



Helping hand from the fantastic guys  
at Sunnyside Deckchairs

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

Autumn 2018

Dear Members,

Well the early promise of a wonderful summer continued right the way through and we enjoyed a fantastic season at BeachAbility. On occasion it was just too hot and we even had a couple of cancellations for this reason! The number of chair users recorded to the end of September was very similar to 2017 – with 160 happy BeachAbility users accessing Jersey's wonderful beaches.

The ratio of visitor to locals has tipped in favour of the visitors, many of whom return to Jersey each year because of BeachAbility.

St Brelade....where 83 of all bookings were made will soon house a third child's chair thanks to a one- off generous donation.



Pauline, pictured above, returned to Jersey with sea glass collected from her holiday in Jersey last year transformed into stunning necklaces. Sale of the pendants raised £350 in support of BeachAbility

### "Thank you"

Alex Trindade for the great experience you offered our BeachAbility chair users this summer

Ian Parkin for his expertise with the accounts

Gemma Sutton for giving the final accounts a thorough check!

Jim Hardy for building and maintaining our sheds

All our wonderful Supporters who continue to meet and greet, cover the bookings, attend training, look after our sheds and fundraise with enthusiasm.

Kate thanked BeachAbility for helping her and her family onto the beach this summer by performing an Acres band musical gig at Ouaisne and donating her fee and money given to help our future and that of supporting young carers.

## Retirement of Our Chairperson

Members at the sixth AGM took the opportunity to thank and reflect on the extensive commitment and drive of Margaret Le Herissier who has chaired BeachAbility from its inception and small beginnings as a single beach wheelchair at St Ouens to the established charity it is today.

Margaret thanked her committee, members and supporters who over the past six years have all worked together to help to realise the dream of our Founder Sharon Gray.



Ending her annual report Margaret remarked that we get lots of lovely comments from our users and the one she selected as summing up what BeachAbility means to her is

**“BeachAbility is a “gift” to wheelchair users”**

it provides the gift of being on the sand again, wiggling toes in the water, generations of families having fun together and special memories being made

### Committee 2019

**Chairperson** Jane Osborne  
**Treasurer** Trish Parkin  
**Secretary** Suzie MacLagan  
**Ordinary Members** Anne Carolan  
Margaret Le Herissier