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Fundraising lizard toys go on sale

Islanders are being asked to support Jersey's native green lizard by buying toys that go on sale today (2 November).

Walkers has donated 300 of the specifically made soft toys to raise money for Jersey's native population of green lizards. The toys will be on sale for £6 from Hallmark Card shops around the Island.

Julie Melia, managing partner of Walkers, said: "As the first champions of the Environment Division's Green Lizard Bio-Diversity Action Plan, we decided to set up the Green Lizard Project to raise money and to prevent further decline to Jersey's current population. We hope these toys will remind Islanders of the need to protect our native species. Not only do they make a lovely Christmas present but they should help ensure the future of the green lizard."

The Green Lizard Project supports the work of the Jersey Amphibian and Reptile Group (JARG) which is comprised of members from the States of Jersey Environment Division, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and other local environmental groups.

John Pinel, JARG committee member, said: "We are extremely grateful for Walkers to have designed the toy and for making people aware of the plight of our green lizards. If all the toys are sold, Walkers will have raised £1800 to fund the work of JARG. Because we are an independent and non-profit group, this money is crucial to our on-going understanding, protection and conservation of the green lizard."

As part of their commitment to the protection of the green lizard, Walkers are also launching a Green Lizard Project website. www.greenlizard.org.je This will provide a base for various information such as how to identify green lizards.

Earlier this month, Walkers staff joined JARG to carry out habitat maintenance for green lizards at Ouaisne.

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Notes to editor:

In 2006 the States of Jersey Environment Division launched a series of biodiversity action plans for rare, declining or significant species to Jersey with the green lizard being one of them. The green lizard biodiversity action plan will be implemented through many organisations including the Environment Division, Durrell and the Jersey Amphibian and Reptile Group (JARG). JARG is a non-profit and independent group which aims to

- Conserve through study and direct action, the native reptiles and amphibians of Jersey.
- Collect and collate herpetofauna records.
- Provide general advice on native reptiles and amphibians and their habitat management.
- Raise awareness amongst the general public.

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