

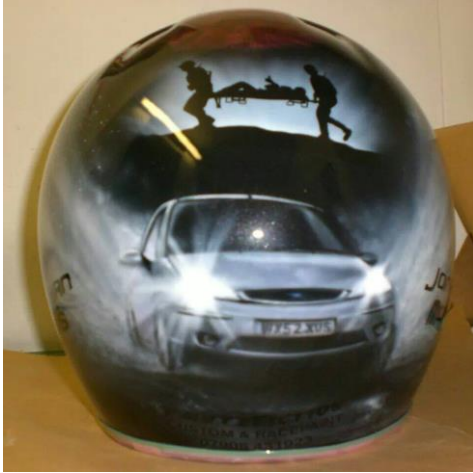
## St Andrews Children's Hospice

A meeting took place recently between AJ Racing and St Andrews Children's Hospice during which it was discussed how AJ Racing can help this worthwhile cause. One proposal was that AJ Racing could undertake visits to the hospice where Jon would meet both staff and residents. As part of an awareness and fund raising events St Andrews Children Hospice host black tie events at various times of year which AJ Racing team members are invited. AJ Racing proposed that they could donate tickets to attend various rounds of the Time Attack Championship next season along with passenger rides in the race car. A few of our generous sponsors have agreed to donate items which can be used to raise funds for St Andrews Children's Hospice either via auction or a financial contribution.

A date was arranged for our driver to go and visit St Andrews Hospice in Grimsby, Jon and Alison arrived on a very wet and what seemed a miserable day to be greeted by a warm loving smiling Adrienne - St Andrews Hospice Human Resource officer. Jon changed into his racing attire then Adrienne began to show both Jon and Alison around the hospice, building work was going on within the hospice but this was having no impact on the level of service being offered to its residents. The hospice is painted in such vibrant and stimulating colours far beyond our expectations; the first room was alive with activity and Jon being a big kid at heart immediately got down on the mat with one of the residents who appeared to have no care in the world, it was an amazing image. Some of the other rooms contained lots of lights flashing, chill out areas and one of Jon's favourite areas the ball pool – he had an excited look in his eye when he spotted it and without any word of warning there were coloured balls everywhere as he dived in only to resurface with a grin on his face.



Adrienne eventually managed to get Jon out of the ball pool and we continued with the tour of the hospice. We arrived at the residents bedrooms which were fitted out for any kind of eventuality or need. The maintenance of the garden has recently been undertaken by a group of students that made it look absolutely beautiful. Many of the residents were overwhelmed to meet a racing driver; Jon very nearly had to leave the hospice without his custom painted helmet as one of the young residents had a firm hold it commenting it was quite heavy.



Jon spotted a potential new race car and could not resist trying it out !



All photographs courtesy of Alison Kozary

Jon and Alison enjoyed the time they spent with the residents and staff at the hospice and look forward to returning in the near future. St Andrews Children's Hospice is not only about its young residents it also offers families a place to peacefully reflect and contemplate.

Both Jon and Alison had mixed emotions prior to the visit as both knew of what great and passionate work is undertaken at St Andrews Children's Hospice however they left the hospice filled with such happiness and warmth of what they had witnessed in such a truly amazing place.

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