

Collas Crill's hampers bring back memories for islanders on Liberation Day

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Collas Crill was very proud to support the [Liberation Day hampers](#) once again this year, along with the Guernsey Dairy, Guernsey Hamper Company and States of Guernsey's Committee for Education, Sport and Culture.

A team of Collas Crill volunteers spent a busy morning handing the hampers out on Thursday 9 May, meeting some of the islanders who remained in Guernsey during the Occupation or who were evacuated and hearing their stories.

In total the team handed out 500 hampers.

Senior Partner Jason Green was one of the volunteers helping out, and was the driving force behind Collas Crill's involvement in the initiative.

'This is becoming a highlight of the year for Collas Crill in Guernsey. We had even more volunteers signing up to help on the day, keen to get involved, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Once again the feedback has been brilliant, including lovely hand written letters of thanks. We heard some lovely stories and many people came in wearing their evacuation medals, which was amazing to see. One gentleman even brought in some of the German currency that was used during the Occupation.

'Everyone enjoyed looking at the memorabilia the Priaulx Library and Marco Tersigni kindly lent us and I offer my thanks to them for adding some real history to the occasion. I am proud of our team effort - everything was done with a smile and real gusto. We hope everyone enjoyed the provisions and had a happy Liberation Day,' he said.

Deputy Sue Aldwell, Member of the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture, said: 'A heartfelt thank you, to Jason and his team, for all the hard work put into Liberation Day. It was such a lovely atmosphere at Beau Sejour, so many stories and so many smiles, it was heartwarming.

'We have received such incredible feedback. People were so appreciative and were so pleased with their tea hampers, you made a great many people feel special and that is a wonderful thing to do. Thank you for going the extra mile and bringing our community together on our Liberation Day, you should all be very proud.'



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