



## Where There's a Wheel There's A Way

Autumn 2017

Dear Members,

2017 was potentially a difficult year for the BeachAbility Committee as most of them had serious and ongoing family illnesses to contend with. However, it is testimony to the strength of the Committee that they all pulled together and business carried on very much as usual, while recognising that family always comes first.

Thank you Jane and Lucy Osborne !

Mignonne Bodenstein joined us again in mid-June as our Summer Worker, unfortunately in mid-August she had to leave us to concentrate on her academic coursework. We were very grateful that Committee member Jane Osborne and her daughter Lucy were able to step up to the plate and look after the bookings. As luck would have it we had the busiest August ever and I think at times Jane felt she should set up camp in the St Brelade's shed. Lucy brought to bear her engineering and spreadsheet skills and was able to identify some mechanical niggles with the chairs and re-jig our booking spreadsheet.

"Had our picnic and a walk along the beach  
Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous"

## "Priceless"

Julie Cowards' opinion on her BeachAbility experience

Julie described to BBC Jersey how being housebound after a ski accident was getting her down. That is until the freedom of being on the beach lifted her spirits.

## Julie having fun out West



## New for 2018

Beach wheelchair located at Bel Royal

Helping us on the way has been:

Mia and family with the idea and fundraising  
The Department for Infrastructure  
Jim Hardey with construction

"We are really impressed at the work of BeachAbility  
Hope lots of disabled people enjoy the beach this summer"



"My Dad has so enjoyed using the beach wheelchairs thank you. It added a whole new dimension to his stay with us. He loved hearing the sound of the waves and seeing children having so much fun on the sand. I am sure that having those breaths of sea air has done him the world of good."



**Lucky ticket number 00147**  
Took home the stunning beach themed quilt created by Chez Soi Quilting Group and helped raise £584 through raffle sales for BeachAbility.

"Thanks for giving me access to another wonderful time on the beach today.  
This time I went one step further and had my first swim in something like thirty years! It was amazing!  
I can't tell you how special today has been to us all"

### "Regular Users do it by Themselves"

40 regular users now look after themselves at the beach without the need for a 'meeter and greeter'.

These include local individuals as well as organisations that serve the charitable sector including Adult Day Services, Adult Mental Health Services, Healing Waves and Maison des Landes.

14 have been holiday makers three of whom now return to Jersey specifically because of our services.



Margaret Le Herissier receives £1,000 from the Jersey Community Partnership