



## Beach Wheelchair Volunteer

St Andrews Beach Wheelchairs project was established by the Hamish Foundation to allow people with limited or no mobility to access West Sands Beach in St Andrews. The project currently has 5 adapted chairs which are suitable for beach terrain. The project is open from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Beach Wheelchairs Hut is based along West Sands Road, St Andrews, with parking outside for volunteers and service users, close access to a bike rack & a short (0.6 mi) walk from St Andrews Bus Station.

*Are you passionate about helping people to access one of Scotland's award-winning beaches?*

*Do you have some free time each month & enjoy speaking with the public?*

*If so – we would love to have you involved with the project!*

### **Duties of the role**

- Opening/ closing the Beach Wheelchair Hut at the beginning/ end of the session and putting chairs on display (if the weather allows), bringing the chairs inside at the end of the session. All volunteers will be provided with a key for the hut.
- Providing beach wheelchairs to service users who have pre-booked and to service users who drop in. *Volunteers are not asked to physically help service users into or out of the chairs, their role is to explain to the user's helper how the chair works.*
- Basic cleaning of used chairs, to remove sand.
- Accepting donations and processing as appropriate.
- There is a small degree of manual handling with the role, and general housekeeping of the Hut.
- Full training will be provided.

### **Commitment**

- We would hope that volunteers could commit to at least 2 sessions per month however we can be flexible with this.
- Sessions are as follows:

Monday	Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
9.45am – 1pm	9.45am – 1pm	9.45am – 1pm	9.45am – 1pm
1pm – 4.15pm	1pm – 4.15pm	1pm – 4.15pm	1pm – 4.15pm

- Volunteer availability is sought a few weeks in advance using a DoodlePoll & rotas are compiled using this information.

***Please note*** - volunteers can claim mileage (paid at HMRC rate) or public transport expenses.

If this sounds like a position you would be interested in, please contact Laura - [laura@standrewsenvironmental.org](mailto:laura@standrewsenvironmental.org) or 07840 849 502 to discuss this further!