

1. Jersey National Park is a not for profit, Limited Company, registered with the Jersey Charities Commission.

The JNP was created as a Policy NE6 in the Jersey Island Plan 2011. We have two purposes, as described in the Policy;

1. The conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Jersey National Park

2. To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Jersey National Park by the public.

The Island Plan 2011 and the Bridging Island Plan 2022 formulated the policy and the boundary description of the area within which the Jersey National Park sits.

We have an honorary Board of Directors formed from a range of local people and local organisations, including;

- National Trust for Jersey
- Jersey Heritage
- Société Jersiaise
- Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society
- Jersey Dairy
- The Board is headed by the Honorary Chairperson, originally nominated by the Chamber of Commerce

A representative from both the GoJ Economic Development Department and the Environment Department attend meetings, but are non-voting members of the Board.

We have one employee who works a zero hour contract for c. 10 hours per week, employed through our HR partner, ASL.

We work with other nature conservation bodies, the agricultural community, human wellbeing practitioners and others to implement our purposes, within the National Park area.

The Jersey National Park has been an ongoing concern since 2013, with seed funding from the Department of the Environment.

Prior to 2020, funding came through Jersey National Park's applications for grants from various sources, including; Grants from the Tourism Development fund (£35K), the Countryside Enhancement Scheme (£25K), and sponsorship from the Island walk (£14K).

The first substantial funding was agreed with Growth Housing and Environment (John Rogers Director) at the end of 2019 to run for 5 years from 2020. Funding ex Economic Development Dept.

Last 5 years funding:

Year	Total funding	Government Grant	Independent funds raised
2020	128,710	100,000 (78%)	28,710 (22%)
2021	182,030	150,000 (82.5%)	32,053 (17.5%)
2022	230,503*	200,000 (87%)	30,503 (13%)
2023	278,755	250,000 (90%)	28,755 (10%)
2024	228,805	200,000 (87.5%)	28,805 (12.5%)

* Nb in 2022 16k was passed to the Park by the Environment Dept (Rural Enhancement Scheme) to cover most of the costs for remedial work to the track approaching the Frances Le Sueur Centre which was the department's responsibility.

Also a proportion of the Government Grant and other funds raised has been used to renovate the Frances Le Sueur Centre, the organisation's Headquarters, which is leased from the GoJ, and was passed to the Park in a very poor condition (responsibility of Property Holdings).

Whilst the Park awaits the finalising of the legal status of the Park instructed during the BIP debate of 2022, and further explored in the 2023 review, it is considered inappropriate to seek substantial non-governmental funds especially as clarity on the direction of the Park is awaited also.

A proportion of funding comes from Hire Charges from the Frances Le Sueur Centre, where Jersey National Park welcome groups and organisations who contribute to the delivery of the aims of the national park.

Currently, Jersey National Park receives government funding via the Department Economic Development.

2. The grant is managed by the Honorary Chair, with oversight from the Honorary Treasurer and the Board of Directors.
JNP have a grant agreement in place with GoJ Economic Development Department and that agreement stipulates how the grant is used and details the controls required.

We liaise frequently with both the GoJ representatives from Economic Development and Environment Departments on an as needed basis to develop the projects we jointly work on, including quarterly meetings to review budgets and progress.

We believe that the current oversight arrangements are adequate to ensure accountability and good use of the government funds.

3. Jersey National Park submit the following documents when applying for renewed funding:
 - A Governance Checklist which is made up of just over 100 questions covering; Safeguarding Requirements, Internal Controls, Managing Risk, An Effective Board, Business Plan, Customer Feedback, Financial Controls – Expenditure & Income, Reserves, Staff, Accounting & Annual Reporting and Previous Year Ongoing Checks.
 - Quarterly financial Statements for JNP Ltd. and annual accounts for the prior year
 - A signed Grant Assurance Statement.

- The Risk & Issues log.
- The Conflicts of Interest log.

Our KPI's which we report on quarterly, are aligned with the Government's 'Island Outcomes' (see attached annual report).

Both the Board of Jersey National Park, our sponsoring Department, Economic Development and our partner, the Environment Department consider that current reporting requirements and delivery are adequate for the purpose of governance of the grant.

4. The Board of Jersey National Park Ltd. consider that the organisation provides excellent value for money.

- The Chair and the Board members are all honorary positions
- There is currently only one, part time, employee
- Our marketing is outsourced to a 'value for money' company, which provides excellent media and comms.
- JNP provides a cost effective forum for the Island's natural history and cultural organisations to meet and collaborate.
- We measure our performance against criteria agreed with government.

In 2023, in collaboration with the funding Department, Economic Development, we carried out a complete review of the organisation, its structure, governance, staffing, and future direction. Several of the 30 recommendations have been, or are being implemented, and on others, JNP Ltd are in discussions with the Economic Development and Policy Departments to move forward in the most appropriate way for government efficiency.

We provide Government with quarterly and annual reports of our progress.

5. The Board of Jersey National Park comprise of representatives from the main organisations in Jersey which are concerned with environmental and heritage conservation, including;

- National Trust for Jersey
- Jersey Heritage
- Société Jersiaise
- Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society
- Jersey Dairy
- Representative from Economic Development Department
- Representative from Environment Department

This broad representation enables these organisations to collaborate without duplication, as it provides a forum for discussion and information exchange. Jersey National Park is able to facilitate these discussions, ensuring that organisations can collaborate, without duplicating efforts.

We have been asked to collaborate with government in areas such as countryside interpretation; Provision of public access and conservation volunteer management.

JNP sits on the Jersey Ramsar Steering Group, to ensure that there is no duplication in managing these important environmental assets, some of which fall within the national park.

We work with the organisations listed above, and collaborate with others such as Jersey Trees for Life (who do not receive government funding) to ensure that these organisations are aligned.

We believe that the current arrangements for oversight of the grant management system are sufficient, due to;

- Regular meetings with the funding Department
- Board meetings attended by government representatives
- Good reporting mechanisms have been implemented