Tonbridge Charity Supercar Rally Raises Over £10,000 for Charity—and Inspires a Young Car Enthusiast's Dreams

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On Sunday, 29th June, Tonbridge Racecourse roared to life as national charity The Mason Foundation hosted its inaugural **Charity Supercar Rally and Community Event**, welcoming more than 3,000 visitors for a celebration of automotive excellence, community spirit, and charitable giving.

The free, family-friendly festival showcased over **100 supercars and classic cars** alongside **50 Harley-Davidsons**, drawing crowds from across Kent and beyond. Spectators lined Tonbridge High Street to witness the spectacular vehicle parade before awards were presented to standout cars and bikes.

Thanks to the generosity of attendees, exhibitors, and supporters—including a significant donation from **NFU Mutual**—the event raised over **£10,000**. Proceeds will fund The Mason Foundation's work to build healthier, happier, and more inclusive communities nationwide, through programmes such as **The Community Mile**, **Propel**, and other community-designed impact projects.

Stephen Mason, Founder of The Mason Foundation, reflected on the day:

"The charity supercar rally in Tonbridge was a fantastic event—with over 100 supercars and 50 Harley-Davidsons, it truly brought the community together. The day was filled with a brilliant mix of food, music, physical activity, and good old-fashioned community spirit. We're absolutely thrilled to have raised over £10,000 to support our mission across the UK."

The event was made possible through the dedication of local partners and volunteers, including:

- **Steve Wood**, Tonbridge Farmers Market, for curating fantastic food vendors
- **James Sedge**, Music Station Pro and his talented students, for providing live musical entertainment
- **James Taylor**, for championing the Tonbridge Community Mile
- **Kent Police Cadets**, for showcasing their skills and equipment
- **Rye Sailability**, for demonstrating that sailing is accessible to all
- **West Kent Freemasons**, for invaluable support with marshalling and road closures
- **David and Faye March** for photography and videography

Among the day's most memorable moments was the experience of **Jake**, a 17-year-old student from Tonbridge. Jake, who lives with **Friedreich's Ataxia**, has a lifelong passion for supercars—especially Aston Martins.

At the rally, Jake had the chance to sit inside an Aston Martin DB11, his dream car, and to meet the car's owner - Stephen Mason, founder of The Mason Foundation, where they discussed adaptive vehicle possibilities for drivers with disabilities. Stephen himself is no stranger to adversities, born with a physical disability and then later diagnosed as dyslexic, he left school with no qualifications. Despite these obstacles, Stephen went on to obtain a degree and launch an eclectic mix of successful businesses, alongside founding the charity.

To Jake's surprise, Stephen later offered to pick him up from school for a drive in the DB11. True to his word, he arrived the following Wednesday, giving Jake the opportunity to experience the DB11 in action alongside giving him career advice and mentoring. Jake has since been given the role of Youth Ambassador at the Mason Foundation, offering him the opportunity to develop employability skills.

Reflecting on the experience, Jake shared:

"It was a day I'll never forget—not just for the thrill of sitting in a DB11, but for the kindness, inspiration,

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and generosity shown by Mr. Mason. Before I met him, my future seemed like a cul-de-sac because there wasn't much to look forward to. Since we became friends, my future began to look quite promising."

With new confidence and optimism, Jake now dreams of becoming a video-game writer and believes the support of The Mason Foundation will help make those ambitions possible.

Stephen Mason emphasised that Jake's experience was a unique, personal gesture, born from Jake's motivation and ability to network, not part of the charity's regular activities. All interactions were carried out safely, with appropriate supervision and safeguarding in place.

The Mason Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined, exhibited vehicles, volunteered, and donated. Your support is transforming lives—ensuring that young people like Jake can dream big and communities can thrive.

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