

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2024**

Question

“Will the Chair advise what financial or other contribution, if any, each Parish provides for youth projects in their Parish?”

Answer

To provide a response to this question every Parish has been asked to provide information of financial or other contributions relating to the last complete financial year ending 30/4/2023 (actual), the current year ending 30/4/2024 (either budget or actual to date) and any other information. The information provided is set out below.

However, contributions (financial or other) have been provided for many years. Every Parish publishes on its website the annual accounts (these detail the financial expenditure) and the proposed budget expenditure for the coming year (for approval each year by the Parish Assembly).

Parish of St Brelade

Year ending 30/4/2023 (actual) – St Brelade Youth Project £20,750 grant; £10,000 for youth worker and £10,750 for general running costs.

Current year ending 30/4/2024 (budget/actual to date) - St Brelade Youth Project £21,750 grant; £11,000 for youth worker and £10,750 for general running costs.

The Parish of St Brelade also makes annual donations of £400 to the following youth oriented clubs and charities –

- Healing Waves
- La Moye Cadets
- 10th Jersey (St. Brelade) Scout Group
- St Aubin Institute

and £800 to West District Guides Association (for two groups).

The Parish maintains the “Elephant Park” (children’s playground), the costs of which are set out below.

- 2022/23 - £29,516 (as per Report and Accounts)
- 2023/24 – £35,000 (estimate as per the accounts)

Upgrades to the upgrade the toilet block are required as it is 60 years old and no longer fit for purpose (likely to cost – subject to Parish Assembly approval - in the region of £500,000) and consideration is also being given to upgrading the playground equipment (subject to funding).

Parish of St Clement

The Parish has an agreement with the Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills to contribute towards youth worker salaries at Le Squez Youth Club. This has been in place for many years

and historically has been agreed for a 5-year term. The current agreement started 1 May 2020 and is for the Parish to contribute £21,000 annually.

The Connétable and Procureurs also allocate £12,000 annually to various charities and organisations many of which benefit children and young people. Donations may change on an annual basis but for last year included:-

- Les Amis
- 1st East Rainbows / Rangers
- 2nd Jersey Scout Group
- 9th Greve d'Azette Brownies
- 11th St Clement Guides / Brownies
- St Clement Battle of Flowers
- St Clement Sport Club
- Youth Enquiry Trust
- The Grace Trust

We also have money available to disadvantaged parishioners through various trusts. With our help, many children and young people from low-income families have been able to achieve that which would have otherwise been unattainable, and the results are often life changing. Funding is awarded on a case-by-case basis and has recently assisted with the costs for both dental and optical treatment, school uniform, IT equipment, school trips and travel for parents to accompany their child to an off island medical appointment.

The parish has also recently taken on the lease to premises at Clos Maurant which we are in the process of establishing as a Community Hub. A facility that will benefit all residents of the area whatever their age.

Parish of Grouville

Year ending 30/4/2023 (actual) - £17,500 grant to help fund a Youth Worker/youth projects under the Parish/Youth Service contract.

Current year ending 30/4/2024 (budget/actual to date) - £14,000 grant to help fund a Youth Worker/youth projects under the Parish/Youth Service contract.

Parish of St Helier

At its annual Rates Assembly, the Parish of St Helier donated the sum of £126,000 to the St Helier Youth and Community Trust in both 2022/23 and 2023/24. This donation includes a specific requirement to contribute £66,000 to fund Youth Workers in the Parish. The remainder of the money covers grants/aid or support to charities/organisations or individuals who apply to the Trust for assistance. We are aware that during 2023, there were nine grants made in relation to children or youths, totalling a sum of £34,000.

The Parish has recently distributed £10,000 to the Brighter Futures charity – which supports children and young families. It also donated a further £5,000 to Family Nursing and Home Care who support both children and adults.

St Helier organises several events each year which are family orientated and cater for all age groups including young people; these include (1) the Fete de St Helier, (2) Havre des Pas Festival, and (3) the Christmas Light Switch on. The overall net cost of these events is in the region of £96,000.

The Parish hosts an annual Ambassadors competition which focuses on youth entries; this includes a prize and funded trip to a UK flower festival.

Parish of St John

The Parish has budgeted £20,000 per annum for the funding of a part time youth leader at the St John Youth Project. This was increased from £15,000 per annum to £20,000 per annum in 2021 to enable the project to increase the hours but they were unable to fulfil this so only £15K per annum has been paid to date.

Annual grants to youth-related groups:

- JAYF (Jersey Association for Youth and Friendship) £500
- Parish Sports Club £500 (paid to a different Club each year)
- St John's Skate Park £500

Donations 2023/2024

- St Johns Football Club £1,000

Additional Youth Projects:

- The Parish provides and maintain a Childrens Playground in the Parish Church yard.
- The Parish has entered into a lease with JPH (Jersey Property Holdings) for an amount of just £100 a year for them to develop a playing field for St Johns Primary School.

Also within the Parish, through the Butlin Trust who owns the property and leases it on a pepper corn rent, the St John's Recreation Centre hosts numerous Sports Clubs and events which provide for youth projects, including the St John's Youth Project.

Parish of St Lawrence

The Parish paid £15,000 towards the Youth Workers salary and a grant of £500 to the St Lawrence Youth Club in 2022/2023 and the same figure is budgeted this year.

