PRESS RELEASE: Comité des Connétables

Reminder: Islanders encouraged to take advantage of Island-Wide Firearm and Dangerous Weapons Amnesty - deadline extended

17 November 2026

Islanders are being reminded by the Comité des Connétables that the Island-Wide Firearm and Dangerous Weapons Amnesty is currently underway and will now remain open until **14 December 2026.**

The amnesty, which was launched on 1 November, provides a safe, confidential and lawful opportunity for members of the public to voluntarily surrender unwanted firearms, ammunition, firearm parts and other dangerous weapons, without fear of prosecution for possession where the items are being held for the purpose of surrender under the amnesty.

Around 24 weapons have been surrendered so far.

The initiative forms part of the Comité des Connétables' wider review of firearms as part of the Parishes & Government Review.

The Chairman of the Comité des Connétables, Connétable Andy Jehan, said: “I'm keen to remind islanders that there is still time to make use of the amnesty and I’d like to thank everyone who has taken advantage of it so far. People may have firearms or other dangerous weapons in their possession that they no longer wish to keep, perhaps following an inheritance, the closure of a collection or a change in personal circumstances.

“The amnesty offers a straightforward and safe way to surrender these items, ensuring they can be dealt with appropriately and lawfully. I would encourage anyone who has been considering surrendering an unwanted firearm or dangerous weapon to take advantage of this opportunity until 14 December.”

Items accepted under the amnesty include firearms, ammunition, firearm parts and dangerous weapons such as knives, bullets, axes, swords, spear guns, BB guns, bows and arrows. Other items, including maces, pepper sprays, and antique or decorative weapons, will also be accepted.

There is no charge for the surrender and destruction of firearms or other weapons under the amnesty.

The Comité des Connétables has agreed with the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs to proceed with a new application form, a review of the fees and a reduction in air rifle pressure (to prohibit owning and importing/owning an air rifle above 12ft lbs of muzzle energy as this is the standard pressure used when competing in air rifle clubs)

How to surrender an unwanted firearms or weapons:

- Anyone wishing to surrender an unwanted firearm, dangerous weapon, firearms part or ammunition should phone 07797 818495 up to 14 December to arrange the safe collection by designated registered firearms dealers (RFDs). The phone line will be open 24/7.
- They should follow the instructions provided and do not handle, carry or transport the item unnecessarily.
- Members of the public should NOT bring firearms or dangerous weapons to a Parish Hall, police station or other location unless specifically instructed to do so.

Media information:

Chairman of the Comité des Connétables, Connétable Andy Jehan, is available for media interview on this topic.
To arrange an interview, please contact 07797 758086

The following items have been surrendered during the amnesty so far and include:

- 1 flick knife
- 2 knives
- 2 spearguns
- 2 truncheons
- 2 air soft BB guns
- 3 air rifles
- 1 revolver
- 1 pistol
- 2 bolt action rifles
- 8 shotguns

Please contact the Comité office at office@comite.je for photos of weapons surrendered to date.