<u>)                                    </u>		
	lotorbike/scooter	$\frac{0}{2}$	-	<u> </u>	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	
	icycle/electric bicycle /alk	${}$	$\overline{}$	<u>)                                    </u>	$\frac{0}{0}$	
	ublic transport	${}$	$\overset{\smile}{\sim}$	<u>'</u>	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	
	Iobility scooter/wheelchair	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	<u>'</u> )	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	
	ther (please specify below)	Ö	Č	)	Ö	
10.	If you use a different mode	of transport, p	please de	escribe.		



#### 11. Are you a member of any environmental organisations?

Select all that apply

RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)
National Trust of Guernsey
The Pollinator Project
Wildlife Trust
Guernsey Conservation Volunteers
Butterfly Conservation
La Société Guernesiaise
Guernsey Trees for Life
BTO (British Trust for Ornithology)
Clean Earth Trust
Marine Conservation Society
BSBI (Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland)
I am not a member of any environmental organisations
Other (please specify)



#### Natural spaces

This section is about the public natural space **closest** to your home and public natural spaces you may visit during your leisure time within Guernsey.

The term 'natural space' refers to any area where nature (trees, flowers, plants and/or animals) can be seen more than anything else. Public natural spaces can include open spaces in and around town and other built-up spaces, in rural areas or around the coast. Public natural spaces do NOT include personal gardens or private areas of land, where public access is restricted or prohibited. They are spaces that are open to anyone (for free).

If you work in the natural environment, please think of places you visit in your leisure time, outside of working hours including during lunch breaks.

#### Public natural space closest to your home

Thinking about the public natural space **closest** to your home, even though you may not visit it, please answer the following questions about this space.

If you live at two or more locations, please choose **one** location when answering the following questions.

#### **Examples of natural spaces**











<b>12.</b> Which of these public natural select only one.	spaces is <u>clo</u>	osest to wh	ere you live?							
☐ Beaches	l Beaches									
☐ Fresh water (e.g. St Saviour	Fresh water (e.g. St Saviour's reservoir, etc)									
☐ Nature reserves (e.g. Vale F	ond, La Gar	enne Natur	e Reserve, St Ger	main Nat	ture					
Reserve, Bridget Ozanne Or	chid Fields	(Les Vicheri	es), etc)							
☐ Parks (e.g. Delancey Park, C	ambridge P	ark, Sauma	rez Park, etc)							
$\square$ South coast cliffs (between	Jerbourg ar	nd Pleinmor	nt)							
☐ Town/community green spa	aces (e.g. th	e Sunken G	arden, Candie Ga	rdens, Vi	ctoria					
Tower Gardens, Chateau de	es Marais [Iv	y Castle], V	'ale Castle, etc)							
☐ Woodland areas (e.g. Blueb	ell Wood, L	e Guet etc)								
☐ Other coastal areas and com	mons (e.g. Fo	ort Hommet	headland, L'Ancre	sse Comr	non, etc)					
	13. Thinking about the public natural space <u>closest</u> to where you live, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The natural space closest to my home is:									
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree					
Within easy walking distance	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0	<u> </u>	<u> </u>					
A good place for mental health and wellbeing	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$					
A high enough standard to want										
to spend time in	0	O	O	0	O					
A good place for children to play	0	0	0	<u> </u>						
A place that encourages	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	0					
physical health and exercise A good place to meet other people	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$					
Provides good opportunities to see nature	0	0	0	0	0					
14. If you were to walk to your clo	sest public	natural spa	ce, how long wou	ıld it tak	e?					
☐ 5 minutes or less			Between 16 and 3	0 minute	es					
☐ Between 6 and 15 minutes			More than 30 min	utes						
15. To what extent is having a nat	ural space c	lose to whe	ere you live impor	tant to y	ou?					
☐ Very important			Not important							