The Youth Club uses, free of charge, the St Lawrence Community Centre for which the Parish is responsible and meets the cost of upkeep and maintenance. The Centre is also hired out, for a fee, for other events involving children/youth e.g. sports clubs, children's playgroup, children's private parties, football club etc.

Parish of St Martin

The Parish has paid £15,000 p.a. to fund a Maufant Youth Centre Worker in recent years.

Year end to 30.04.23 – grants to

- Brighter Futures £800
- Healing Waves £800
- Riding for the Disabled £800
- You Matter £800

Year end 30.04.24 – grants to

- Jersey Association for Youth and Friendship £800
- YES Project £800

A presentation was made by a member of the Maufant Youth Project Committee in 2020 at the end of the Parish Rates Assembly. This committee was set up by Connétable Karen Shenton Stone in 2019 with its main purpose to raise funds to assist members with their activities. Following this meeting the Committee was made into a charity status – the Maufant Youth Project (the Charity). The charity now receives added

donations from Parishioners and corporate bodies to fund additional activities for the Youth Project members.

In November 2023 a new accessible playground was opened on the Village Green in St. Martin, following the Connétable of St. Martin's consultation with children at St. Martin's School and taking into account the views of the Jersey Youth Parliament's (JYP) Play Strategy. The generosity of two major donors facilitated the creation of the new playground and local playground designer, Emily Jennings, helped with the design and delivery. The playground perfectly complements the natural playscape situated at the far end of the Green. The Connétable is delighted that planning permission has recently been granted for a Viking Swing to be situated near to the natural playscape. The Viking Swing can be used by teenagers and further fulfils the JYP's Play Strategy and the Play Strategy being developed by the Comité des Connétables.

Parish of St Mary

Year ending 30/4/2023 (actual) –

- Contribution to Youth Service £20,000
- Charitable Grants - Kids' Club donation £500; 6th Jersey Scout Group £500; 20th St Mary Brownies £500

Current year ending 30/4/2024 (budget/actual to date) –

- Contribution to Youth Service £20,000
- Charitable Grants - Kids' Club donation £500; 6th Jersey Scout Group £500; 20th St Mary Brownies £500; Youth Club £1,500

Parish of St Ouen

Year ending 30/4/2023 (actual) – Total £40,455

- Youth Worker £22,000
- St Ouen's Youth & Community Centre £15,000
- 1st St Ouen Scout Group £1,000
- St Ouen's Youth Club £1,000
- Beresford Street Kitchen £400
- Recreation field rent & maintenance £1,055

Current year ending 30/4/2024 (budget/actual to date) - Total £35,900

- Youth Worker £22,000
- St Ouen's Youth & Community Centre £10,000
- 1st St Ouen Scouts £1,000
- St Ouen's Youth Club £1,000
- Beresford Street Kitchen £400
- Recreation field rent & maintenance £1,500

There are also a couple of local Trusts that help to provide school uniforms for St Ouen children and support youth groups within the Parish.

Parish of St Peter

Year ending 30/4/2023 (actual) –

- Youth Leader Salary £30,008
- St Peters Youth Club grant £7,500
- Outreach Project £5,000
- Jersey Assoc Youth & Friendship grant £1,200
- St Peters School £2,000

Current year ending 30/4/2024 (budget/actual to date) –

- Youth Leader Salary £31,500
- St Peters Youth Club grant £5,000
- Outreach Project £5,000
- Jersey Assoc Youth & Friendship grant £1,200
- St Peters School £4,000

Parish of St Saviour

For the financial year ending 30 April 2023, the Parish of St Saviour committed £21,000 to the Grand Vaux Youth Centre. This funding was specifically earmarked to subsidise the salary of a youth worker, pivotal in steering various youth-centric projects. Additional grants were also dispensed to various youth-centric charitable or community groups, as follows:

- St Pauls: £800
- 2nd Jersey (Greve D'Azette) Scout Group: £600
- 3rd Jersey (St Saviour) Scout Group: £1,050
- 7th (St Lukes) Brownies: £600
- Beresford Street Kitchen: £1,000
- Jersey Association for Youth & Friendship: £900
- Jersey Youth Trust: £400
- Les Amis: £1,000
- Jersey Scout Band (part of Scout Association): £600

Anticipating a continuation of this trend, the budget for the year ending 30 April 2024 has been set to match this commitment with another allocation of £21,000.

In a recent discussion, the Connétable and Procureurs examined the Parish's role in financially supporting a Youth Centre Worker, considering whether this responsibility (legally responsible) might better belong to the Children, Young People, Education, and Skills department (CYPES). Despite these considerations, the strong relationship with the Grand Vaux Youth Centre continues, leading to the renewal of the partnership for three more years.

Over the past decade, the Parish of St. Saviour has provided grants totalling in excess of £150,000 to Grand Vaux Youth Centre.

Parish of Trinity

Year ending 30/4/2023 (actual) –

- £18,000 to the employment of a Youth worker at Trinity Youth Centre.
- £200 to Ebenezer Methodist Church, Sunday School
- £300 to Trinity Youth Club.
- £442.80 payment to Trinity Youth Centre to meet the cost of rates

Current year ending 30/4/2024 (budget/actual to date) –

- £18,225 to the employment of a Youth worker at Trinity Youth Centre.
- £200 to Ebenezer Methodist Church, Sunday School
- £250 to Trinity Youth Club.
- The Parish intends to meet the cost of the rates of the Trinity Youth Centre.