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**A message from the Bailiff of Jersey – Storm Ciarán**

*I would like, on behalf of all islanders, to thank all of those who have supported us and kept us safe and maintained essential services during the severe storm that has buffeted the island over the last 24 hours or so. We have not seen the like since the Great Storm of 1987.*

*Thankfully there have been no fatalities as far as we are aware, but some people have suffered injury and many others have been evacuated to keep them safe. There has been substantial damage to property and our infrastructure has been affected. The clean-up of the effects of Storm Ciarán**will take time and our thoughts are with those who have suffered, and they will need our support over the coming days.*

*Through all of this, our emergency services, the States of Jersey Police, the Fire and Rescue Service, the Ambulance service and, of course, the Honorary Police of all the Parishes have been out at all hours responding to emergencies and answering the many needs of our community. They have done so with their usual exemplary professionalism, courage, and kindness. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.*

*I am also mindful of those in the civil service and government and the Parishes who gave clear advice to us all and many of whom have been at their posts overnight and who have coordinated the island’s response. Clear advice was given, and islanders followed it.*

*We can once again be proud of our island, the response, caring and community spirit of our people and the commitment of our emergency and other services.*

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. The Bailiff of Jersey is appointed by His Majesty the King.

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