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AUTISM CENTRE RECEIVES BOOST FROM GOLF DAY

The annual Autism Jersey golf day, sponsored by JT, took place on Friday 12th August at La Moye Golf Club raising £15,000 for the charity.

Good weather and yet another excellent turn-out ensured the success of the day, which involved 22 teams enjoying a round of 18 holes followed by lunch in the Clubhouse. A raffle and auction, including a golf flag signed by 2016 Ryder Cup Captain Darren Clarke, boosted the funds raised which will go directly towards the development of a purpose-built Autism Centre in Jersey.

The winning team was Elian with an outstanding score of 104, followed by Quilter Cheviot with 92 and Ashburton with 89. Meanwhile, individual prizes went to Derren Glover of JT for the men's longest drive; to Alexa Saunders of Carey Olsen for the women's longest drive; and to Martin Smith of Dandara for the nearest the pin.

During the lunch the chairman of Autism Jersey, Nick Winsor, told guests that Autism Jersey is on a mission – to ensure that anyone who is on the autism spectrum can get the care and support that they need on the Island. He spoke more about plans for a purpose-built centre for autism in Jersey. A site in Trinity has been identified, and plans drawn up, he said. Thanking JT for their support of the annual Golf Day, he said: 'Money raised today will go directly to that centre.' He also expressed his thanks to Autism Jersey's Patron, Lieutenant-Governor General Sir John McColl who, he said, had been 'incredibly supportive' of the charity.

Sir John who had taken part in the golf day added: 'The Charity's progress has been absolutely remarkable and it has made such a difference to families that need support.'

JT's Director of Corporate Affairs, Daragh McDermott, said: "Autism Jersey is a charity which offers invaluable support to islanders affected by autism and their families, and we are as ever very pleased to support them in their fundraising efforts by sponsoring and taking part in this phenomenally popular annual

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golf day at La Moye Golf Club. Not only was the weather on our side but there was some great golf demonstrated by the participants, thanks must go to each team for their support once again and congratulations to all the winners.”

Autism Jersey aims to raise at least £1.5 million for the centre in a joint effort with the States of Jersey.

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