

Jersey Marathon fundraising run for Bright Tights

Director of IT firm and his colleague raise £1,200 for cancer charity supporting wife

INSPIRED by his wife's battle against cancer, novice runner Jason Connolly has helped to raise more than £1,200 for the charity supporting her.

The director at Next Generation IT, and his colleague Richard Gibbons, completed the Jersey Marathon after taking on the Guernsey Quarter Marathon and Father's Day Half Marathon as training runs.

Their aim was to raise £500 for Bright Tights, which supports local women, promotes awareness of gynaecological cancers and funds research into advanced immuno-

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therapy treatments.

The charity has been supporting Mr Connolly's wife, who has been undergoing cancer treatment for more than a year.

'Gynaecological cancers are much rarer than breast cancer, so funding for support and research is lagging behind,' he said.

'Bright Tights is a Guernsey charity, set up specifically to resolve that.

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Mr Connolly said the Jersey Marathon was a tough, hilly course.

'But both Richard and I beat our target time of four hours and 15 minutes – and enjoyed a well-earned pint and burger at the finish line to celebrate.'

Mr Connolly said his aim was to raise £500, but thanks to the generosity of friends, family, colleagues and customers, the amount has now topped the £1,200 mark. 'I'm hoping it will rise even further.'

■ Donations can still be made at www.giving.gg by selecting Jason's Jersey Marathon.

