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Newsletter

As we reach the end of 2025, we are proud to reflect on a year marked by meaningful progress, dedicated partnership and utmost commitment to the families we work alongside.



Achievements

International Recognition

Brighter Futures received the Long-Term Commitment Award and was runner-up in the Sustainable Practice category at the **International Mellow Parenting Awards** in Glasgow. Since 2011, we've worked hand-in-hand with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Jersey, delivering the Mellow Parenting programme to parents. This recognition reflects our deep-rooted commitment to helping families build stronger bonds and brighter futures.

Special thanks to the CAMHS team for their ongoing partnership.





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Our Corporate and Community Partnerships

A huge thanks to the local businesses who made Brighter Futures their 2025 Charity of Choice, these included:

Jersey Water

States of Jersey Prison Service

Prince's Bar

Jersey Netball Association

ATF Jersey Fuel

Susie Watson Design

C.I Travel Group

Jersey Triathlon

Highlands College/ Beauty Academy

Mourant Jersey

Nordic Capital

St. Martin's Bonfire

Through your support, we continue to deliver free programmes to families in Jersey.

If you would like to know more and put Brighter Futures forward to your company, please contact Brighter Futures to assist you. fundraising@brighterfutures.org.je

Event Highlights

11th May: The Brighter Futures 2025 Jersey Guineas

The Jersey Guineas proved to be a remarkable day, and we were honoured that the Brighter Futures Race was selected as the main event of the meeting, marking the first Championship race of the season. We extend our sincere thanks to our Ambassador, Kristina Jensen, for generously sponsoring the race.

Our distinctive orange gazebo offered colouring activities, temporary tattoos for children and adults, and a raffle featuring soft toy prizes. Thanks to the generosity of supporters throughout the day, a total of £1,100 was raised for Brighter Futures.

We remain grateful to Kristina and Martin for their continued support, and to the Jersey Race Club for welcoming us so warmly and enabling our participation.



11th June: An exclusive Midsummer BBQ at Wolf's Caves



Generously hosted by Kristina Jensen, an Ambassador of Brighter Futures, this private gathering brought together friends in an evening filled with warmth, laughter and kindness, and Brighter Futures was privileged to be the beneficiary.

The event raised more than £4,800 in support of our work.

A huge thank you to Kristina and Martin for sharing your home with us.

29th June: Football for Futures

Sponsored by Mourant, our 5th year running our fantastic football event raised vital funds with mixed teams competing for a great cause. The intense final ended in a thrilling penalty shoot-out; as Jersey Celtic triumphed over Ice Ice Savo with a final score of 4-3.

If you want to sponsor or be part of the next Football for Futures event on 28 June 2026, please email Marcel at m.bucur@brighterfutures.org.je.



1st August: Brighter Shores Beach Day at St. Ouen

In partnership with Healing Waves and sponsored by Jersey Water, our families were offered the opportunity of a surfing session, beach games and a wonderful time on La Braye beach, whilst promoting family wellbeing, fun in the great outdoors, and connection.



16th August: Take a Walk on the Bright Side

This fun-filled community event raised awareness while walking/running dancing, pushing a pram, with optional orange wigs and accessories!

This walk was made meaningful by the families, friends, and supporters who showed up, showed they care, and helped us create a true River of Orange for Brighter Futures.



20th September: Devil Wears Prada Gala Dinner

A themed fundraising evening inspired by the iconic fashion film *The Devil Wears Prada* took place in September, combining style, entertainment, and charity support. Supported by Coutts and Titan Wealth, the event wowed our supporters, who raised more than £101,000 - enough to support 12 families for another year.

Our supporters, organisers and wonderful hosts Sallyann and our Ambassador, Dawn, have vowed to return in 2027 with another stylish Gala ball.

A huge thank you to Sallyann and Dallas for sharing your home with us.



6th November: Annual Ladies Lunch

Hosted at Gouray Lodge by Georgie Roberts and family and supported by our amazing Ambassadors Louise Kenyon, Lucy Shuttleworth, Katriona Hollywood, Genevieve Brunwin and Nina Mackie, this was a sell-out event for the 6th year running. The lunch was sponsored by boutique yacht broker Cecil Wright, and featured BAFTA-winning TV presenter Jane McDonald, who captivated the audience with her warmth and sincerity.

The annual Ladies Lunch exceeded all expectations, raising over £130,000 to support families across Jersey.

We're already looking forward to the next in November 2026.



A huge thank you to Georgina and Stephen for sharing your home with us.



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8th November: St Martin's Charity Bonfire

St Martin's delivered a truly outstanding community evening. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed the fireworks, live music from Out of the Blue, fire dancers, food stalls and the exceptional community spirit that defined the event.

Thanks to the generosity of all involved, Brighter Futures received a cheque for £10,000, with The Jersey Variety Club also receiving £10,000. We are deeply grateful for this level of support.



Still to come:

11th December: Christmas Celebration at St Ouen's Manor

Following a wonderful evening in 2024, on 11th December, we will return to the beautiful setting of St. Ouen's Manor at the invitation of Georgina and Charlie Malet de Carteret for festive drinks, carols and Christmas spirit. We look forward to welcoming guests to this unique occasion.

A huge thank you to Georgina & Charlie Malet de Carteret for sharing your home with Brighter Futures.