16. Have you visited the public natural space <u>closest</u> to where you live in the past 14 days?									
□ Yes	s I <b>never</b> visit the public natural								
□ No		spa	ce close	st to wh	nere I	live.			
17. How often do you visit the following public natural spaces in Guernsey?									
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly / every few months	Seasonally e.g. just in the summer, spring, etc	Rarely	Never	Don't know		
Town/community green spaces (e.g. the Sunken Garden, Candie Gardens, Victoria Tower Gardens, Chateau des Marais [Ivy Castle], Vale Castle, etc)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Beaches (this refers to the land at low tide or high tide, NOT the sea)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Marine (this refers to activities on/in the sea, NOT on the beach)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
South coast cliffs (between Jerbourg and Pleinmont)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other coastal areas and commons (e.g. Fort Hommet headland, L'Ancresse Common, etc)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nature Reserves (e.g. Vale Pond, La Garenne, St Germain, Bridget Ozanne Orchid Fields, etc)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Fresh water (e.g. St Saviour's reservoir, etc)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Woodland areas (e.g. Bluebell wood, Le Guet etc)	0	0	<u> </u>	0	0	0	<u>O</u>		
Parks (e.g. Delancey Park, Cambridge Park,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Saumarez Park, etc) Other (specify below)			$\overline{}$		$\overline{\bigcirc}$				
18. If there are other public natural spaces that you	u visit v	within	Guernse	ey, pleas	se spe	cify be	elow.		
		<u> </u>							

If you answered 'Never' for <u>all</u> the options in question 17, please move on to the next section. Otherwise, please go to the 'Specific visits within the last 14 days' section (page 9).



#### Natural spaces not visited

19. What is the main reason or reasons why you never visit any of the public natural space(s) in Guernsey? Please select up to 3 options. ☐ I spend my leisure time in my own ☐ Lack of public transport private garden ☐ Lack of personal transport ☐ Too busy at home / with family ☐ Not interested commitments ☐ Fear / worry about crime or anti-☐ Too busy at work social behaviour ☐ Prefer to do other leisure activities ☐ I have poor physical health (or ☐ Lack of facilities (toilets, benches, illness) baby changing, etc) ☐ Fear / worry about getting hurt or ☐ Cost / too expensive injured ☐ I have poor mental health or ☐ Fear / worry about pollution or wellbeing rubbish ☐ Accessibility of site(s) for those ☐ Nowhere near me is nice enough with disabilities to spend my free time ☐ No particular reason ☐ Other (please specify)\_ 20. Please expand on your answer if you wish. 21. Would you like to spend more free time outside in public natural spaces? ☐ Yes □ No ☐ Don't know

Please skip the next section and continue from the 'Your attitude to nature' section (page 12).



### Specific visits within the last 14 days

The following questions are about free time you have **recently** spent outside in public natural spaces in Guernsey.

**DO NOT** include time in your garden, time outside as part of your job or time spent outside Guernsey. 22. Have you visited any public natural spaces in the last 14 days? ☐ Yes □ No 23. If you answered 'Yes' to the last question, how many times have you visited public natural spaces in the last 14 days? If you are unsure, please give your best estimate. Skip to question 25.

24. If you answered 'No' to question 22, what was the main reason or reasons for not

spending free time in public natural spaces in the Please select up to 3 options.	he last 14 days?	
<ul><li>□ Poor physical health (or illness)</li><li>□ Bad / poor weather</li></ul>	☐ Fear / worry about gettin	g hurt or
<ul><li>□ Poor mental health or wellbeing</li><li>□ Cost / too expensive</li></ul>	☐ Too busy at home / with commitments	family
<ul><li>□ Not interested</li><li>□ Nowhere near me is nice enough</li></ul>	☐ Fear / worry about crime social behaviour	or anti-
to spend my free time  No particular reason	<ul><li>□ Prefer to do other leisure</li><li>□ Lack of facilities (toilets, l</li></ul>	
☐ Fear / worry about pollution or rubbish	baby changing, etc)  ☐ Too busy at work	

Skip to the 'Your attitude to nature' section (page 12).

