



**LES AMIS INCORPORATED**  
Empowering People With Learning Disabilities



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2008 and beyond. Les Amis has grown dramatically over the past five years and it is clear many new challenges lie ahead. The Community Living Strategy, to which Les Amis subscribes, predicts the need for more people to access our services over the next five years. With this in mind, 2008 has been earmarked as a year of consolidation. To assist in future planning, a major evaluation is being undertaken of Les Amis, its services, structures and ability to take on the future challenges of an ever-more competitive field. The evaluation is being funded by Jersey Mencap and undertaken by Heartfelt, an organisation based in Scotland, very experienced in the field of learning disability and with a wide knowledge of Jersey. The evaluation has been undertaken using focus groups, external and internal interviews of those closely connected to Les Amis, analysis of training needs, a review of terms and conditions and financial systems. This work has been ongoing for most of the year to date and a report and launch evening was held in September 2008.

Trinity Homes. An exciting new development is currently being planned with the Les Vaux Housing Trust, who are purchasing two vacant houses in Trinity, which will be developed into one large home to be used by a man with severe physical disabilities in addition to his learning disability, and at least two others. A range of special adaptations will ensure that the man in question has the same chance as all other Les Amis residents to have his own community home.

Les Amis, having been 'adopted' by Stonehage Trust Holdings as their local charity of choice, were pleased that the fund-raising efforts of the staff of that firm raised sufficient funds to furnish and equip the new Beaumont houses, for which we are most grateful. In addition a team from Mourants swam around the island in August 2008 and nominated Les Amis as one of the three charities to benefit from this brave endeavour. Recently a final cheque was presented giving a total of close to £10,000 raised for Les Amis alone, money to be used in part to buy and install a tracking hoist system in the Garden Flat at the main building at Five Oaks. We are most grateful to the guys at Mourants, true 'friends' of Les Amis.

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