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News from Jersey Employment Trust

JET – 'just enough training' – leads to success in the Jersey Marathon

All the latest news from the Jersey Employment Trust. By JET fundraising and relationships manager **Caroline Spencer**

A PROPERTY management company is supporting Acorn by donating unclaimed bicycles from their properties. Maillard & Co have given 68 bicycles so far this year. Last month they visited the team at

Acorn in Trinity to find out what will happen next to the bikes.

Acorn Technical Team Leader Ian Florence said: "Acorn sells more than 500 bikes each year and that includes everything from hybrid, mountain and road bikes to modern, vintage and children's bikes. They are all professionally refurbished, with a 24-point safety check by our quali-

bikes, you're also investing in new skills tion worth over £4,000 to us." for someone from our Acorn Training & Maillard & Co manager Paul Baxter bringing joy to many for years to come.



Acorn training and development co-ordinator Tim Le Breuilly (centre)

work towards their goals.

Maillards. On average, we can sell each

said: "At Acorn Enterprises we've seen "Our bike workshops are used for su- first-hand the dedication, hard work and this journey and will continue to donate Divide and is a British Cycling Level 2 pervised training to help someone with commitment behind the scenes that go into unused bicycles to support the incredible Trail Leader and a MIAS Mountain Bike a disability or long-term health condition providing meaningful work and training work of Acorn Enterprises.

opportunities for Islanders living with dis-"This was a tremendous donation from abilities or long-term health conditions.

"It was inspiring to witness how previlish a framework for delivering vocational "As you invest in a new life for one of our bike for £60, so this is effectively a dona- ously used bicycles are carefully reconditioned, giving them a new lease on life and

Supertri success story

The Jersey Employment Trust was represented at the Supertri League Jersey event last month thanks to their part nership with official sponsor UBS Global Wealth Management.

JET's squirrel mascots could be spotted cheering on the athletes in the "Fanzone" and raising awareness for the charity JET's social enterprise, Acorn, also benefitted from Supertri's presence in Jersey.

Their bike workshop manager, Tim Le Breuilly, observed Supertri's lead technician in action during the pre-race athlete bike check, gaining valuable insight into elite-level bike servicing.

Tim said: "I really enjoyed seeing some one at the top of their game working on the bikes of world-class athletes, and meeting Jonny Brownlee.

"Everyone was very interested in the work that we do at Acorn in relation to bikes, and how our clients are learning mechanic skills, which can be transferred to future roles and which boost their con-

Before managing the bike workshop at Acorn, Tim worked in a couple of cycle charity roles in Scotland before returning to the Island.

Tim recently completed his Level 3 me chanics training and is looking to estabclients, who have a disability or long-term health condition. He is a keen adventure "Maillard & Co are proud to be part of cyclist who previously completed the Baja

■ Paul Baxter (manager residential property), Vicky Phillips (property manager) and Andy Golding (estate manager) with Acorn training and development co-ordinator Tim Le Breuilly and Acorn clients Aaron and Kevin

JET-powered run

They hoped that they had done "Just Enough Training" to complete the Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon – and they

Wolf Pack Social Run Club members Matt Tabb and Allie McMahon completed the marathon as a two-person relay, raising £1,250 for JET.

Allie, who is business development director at Quilter Cheviot, said that being asked to run for JET had sparked a personal reflection.

"Growing up in Dublin, my older brother John was born with cerebral palsy. Organisations like JET were instrumental in helping him transition from education into meaningful employment, building his confidence, independence and sense of purpose. JET continues to do this life-changing work for individuals with disabilities in Jersey, and I'm honoured to

Allie loved the atmosphere on the day: "The changeover point at Quennevais was like a night out, the buzz, the excitement, the cheering, everyone waiting on tenterhooks for their partners!

"Matt came through looking spritely so indeed the 'just enough training' did the

"The last 10 miles wasn't a breeze - luckily, it was downhill for most of the way.

"I was spurred on by the community of Jersey and the amazing support from everyone, my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us and who helped us raise much-needed funds for such an amazing

Matt added: "It was a really enjoyable run in the end. The weather was great and the support all along the route was really

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JET here: sportsgiving.co.uk/sponsorship/

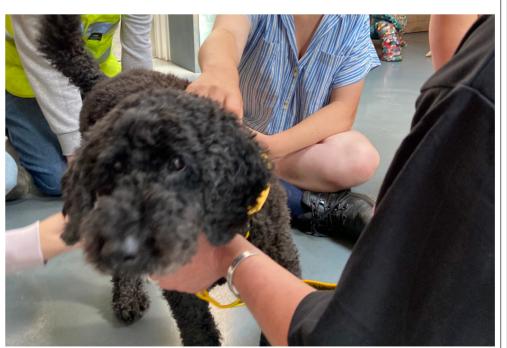
Every two weeks Acorn has a very special visitor – a therapy dog called Monty.

Meet Monty – a firm favourite at Acorn

The ten-year-old poodle passed his suitability to be a therapy dog with flying colours in May. Monty is often seen at Trinity Parish Hall where his owner Debbie Le Mottee is parish secretary

Acorn's Wellbeing Coordinator Lesley Gilmour said: "Clients and staff have alto brighten up their day and helps people to feel calmer.

"Studies show that meeting a therapy dog can increase the mood-boosting hormone oxytocin and lower the stress hormone cortisol after just ten minutes. t has also been found that staff find their workday to be more satisfying after interacting with a therapy dog - and we are



Members of the Under-25s team will term health condition – and that applies Wednesday 22 October.

are keen to give career advice and in-ness.

hear from anyone who wants to find out to 4pm, with a quiet hour from 12 to 1pm, more about what we do and how we can when it will be less busy and more accessihelp people who have a disability or long- ble. It is open to the public from 3 to 4pm.

be attending the Jersey Skills Show on to young people and their parents as well as employers who may be able to offer Throughout the day, 2,000 school pupils work experiences and job tasters. We will will be bussed to the event, which at- have interactive activities at our stall to tracts 100 exhibitors and employers who help open discussions and raise aware-

Under-25s Employment Co-ordinator
Mel Oxenham said: "We would love to the Royal Jersey Showground from 10am

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■ Matt Tabb and Allie McMahon completed

the Jersey Marathon between them in

support of Jersey Employment Trust



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