☐ Other (please specify)\_\_\_



#### 25. Thinking about your most recent visit to a public natural space within Guernsey in the last 14 days, please choose the type of location that you visited. ☐ Town/community green spaces (e.g. the Sunken Garden, Candie Gardens, Victoria Tower Gardens, Chateau des Marais [Ivy Castle], Vale Castle, etc) ☐ Beaches (this refers to the land at low tide or high tide, NOT the sea) ☐ Marine (this refers to activities in/on the sea, NOT on the beach) ☐ South coast cliffs (between Jerbourg and Pleinmont) ☐ Other coastal areas and commons (e.g. Fort Hommet headland, L'Ancresse Common, etc) ☐ Nature reserves (e.g. Vale Pond, La Garenne, St Germain, Bridget Ozanne Orchid Fields, etc) ☐ Fresh water (e.g. St Saviour's reservoir, etc) ☐ Woodland areas (e.g. Bluebell Wood, Le Guet etc) ☐ Parks (e.g. Delancey Park, Cambridge Park, Saumarez Park, etc) ☐ Not applicable (e.g. I didn't visit any of the above) 26. In which parish was your most recent visit to a public natural space? ☐ St Peter Port ☐ St Martin ☐ Torteval ☐ St Sampson ☐ Castel ☐ Vale ☐ Forest ☐ St Saviour ☐ St Pierre du Bois ☐ St Andrew 27. What did you use this space for? Please select up to 3 options. ☐ Physical health/exercise/sport ☐ Get fresh air ☐ Look after children/other family ☐ Inspiration for members art/photography/related ☐ Connect to nature/wildlife ☐ Take a break from TV/electronic devices ☐ Because I was advised to spend time outdoors by GP or other health ☐ Have lunch/take a break from work professional ☐ Mental health and wellbeing/ ☐ Walk a dog relaxation ☐ Learn something new/explore ☐ Ride or lead a horse or pony ☐ Other (please specify) 28. How far do you travel to reach this public natural space?

☐ Between 1 and 2 miles

☐ More than 2 miles

☐ Less than a mile



29. Thinking about your <u>most recent</u> visit to a public natural space, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? My <u>most recent</u> visit to a natural space was:

			Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Not applicable
Within easy walking distance			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A good place for mental health and wellbeing			<u>O</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>O</u>
A high enough standard to want to spend time	in		$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{O}{O}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$
A good place for children to play			$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\frac{\bigcirc}{\bigcirc}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$
A place that encourages physical health and ex A good place to meet other people	ercise	!	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{0}{0}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$	$\frac{\circ}{\circ}$
Provides good opportunities to see nature			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30. What was the main form of transport you ι recent visit to a natural space?	ised to		-		lestina <sup>.</sup>	tion	on y	our i	nost
☐ Car/van/SUV etc.			Walk						
☐ Motorbike/scooter			Publi	c trar	nsport				
☐ Bicycle/electric bicycle			Mob	ility s	cooter	/whe	elch	air	
☐ Other (please specify)									
31. What is the reason/s for using this mode of Please select all that apply.	trans	poi	rt?						
☐ Convenience			Prefe	erred	metho	d of t	trave	el	
☐ Safety			Only	meth	od of t	rave	l		
☐ Healthy choice									
☐ Other (please specify)									
32. Did you go on this visit?  Please select all that apply.									
☐ With a child or children		Wit	th a h	orse/	pony o	r hor	ses/	poni	es
☐ With an adult or adults		Wit	th an	orgar	nised gr	oup			
☐ With a dog or dogs		No	ne of	the a	bove	-			



### Your attitude to nature

The following questions are about your attitude to nature. The questions are about Guernsey's natural environment in general and your connection with nature.

migh the f	33. We would like you to think about the variety of all species of animals and plants that might be alive in Guernsey in 5 and 25 years' time, and compare it to now. Which of the following do you most agree with?  In Guernsey, there will be									
In 5 yea	less variet	y little or no change to the variety of life	more variety of life							
In 25 year		0	<del></del>							
	would you feel if there would you feel if there would you feel if there would be seen to	was a loss of variety of animal a	nd plant life in Gue	ernsey?						
	lot very concerned									
	leither concerned nor un	concerned								
	Concerned									
□ E	xtremely concerned									



