

# Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon 2017



**Press Release**

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## **Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon to support Macmillan Cancer Support Jersey**

Macmillan Cancer Support Jersey has been chosen as the local charity partner of the Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon 2017. The event will benefit the charity, which provides free practical, emotional and social support to Islanders living with cancer and their families and friends.

Andy Smith, director of Macmillan Jersey, said: "We are delighted to have been chosen to be a beneficiary of this year's Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon. Macmillan Jersey relies on the generosity and support of Islanders to enable us to help anyone affected by cancer on the Island. Being the Marathon's chosen charity will allow us to build greater awareness of our services and provide practical and emotional support to anyone touched by cancer."

Each year, funds raised from the Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon are channelled to Seeing Is Believing (SiB), an initiative launched by Standard Chartered in 2003 to tackle avoidable blindness around the world, and a local charity. For 2017, the staff of Standard Chartered voted to support Macmillan Jersey.

Richard Ingle, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Jersey, said: "An important aspect of the Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon is supporting charities that make a difference to the Jersey community, besides raising funds for the Bank's Seeing is Believing programme. We want to give our staff, clients, the local community and runners from all over the world the opportunity to be part of the Island's premier sporting event, be it by running to raise funds, donating or volunteering."

Every dollar raised for SiB is matched by the Bank. The 2016 Marathon raised more than GBP17,000 (*GBP34,000 after matching*) for SiB, which was channelled to a 3-year project in Zambia to provide eye care services in 4 underserved districts in Muchinga Province and Eastern Province. This year's SiB proceeds will continue to support this project.

The Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon 2017 will take place on Sunday 1 October. Registration is now open for the Full Marathon, Mourant Ozannes Relay and the 3k Fun Run at [www.jersey-marathon.com](http://www.jersey-marathon.com).

Runners are encouraged to donate to the event's official charities during the registration process. After signing up to the race, runners will receive an email with a link to a personal or team fundraising page which they can share with family, friends and colleagues and keep track of how much they have raised.

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