

## **Helping Wings Business Plan 2018**

*“Enabling the disadvantaged and disabled of all ages to share the exhilaration and fulfilment of flying”*

Member of the Association of Jersey Charities (number 386)

### **Introduction**

Since 2008 Helping Wings has provided opportunities for nearly close to 1000 disadvantaged or disabled people to experience the joy of flight in a light aircraft in a number of different ways.

We started by offering around the Island flights to disabled or disadvantaged children and young people on three set days each year. Subsequently we have offered the freedom of flight to adults and children either as a passenger in a light aircraft, taking control in a one off trial lesson or even pursuing a full course of ground school and flying training to obtain a Private Pilot's Licence.

Helping Wings is recognised as a Charity by the Comptroller of Income Tax and is a member of the Association of Jersey Charities. A change of name to Helping Wings from Helping Hands took place in September 2011. The Constitution and Committee membership details are attached at Appendix 1.

Helping Wings which currently has 77 member supporters, continues to enjoy a close working relationship with the Jersey Aero Club who allow use of their premises and provide the flight training we have funded.

### **Activity in 2017**

Following the pattern of recent years three Helping Wings days were held; one for teenagers and others who would not enjoy the “traditional” customary younger children's event and the younger children's event as well as a day for Les Amis Residents. This provided the opportunity to customise each day's activities to the age group, preferences and needs of the children and young people. Because of the diverse needs and developmental ages of the children and young people, Helping Wings was flexible about which children and young people participated in each day. A total of 193 children and young people as well as their families and/or carers were flown around the Island at these events.

As with previous Helping Wings days the children and their Carers were enthusiastic in their feedback to the pilots and the organisers. Parents who have been afraid to book air travel previously because they were unsure about their child's reaction have been given the confidence to do so after the child has flown in a Helping Wings day. Each participant leaves a Helping Wings event with a Certificate, a photograph if requested, a cap and a “goody” bag. Helping Wings are grateful to the Lions Club of Jersey for their assistance in funding these events.

During the last 12 months Helping Wings has also funded trial flying lessons for a number of local charities. These trial lessons are provided through our partner organisation Jersey Aero Club. There were also individual air experience flights generously provided through our private pilot members. Helping Wings launched a Flying Scholarship scheme in 2013. Thanks to sponsorship from Ports of Jersey, and the Sir James Knott Trust, 9 scholarships have been awarded to local people with a variety of disabilities or life changing medical conditions since 2013.

Chakotay Wood one of our 2015 Scholarship winners, showed his support for Helping Wings by fundraising including a sponsored skydive, for an additional 2017 scholarship. This was a fantastic achievement by this determined young man.

Helping Wings owns a hand control to allow people with lower limb disabilities to use the rudder pedals in a Jersey Aero Club aircraft. Aerobility, a UK disabled flying charity were generous in sharing their time and expertise to help us with this project.

Generous funding from the Sir James Knott Trust has allowed us to award THREE scholarships to people with lower limb disabilities in 2016 and 2017.

The complete list of Scholarship winners for 2017 is:

Jack Brown – Scholarship for the lower limb disabled (Sir James Knott Trust)  
Charlotte Volante - 5 hours flying training (Sir James Knott Trust)

Stepehn Cerioli – (Chakotay Wood)

Cody Crocker – (Ports of Jersey)

From HW funds:

Emma Le Seilleur & Shauna Louis - 5 hours each flight training  
Val Gavey & Pierre Brochard – 1 hour each flight experience

The Robert Hall Foundation generously donated funds which have been used to provide trial flying lessons to residents of Les Amis. (24 people/ 8 flights)

Our activities were showcased at the Jersey International Air Displays in September 2016 and again this year when Flying Scholarship students assisted by their instructors opened the proceedings with a formation flypast.

## **Planned activities in 2018**

### 1. Three Helping Wings Days 2018.

These will provide a flight around Jersey in a Light Aircraft for approximately 72 disabled and disadvantaged children and young people, accompanied by a

Carer and often a brother or sister as well as a day for Les Amis Residents. A fourth day in conjunction with Wet Wheels is under discussion.

## 2. Trial lessons and air experience flights

We shall continue to offer disabled and disadvantaged people on an individualised basis using the Jersey Aero Club and our pilot members according to the needs and aspirations of the beneficiary.

## 3. Publicise flying training for the disabled in Jersey

Disabled people may not be aware that they will be welcomed at Jersey Aero Club and may be able to learn to fly a light aircraft with the freedom this can bring. The number of applications for our scholarships is in single figures and we believe there are likely to be many more people who could benefit but either do not know about us or who suppose wrongly that their disability or disadvantage means they could not apply. Local publicity is therefore important and can be generated through the local media and organisations such as JSAD.

Whilst our priority is our local population there is a potential market for disabled visitors from outside of Jersey learning to fly or hiring light aircraft this and will be explored with Visit Jersey and the Jersey Aero Club.

## 4. Flying Scholarships

Helping Wings raises funds to assist Jersey resident disabled people with the cost of trial lessons and flying training with the Jersey Aero Club. Ports of Jersey have generously offered to continue their sponsorship for 2018

The Sir James Knott Trust have also agreed generously to fund flying scholarships specifically for those with lower limb disabilities in 2018

## 5. Helping Wings aircraft

The purchase of the hand control and its loan to Jersey Aero Club has increased the range of disabled people who can access private flying training. At the present time demand for disabled flying can be met using the available resources but the situation will be monitored and if it can be justified an aircraft purchase considered perhaps in partnership through the Jersey Aero Club.

## 6. Sponsors and donors

The generous sponsorship of the Flying Scholarship scheme by the Ports of Jersey, Sir James Knott Trust and Chakotay Wood, has been supplemented by the waiving of landing fees for aircraft participating in Helping Wings days by Ports of Jersey. The pilots participating in Helping Wings Days provide their aircraft free of charge providing “in kind” donations of many thousands of pounds

**Finances. (Full accounts available on request)**

HELPING WINGS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

	Notes	2017 £
<b>Income</b>		
Income from activity days & donations		15,803
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<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of activities days		2,031
Insurance		350
Other expenditure	(3)	1,384
Ad hoc flights		159
Depreciation		545
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		(4,469)
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Surplus for the year before grant awards		11,334
Transfer to grant account	(4)	(7,819)
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Surplus for year after grant awards		3,515
Balance brought forward		12,845
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Balance carried forward		16,360
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The surplus of the year derives entirely from continuing activities.

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Gift in kind Jersey Airport Landings	89 @ £12	= £1068
Gift in kind private pilots flying costs	89 @ £100	= £8900

### **2018 Estimate revenue expenditure**

*(Assuming Jersey Airport and private pilots' gifts in kind continue)*

Three Helping Wings Days	= £3,200
Joint Jersey Guernsey and Wetwheels Day	= £600
Publicity and advertising	= £1,500
Flying Scholarship funds	= £7,000
Individual trial lessons	= £1000
<b>Total funds required</b>	<b>= £13,300</b>