#### 35. What do you believe to be the pressures that Guernsey's natural environment faces?

	Significant pressure	Some pressure	A little pressure	No pressure at all	Don't know
Climate change (including increasing air/sea temperatures, sea level rise, extreme weather events, ocean acidification, changes in season)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Invasive non-native species</b> (e.g. Asian Hornets or invasive plants)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Development and land use change</b> (including new buildings, land drainage, coastal development)	0	0	0	0	0
Pollution of air, land, freshwater or the sea by chemicals (pesticides/herbicides), nutrients, plastic, light or sound	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Commercial/recreational fishing and harvesting</b> e.g. for ormers/bait/seaweed	0	0	0	0	0
Poor land management leading to loss of natural habitats (e.g. intensive farming, land abandonment, removal of native hedges)	0	0	0	0	0
Gaps in knowledge and understanding of the natural world	0	0	0	0	0
36. If there are any other pressures that you feel Guernsey's na please outline them here.	atural	enviro	onme	nt fac	es,
<ul> <li>37. How do you feel about any pressures faced by Guernsey's real parts.</li> <li>Not at all concerned</li> <li>Not very concerned</li> <li>Neither concerned nor unconcerned</li> <li>Concerned</li> </ul>	natura	ıl envi	ronm	ent?	
☐ Extremely concerned					



#### 38. Which of the following activities involving the natural environment do you take part in, regularly or occasionally? Select all that apply. ☐ Watching/listening to nature □ Gardening programmes via TV, radio, ☐ Watching wildlife podcasts, streaming, etc. ☐ Foraging, shooting or fishing ☐ Looking at books, websites or ☐ Choosing to go through local photos about the natural world parks/green spaces en route to ☐ Looking at natural scenery from other places indoors or from vehicles ☐ Work/volunteering outdoors ☐ Sitting or relaxing in gardens or on ☐ Studying the natural environment balconies/terraces ☐ None of the above ☐ Other (please specify)\_ 39. Which of the following activities do you do? OO Frequently I recycle or repair items rather than throw them away I buy eco-friendly products and brands I buy seasonal or locally grown food I walk or cycle instead of using my motorised transport when I can I encourage other people to protect the environment I volunteer to help care for the environment I donate money at least once every three months to support an environmental or conservation organisation (not including memberships covered in an earlier question) 40. If there are any other activities you do, please specify them here.



## 41. Please score the following statements where 1 is strongly disagree and 7 is strongly agree:

Spend Being I alwa I alwa I feel 42. Wo	in nature is really amazing ding time in nature is very important to me in nature makes me very happy hys find beauty in nature hys treat nature with respect a part of nature  puld any of the following increase your personates in Guernsey?  ect all that apply.	a OOOO 1 (strongly disagree)	Sagenee)	m OOOO 3 (somewhat disagree)	d utility of the order of the o	jij OOOO 5 (somewhat agree)	OOOO e (agree)	Participation (strongly agree)
	Citizen science projects Guided nature walks		Creation reserv		more	natu	re	
	Educational signage in natural spaces		More	acces		nt		
	Nature information centre Nature viewing points (bird hides, etc)		Comm with n	sites/management Community groups to engage with nature None of the above				ge
	Dedicated website to give information about natural spaces to visit in Guernsey Other (please specify)							
43. Are	e there any other comments you would like to acces in Guernsey?				ire an	ıd/or	natuı	ral
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### Thank you for completing this survey.

Find out more about nature in Guernsey and Herm:

https://www.naturecommission.gg/state-of-nature-2024/



#### Prize draw

#### Would you like to enter a prize draw to win either:

- A 'Real Guernsey' Land Rover tour for one person from Tour Guernsey (https://tourguernsey.com/)
- A Herm Puffin patrol kayak trip for one person from Outdoor Guernsey (https://outdoorguernsey.gg/)

If so, please complete the following details:

Full name			
Email address			
Phone number			