



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2014

AJC AGM

By Chairman Phillip Callow



Our AGM was recently held at the Royal Yacht Hotel and attended by 120 members and guests.

AJC Chairman Phillip Callow said: “We’ve had a busy and productive year, not least of all due to the Charities Law finally being debated and passed unanimously by States’ members. This positive vote reflects that politicians recognise how important it is to give Jersey charities the same footing as other jurisdictions who’ve had a law in place for many years.”

The draft law provides for a legal definition of ‘charity’ and requires Jersey charities to register with the Charity Commissioner. There will be a second phase of the law, possibly in 2016, to further develop the regulation that will accompany the law.

Dr Judith Turbyne, Head of Engagement from the Scottish Office of the Charity Regulator, gave a very topical presentation at the AGM, speaking about regulation within Scotland and the lessons learned from the England and Wales Commission alongside some interesting statistics. If you would like a copy of her presentation, please contact [Lyn](#)

AJC Treasurer, Hannah Williams reported that the Association had awarded a record value of grants during the 2013/14 year. The Association is still in a strong financial position but most of our assets are committed to restricted purposes or grants awarded but which had not yet been paid out. The profits from the 2013 lottery, in excess of £600,000 (which was a record year) have not been received or recognised in the 2013/14 accounts but will add to the Association’s resources for the year ahead.

Visit www.jerseycharities.org for minutes of the meeting, the latest annual report and audited financial statement.

AJC Training



Understanding the Media

Would you like to know more about the media and how they work?

We can offer you a full day’s media training with former journalist Alex Mallinson from Mallinson PR.

You will learn how to approach the media, what they want and how to get your points across in interviews.

For further information and to reserve your place on the next available date, please contact [Lyn](#).

Welcome to our new members!



Various membership applications are reviewed by the Association’s officers at quarterly meetings and most recently four more charities joined the AJC, bringing the total membership to **292**.

The new charities included **Love Thy Neighbour**, helping those in crisis, **Friends of Samares School**; to support and promote Samares School, **Down’s Syndrome Association, Jersey Group**: to enable people with Down’s Syndrome to attain their full potential and to undertake other charitable activities and **Jersey Coders**: a club for young islanders to teach and support IT and computer coding skills through mentoring and shared learning.



Wetwheels Jersey ...plain sailing - thanks to AJC grant By Andy Le Selleur



Wetwheels Jersey began her active life in April 2014 and since this time she has welcomed 21 different charitable and community organisations and taken in excess of 400 passengers to sea. We have eight fully qualified and assessed skippers and another fifteen at various stages of qualifying to join the team; every skipper is volunteering significant time to fulfil the bookings and they are loving their work. Our ambitious target of 1,000 passengers in the first year looks likely to be met - and above!

The AJC award of £30,000 at the outset of our operations could not have happened at a better time. We still have some way to go to reach our strategic aims and having sufficient operating funds to cover at least the first year meant that we were able to focus resources on developing the service rather than worrying about fundraising.

Our diversity targets are now being met too; we have young and old (3 to 82 years old) passengers and many wheelchair users all enjoying trips. We have accompanied HMS Iron Duke when she visited in May, ferried wheelchair passengers and the Lieutenant Governor to the Tenacious when she anchored off of Gorey in June and welcomed Guernsey passengers on board when we took islanders there during the Jersey Boat Show.

Feedback has been extremely positive and we see many repeat bookings from organisations such as Mont a L'Abbe School, Jersey Mencap and Headway. We've also received many reports of the huge impact a trip has on individuals in respect of confidence, self-esteem and their ability to work in teams.

We are now starting to look into a Wetwheels Guernsey which would be a fantastic addition to the service. We are planning a number of trips back to the other islands this year and are also linking with another AJC member, Helping Wings, to deliver a joint trip to give passengers a boat and plane experience at the same time.

AJC grants

As a result of the successful grant applications, AJC members will be funding refurbishment work, purchasing new vehicles, buying specialist chairs for cancer patients, setting up an educational theatre project and refurbishing a school library

Each year, the Association receives the Jersey share of the Channel Islands' lottery profits from the Economic Development Ministry to distribute to its members specifically for the benefit of the people and island of Jersey.

£209,385.40 was awarded to 14 members at the Association's second quarterly meeting of the year in June. Grants ranging from just under £2,000 to £30,000 were approved as follows:

- **Triumph Over Phobia** - £1,679 to send two people to an annual conference
- **Jersey Heritage Trust** - £1,914.05 to complete the scanning of WW1 documents
- **Jersey Scout Association** - £2,000 to re-cover the floor for 9th Jersey group hut
- **Grands Vaux School PTA** - £4,209.26 to refurbish the school library
- **Words and Numbers Matter** - £9,959.80 one year salary for a part time administrator and assessor
- **La Moye School PTA** - £10,191.29 to refurbish the kitchen
- **St Peter's Youth Club** - £17,342 for a sessional youth worker salary
- **Jersey Arts Centre** - £18,000 for a 'Theatre in Education' project
- **JCG PTA** - £24,925 for a minibus
- **St John Ambulance** - £28,000 for a replacement support vehicle
- **Jersey Cancer Trust** - £29,815 for 10 chemotherapy chairs
- **Jersey Citizen's Advice Bureau** - £30,000 debt advisor's salary for two years
- **Caring Hands** - £30,000 towards staff salaries
- **Le Congrès des Parlers des Normand et Jerriais** - £1,350 towards an MSc for their music teacher

Charity members applying for grants have to demonstrate sufficient financial need and that the grant is both for the benefit of Jersey residents and for a charitable purpose (for example the advancement of education or the advancement of religion or the relief of, or research into, ill health or any other purpose of benefit to the community).

You can apply for up to £30,000 a year by submitting the application form online which is then reviewed by officers. The deadline for December applications is 11 November. If you need any help submitting your form, please contact [Lyn](#).



New website for Riding for the Disabled Jersey



RDA Jersey have just launched their new web site, so check it out at www.rda.org.je!

The charity's main objective is to provide adults and children, with physical disabilities and learning difficulties, the opportunity to ride to benefit their health and wellbeing. Last year more than 500 rides were given to about 50 riders, ranging in age from three upwards.

RDA Jersey has also recently been able to send some young riders and their carers to the Calvert Trust Exmoor stables for a few days' holiday. As well as regular riding, horse-based activities include carriage driving (which can also be done from a wheelchair), horse behaviour, learning to speak horse sessions and tandem riding.

The feedback from time spent at this activity centre has been very positive and the charity looks forward to being able to continue to give other riders this experience.

Are you up to date?

Please remember to check the AJC website and update your charity information as and when necessary so that supporters and volunteers have the correct information about you.

Send us your snaps!

We are in need of some more up-to-date photos of members' activities to liven up our website. Please forward any you have of your service users, volunteers in action or fundraising activities to Lyn.

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If you have any stories, suggestions or photos for the December AJC newsletter, please send them to Lynsey Mallinson, Publicity Officer, PO Box 356, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 9YZ, call 840138 or email lynsey.beahan@hotmail.com.

Taking Part Making Art!



Jersey Mencap has recently been involved with creating art work for the Groove de Lecq Festival. Given a seaside theme, a plan was quickly hatched and the workshops were fast paced to get work underway.

A flock of seagulls were made from recycled materials with each one quickly coming to life with their own character.

Thanks to professional artists, Michelle le Cornu and Karen Allenet, the installation was done the day before the festival and with the gulls in situ, we were ready to embrace all things groovy!

AJC members in action!



Autism Jersey Walk



Air Training Squadron