



Where There's a Wheel There's A Way

Summer 2016

Dear Members,

With a very cold and wet spring, use of our beach wheelchairs has been moving very slowly, but ever optimistic we are hoping sunny days are just around the corner and we are ready and waiting to swing into action. The Committee has been very busy researching the purchase of a hoist, recruiting a summer employee, fundraising and putting our marketing plan in action. This is our fourth summer of operations and we are beginning to feel the benefit of experience – just!.

New Developments

One of the comments made to us last year was that residential homes could make greater use of our chairs if we had access to a hoist. With the generous cheque of £1500 from our 2015 sponsor -Channel Island Travel Group- we have purchased a hoist. Palm Springs Nursing Home has also offered to contribute towards the cost and offer our Supporters free training in manual handling.

We welcome Hannah Syvret as our summer employee who is joining us in time for the Collas Crill walk. The Association of Jersey Charities has again supported us with funding so that we can provide a much more flexible and professional service to our users. Hannah will make regular visits to care homes and selected hotels as well as support our administration.

BeachAbility Supporters

Meeting and greeting ...We are very conscious of the fact that when Supporters have not been called upon to 'meet and greet' it is possible to lose motivation.

We have lots other ways in which you can help and 'meeting and greeting' users is only one role. Other supporters look after our sheds, turn out at events such as the Collas Crill walk, Beach Rugby, the Card Afternoon and make these events a great success.

Our bakers are almost legendary and we always have a great array of raffle prizes thanks to our super raffle prize procurers.

Occasional social gatherings over afternoon tea or golf competition are our way to express our appreciation for your support.



Whatever you do
for BeachAbility
helps us
enormously

Changing Places

After disappointing use of our facilities at West Park last summer, and by popular demand, we are considering a shed move to Greve de L'Ecq. There are access issues to be overcome and we are in discussion with the Department of Infrastructure to see if these can be achieved.

Card Afternoon

A rather unsettling misunderstanding on our hall booking resulted in a quick relocation to St Martin's Hall where our guests had a very enjoyable afternoon. Our renowned tea together with great support for our raffle helped to raise £1,400. "Thank you" players.

Shake and Bake at JRFC

Our cake sale was held at the Jersey rugby match on 27 February selling some 300 cakes to lots of very generous rugby fans. Unfortunately Jersey lost the match in the dying seconds of the game but not before we raised £875.



RJAHS

Continuing the cake theme, we have just heard that the RJAHS Summer Country Fair have chosen us as their 2016 charity to support.

The cake competition entries will be auctioned off at on 19 June at 4.30pm. So if you fancy a nice slice of cake you might wish to note this date in your diary.

Summer Golf Event

On Friday 1 July we shall hold our evening golf competition - We see this as more of a get together than a fund raiser - although we will be running a raffle! We look forward to a good turnout - you may enter either as a team or a single entry and we can place you in a team.

If you don't play golf please join us just for the meal.

Publicity for Visitors

Our banner with leaflets will be seen in the baggage and arrivals halls at the airport. We also have leaflets in hotels, Liberation Station and the Harbour and we feature in What's On and two Island Visitor maps with symbols representing our chairs.



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...for your very generous discount and extensive demonstration at our recent Supporter training afternoon.

Generous Donations

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