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Autism Jersey's residential and community-based centre moves a step closer thanks to record-breaking Golf Day

Autism Jersey's annual Golf Day, sponsored by JT, raised a record-breaking £28,000 for the charity, which will help it build the Island's first purpose-built centre for people and families living with autism.

The charity is currently holding a public consultation about plans for a new £1m facility that it hopes to build by 2020. As well as becoming the new home for the charity, it will offer a range of services to the 1,000 Islanders estimated to be on the autistic spectrum and their families. This will include permanent and respite accommodation.

The Golf Day – the most important event on Autism Jersey's fundraising calendar – was held at La Moye on Friday 10 August, with an impressive 23 local teams taking part, with the overall winning team being Continuum, led by Captain Dan Hare.

Nick Winsor, the Chairman of Autism Jersey, said: "Once again, the Autism Jersey Golf Day was a great community event which raised a record breaking £28,000 pounds. This will help us achieve our long-term goal of providing a permanent home for Autism Jersey and a hub from which to provide community-based services. I would like to make a special mention of the sponsor for the day, JT, whose continuous contribution is having a positive impact on the lives of autistic Islanders."

Daragh McDermott, Director for Corporate Affairs at JT, said: "I've been involved with Autism Jersey for many years now and I've seen first hand the fantastic support the charity provides to many individuals and families. JT is delighted to play whatever part we can to help raise awareness and fund the great work they do, it's something we are very proud of. The Golf Day itself was, as always, filled with a combination of friendly rivalry and some great golf. I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make the day happen, in particular all those that participated and congratulations to Continuum for their very well-deserved victory."

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