



Where There's a Wheel There's A Way

Spring 2015

Dear Members,



As we enter our third summer of operations we are looking forward to an exciting season with beach access at six locations supported by nine beach wheelchairs.

Welcome Adam

Thanks to a generous grant from the Association of Jersey Charities we have been able to recruit a Seasonal Administrator Adam Heyes, who will be working with us from mid-June to mid-September.

Adam is an extremely personable young man who has demonstrated an interest in the caring profession and is very keen to promote the interests of BeachAbility. Adam will enable us to respond much more quickly and spontaneously to bookings as well as help with general administration and marketing support.

Tourism Development Fund

Through our sizable grant from the TDF to help promote BeachAbility off Island, we were lucky enough to catch a window of lovely sunny weather in September to produce a video for our web site. A BIG "thank you" to Mia, her family and Pam who gave us wonderful images and commentary to help capture the essence of BeachAbility. Go to www.beachability.org and view this uplifting clip.

We are promoting ourselves this summer at the airport arrivals with leaflets and banner; a presence in Jersey's famous "What's On" guide and our locations are now identified on the Official Jersey Tourism Island Map.

You can join us in raising the visibility of BeachAbility by displaying our colourful new car stickers on your vehicle. Email or telephone BeachAbility for your sticker.

Chair Users

We have had a number of hardy souls who have ventured out during the winter months. Residents of L'Hermitage Care Home have been regular users throughout the winter with their proactive Activity Co-ordinators and they have really relished the opportunity to get some lovely fresh sea air.



Headline News!

Channel Island Travel Group has selected BeachAbility as its charity of the year. We are very excited to be working with Robert Mackenzie and his team and thank them for their selection.

Through the introductions of Ruby PR we are also grateful to receive the support of Keith Beecham of Visit Jersey; Durrell and the Atlantic and Radisson Hotels.

BeachAbility Supporters

In readiness for the summer season Martin Greenwood of Bailiwick Medical was able to join our Supporters' Training Day and refreshed our memories of the technicalities of the tilt in space chairs for less able users. It was an extremely useful practical session and we all feel much more comfortable using these chairs.

Shed Managers

We are most grateful to Jane Osborne, Margaret le Herissier, Janet Wyatt, Anne Carolan, Isobel Brocken and Anne Jeanne who have kindly stepped up their Supporter roles to become Shed Managers keeping the sheds looking tidy, stocked and chairs in good working order to ensure the safety and longevity of our equipment.

Fundraising

A fantastic £1,300 was raised at our Card afternoon held at Trinity Parish Hall last month. Once again our afternoon tea was highly rated so thanks to all our bakers and sandwich makers, all who donated raffle prizes and especially Loraine Determeyer for drawing such a full house.

Our next fundraising event will be on Sunday 6 September when we will be holding our Annual Golf Day. Further details to come in July – but in the meantime if you would like to think about putting together a foursome you can look forward to a very sociable and enjoyable afternoon – with prizes!



JRFC Beach Rugby

Taking place on 18 July at St Brelade, BeachAbility is once again being supported by the rough and tumble and competitive beach rugby tournament BeachAbility will be supporting the players by enthusiastic raking of the pitches.

Recent Donations

Good will (Police Charity)

Grouville Church

Constellation Trust

Capco Trust

Concordia Choir

KPMG

Kay Hamilton Trust

Parish of St Martin

Many thanks for your very generous support which is much appreciated

Island Walk

BeachAbility is to benefit as one of the "Potter" charities from this year's Collas Crill Island walk.

Please look out for our chairs as they support Islanders to complete the St Aubins bay stretch of the walk and cross the finishing line on Saturday 20th June.