

Charity provides holidays for heroes in Jersey

A fledgling charity called Holidays for Heroes provides week-long holidays in Jersey for injured Service personnel.

Launched in August 2008 by Dawn and Richard Woodhouse, Holidays for Heroes Jersey has already welcomed some injured soldiers to sample the Island's hospitality.

While on the island, visitors are treated to tours, pub lunches and visits to local attractions.

The idea for the holidays came from Dawn, who was moved by the plight of so many badly injured personnel returning from current conflicts. She was inspired by the Rector of St Clement's Church the Rev David Shaw's sermon on Remembrance Sunday the previous year.

He said it was a pity at that time of year, when fields are full of hire cars and many hotel beds are empty, that the Island could not do more for injured soldiers coming back.

H for H Jersey - whose patron is His Excellency, Lieutenant General A P Ridgway CB CBE - is busy raising the thousands of pounds it needs to organise and pay for the flights and accommodation.

In December 2008 the charity was recognised by flybe.com in conjunction with Jersey Evening Post, at the annual Island Heroes Awards, where it won a £10,000 bursary for "making a difference" in people's lives.

The charity uses the Veteran's Welfare Service of the SPVA, the Royal British Legion, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association and the Not Forgotten Association to identify personnel to receive the holidays.

Anyone injured while on active service with the UK Armed Forces is eligible.

For further information or to make a donation please call Dawn or Richard at Holidays for Heroes Jersey, tel 01534 856658, c/o 2 Sion Farm Close, St Clement, Jersey JE2 6LZ.