

## **MS Society, Guernsey Branch – Aims for 2006 and beyond**

We will aim to offer the best support for those affected by MS by

- 1) Identifying and facilitating a clear pathway of support for the newly diagnosed and onwards, to include all medical practices, medical groups and MS specialists operating within the Bailiwick.
- 2) Introducing a program of fund raising activities to provide practical assistance for those affected by MS and by providing a fair, equitable and timely system of grant distribution.
- 3) Continuing to support the provision of MS specialists such as MS nurses and physiotherapists
- 4) Providing information about MS and the activities of the branch in the form of society literature, newsletters and through our website.
- 5) Raising the profile of the MS society through publication of the activities of the branch.
- 6) Raising funds for research.
- 7) Fostering greater support and participation from members and particularly from people directly affected by MS.
- 8) Increasing the number of branch members, especially those not directly affected by MS.
- 9) Campaigning for greater health and social care
- 10) Campaigning to improve the rights of the disabled.
- 11) Operating the activities of the branch in line with UK MS society guidelines and, where variations exist through reasons of differences in Guernsey law or States provision, agree these differences with the UK MS Society.

- 12) Making greater use of the resources of the UK MS society to improve the effectiveness of the branch committee.
- 13) Establishing an annual budget to include targets for fund raising, branch expenditure, grant distribution, donations to research and to local charities and institutions, which provide support for people with MS.
- 14) Improving support for MS carers.

The above aims were agreed by committee at the June 2006 branch committee meeting.