



Where There's a Wheel There's A Way

Autumn 2016

Dear Members,

We are delighted to report that we have had our most successful season yet with 160 bookings: 83 local and 77 visitors reflecting a 54% increase on 2015 in spite of a stretch of very poor weather in June and early July.

This edition is dedicated to our beach wheelchair users from whom all of us at BeachAbility gain so much reward.

St Brelade ...where 78 of all bookings were made.

Attending weddings at St Brelade is becoming a bit of a theme and we have supported three this year.



We are now in the position of welcoming back repeat holiday makers and even finding that Jersey was chosen as the destination of choice because of the beach wheelchair access that we offer.

Georgina a guest at **Maison des Landes** in August was excited by her morning at St Brelade

"It was marvellous. Absolutely wonderful, this is the first time back on the beach since my amputation and I love the beach. I paddled my foot, I just wish there was something I could get onto to help me into the sea for a swim. We have booked Maison des Landes for next year and this will definitely be the first thing we come and do".

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"Best days outing in the last ten years Dad said after paddling in the sea and watching the surfers"



We newly supported Adult Day Services; Jersey Youth Service and Mont a L'Abbe holiday club this summer who enjoyed picnics and games on the beach



Harry, aged 5, took part with his mum in the first Colour Run to be organised on Jersey. He's game for more next year!



Non-beach activity supported by BeachAbility included a picnic by the pond for Highlands student Jake and a return to the golf course for Sean

Violet chose Jersey as part of her 90th Birthday celebrations. It had been her wish to get onto St Brelades beach to recall the memories of walking here with her husband in their youth.



“Regular User training”

This is a feature of our service that means that our chairs can be accessed without the need of Supporters and as a result offers greater flexibility to users. We have a few regular chair users now in their third year and one young woman who has been able to access us again as a result of the new hoist being available.



Crossing the Collas Crill Finish line after a very windy walk along St Aubins – Great achievement everyone!



Gurkha veterans visiting Jersey with Holidays for Heroes.

took part in a whole day of beach activities with their families.

“The beach wheelchair was so practical for me to get to the beach which had been beyond my reach since my spinal cord injury. Our children had an unforgettable time and memory as well.”