Community Impact

We're out West!

We are very happy to be a part of the Communicare Centre in St. Brelade, having created a western hub to support families who might struggle to visit us at The Bridge. Our Growing Together sessions there have been very well received, and we are delighted to be a part of the Les Quennevais community.



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Friday Family Visits at La Moye Prison

Thanks to the generous support of Butterfield and Hawksford, the 'Brighter Futures Friday Family Visits at La Moye Prison' are now underway. Building on the foundations laid by the Office of the Jersey Children's Commissioner, these structured visits provide a supportive environment where children can play, read and spend meaningful time with their parent or relative. By prioritising emotional connection and reducing the stigma experienced by families affected by imprisonment, the programme is creating an important pathway into wider community support through Brighter Futures. It is really special to be a part of this.



Summer Breakfast Club and The Bailiff's final visit as Patron

Brighter Futures runs a Breakfast Club initiative over the summer months which is supported by our community partners, The Channel Islands Co-operative.

It provides families with a nutritious start to the day and a welcoming space to connect throughout the summer holidays.

Sir Timothy Le Cocq also made his final visit as Patron and Bailiff of Jersey to Brighter Futures and joined in with some children's activities. A great time was had by all!

Thank you, Sir Timothy, for your patronage and support.



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Brighter Futures Young Ambassadors

As the Bailiff's term of office came to an end, we expressed our sincere appreciation for his longstanding patronage of Brighter Futures. We visited the Royal Court of Jersey and the States Assembly with several of our Coordinators and Young Ambassadors, following an invitation from the Bailiff, Sir Timothy Le Cocq. The group valued the opportunity to tour the building and to learn more about its history.

The visit also allowed us to present Sir Timothy with a small token of our gratitude for his support for the charity over many years. We offered our warmest thanks to him and wished him a long and fulfilling retirement. His visits had always been welcomed, and we said that we hoped he might return to see us again after enjoying some well-earned rest!

The visit also introduced the future Bailiff, Mr Robert MacRae KC who has also very kindly accepted the position of Patron of Brighter Futures.



Brighter Futures ‘speed dating’ event

Brighter Futures values the support of our Board members, who volunteer their time and services to us. To learn more about each other, we held a fun speed dating event between the team and Board to learn about each other and value and understand each other’s roles. It was a great event and brought us all closer as a team.

President & Founder  Wendy Hurford MBE	Chair and Director  Martin Fricker	Treasurer and Director  Ashley Frazier	Director  Rosie Stott
Director  Paul Rouse	Director  Kirsten Morel	Director  Antonia Burgess	Director  Christopher Journeaux
Director  Andrea Firby			

THANK YOU!

Channel Islands Lottery and the Association of Jersey Charities

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Channel Islands Lottery and the Association of Jersey Charities for their generous support in funding five programmes at Brighter Futures for a period of three years. The programmes supported through this grant were Just What We Need, The Resilient Heart, Brighter Night In, Making Changes and the part-funding of Incredible Years.

Brighter Futures supports families in Jersey who are facing significant challenges by providing one-to-one support through our coordinators and offering a range of evidence-based programmes free of charge. These programmes are designed to strengthen relationships, improve mental health and create opportunities for personal growth. We currently offer a total of twenty programmes, organised across three key areas: Parent–Child Relationships, Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing, and Second-Chance Learning.



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Nurturing Families and Green Spaces at Trinity Showground

This year we were fortunate to return to the Trinity Showground for our Gardening group. At Brighter Futures, we remain committed to providing families in Jersey with access to green spaces, and we were pleased to continue this project for the fifth consecutive year. The initiative brings families together, strengthens community connections and supports wellbeing through time spent in nature. We extend our sincere thanks to the Royal Trinity Showground for continuing this valued collaboration.



Throughout the season, families planted a variety of vegetables, including Jersey Royals, lettuce, tomatoes and pumpkins, as well as sunflowers. Weekly sessions offered activities for all ages, ranging from making bird feeders and building dens to creating artwork using natural stencils. Each week also included a shared picnic, encouraging families to enjoy time together in a relaxed outdoor setting.



Funding opportunity available. Please contact our Trusts and Grants Manager

Future plans

Brighter Futures Costume Club: 50 fancy dress outfits, coming soon!

Kindly supported by the Co-operative Community Fund, we will begin 2026 by launching the Brighter Futures Costume Club. To help families manage the costs of school events, we will be offering a collection of more than 50 children's fancy-dress outfits in a range of sizes for families to borrow. The collection will include costumes for Egyptian Day, Viking Day, Roman Day and World Book Day. Families simply need to speak with their 1:1 coordinator for further information.



Closing reflections

As we look back on 2025, it is clear that our achievements were made possible by the commitment of our Families, Patrons, Partners, Supporters and the Board and Team. This year has strengthened our belief in the power of community, early intervention and consistent support in helping families build resilience, to create brighter futures.

In 2026, we will continue to focus on delivering high-quality programmes, expanding our partnerships and ensuring that every family who needs us can access our services without barriers.

We remain committed to creating long-term impact, responsible growth and the values that have shaped Brighter Futures since its creation in 2008. With continued collaboration and shared purpose, we look forward to another year of positive change across the community of Jersey.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Brighter Futures in 2025.

We wish you a joyful Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a wonderful 2026.

