JERSEY TRIATHLON CLUB

**RACE REPORT**

Ana Leaf Team-Up Duathlon – 8th November 2026

What a fantastic event the Ana Leaf Team-Up Duathlon turned out to be! A huge turnout, loads of entries and, particularly pleasing to see a good range of demographics.

There was a great mixture of teams, with some choosing to race in pairs and others taking on the challenge individually. With this being a draft-legal event, it certainly made for some interesting dynamics out on the bike course!

Not all pairings were quite as evenly matched in terms of ability, as some of the faces coming around the track clearly demonstrated! But it was all part of the fun, and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

**Notable Performances**

First up, the Old Faithfuls, now officially renamed The Chatterboxes! They went into T1 without seemingly taking a breath. In fact, one of them was even heard declaring at the end of T1, “Right, stop talking now!” A sign of just how much energy was being expended before they even got onto the bikes!

At the sharp end of the race, Johnny and Paul took an early lead with a fantastic opening run. They were closely followed by Peter and Dan, with Tim Baker also very much in the mix.

Hot on their heels were the amazing Niamh and Lia, the youngest competitors in the event. They wasted no time getting onto their bikes and worked incredibly hard together, even linking up with the likes of Vaughan Robinson. Their pacing was particularly impressive, staying consistent throughout and showing maturity well beyond their years. A brilliant performance from both!

We also had a proper family affair with Mark and Rory. Rory didn’t look overly impressed for much of the event, but Mark certainly kept him accountable and made sure the pace stayed up! They were closely followed by Lisa and Carmen, who put in an exceptional performance, particularly on the bike. They looked fantastic together, working really well as a team and making the most of the draft-legal format.

Among the individual competitors, there were some closely fought efforts from Paul Baines, Darren Wetheridge and Sarah Earles. All three were fairly tightly grouped, although just far enough apart that they couldn’t quite make the most of each other’s company on the bike!

A final notable mention goes to Nicola and Tim, representing the Sables Reunion!

Nicola managed to put her helmet on the wrong way around. Sorry, Nicola, but this was quickly spotted and pointed out in transition, where she was informed that such a fashion choice was simply not acceptable. Apparently, it was nothing short of social suicide!

Meanwhile, bringing up the rear, our Old Faithful Chatterboxes crossed the finish line in a really impressive time, sneaking in just under the hour! They finished just behind David Carter, who put in a particularly strong performance on the bike. Clearly, all that talking hadn't slowed the Chatterboxes down too much after all!

All in all, a brilliant morning of racing, teamwork, friendly competition and plenty of laughs. Whether racing in pairs or going it alone, everyone played their part in making it such a successful event.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, and thanks to all those who helped make it happen.