

# Marus Bridge Joins Jack



Business Partners and brothers-in-law David Wood and Tony Davis of Marus Bridge MOT centre spend a small fortune helping good causes across Wigan borough. They like to give something back to the community.

David told us "We like to help those who through no fault of their own have needs. It could be an independent sports team who need help, or social groups that get no funding or in this case a young lad that is fighting for life."

David is talking about young Jack Johnson aged 4, who needs help to raise valuable research money to cure him.

Tony said "We don't know the family from Adam, but when we heard about his plight; both David and I knew we had to do something to help".

"On Jacks website" he said "their is a mission statement which says it all, when David and I saw this we knew we had to help"

Marus Bridge MOT has committed long term to donate ten percent of all MOT fees into Jacks research fund and they are urging other business to do the same.

David said "If local businesses did a similar act, I am sure there would be thousands and thousand of pounds made available to Jack's research and give the lad a chance of life"

On Jacks website [www.joiningjack.org](http://www.joiningjack.org), there is an editorial from Jacks parents former Wigan Warriors player Andy Johnson and his wife Alex which reads

'Our son Jack is everything a four-year-old should be. He is cheeky, excitable and a big softy at heart. He loves to make dens, play hide and seek and wave his light saber like a Jedi Knight. In a few months time he will start school and cannot wait to begin his journey into the big wide world. But what our beautiful son does not yet know is that he has a terminal, incurable disease.

In October 2011 we received the shattering news that Jack has Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). Failing a medical breakthrough, Jack's life will follow a predetermined path, mapped out by this progressive muscle wasting condition.

In short, he will no longer be able to walk by the time he reaches adolescence and will lose the use of every single muscle in his body thereafter. He may need spinal rods to keep him upright and ventilation to help him breath. Eventually his heart and lungs will fail and he will die.

There are no words to describe the utter devastation felt upon hearing that your child's life will be cut short because there is no cure. We have had the greatest pleasure watching Jack develop into the amazing boy he is today but now, unbelievably, we must prepare ourselves for his steady decline. And the worst part? Seeing him struggle as his body wastes away and being absolutely powerless to help.

Since his diagnosis, we are not ashamed to say that we have cried every day and have spent endless hours scouring the internet to find answers. Currently there is very little awareness of DMD and research into finding possible treatments is drastically underfunded.

However, over the past few years, with help from charities around the world, human clinical trials have begun to take place with encouraging results. It's for this reason that we have set up our own charity, to help move things forward for Jack and other children like him.



Pictured are staff at Marus Bridge Pemberton who are all supporting Jack. Along with Warriors Ace Michael McIlorum who was happy to support Marus Bridges efforts. Warriors are one of the major sponsors of Jacks fund raising. L-R : David Wood; Reece Slater; Tony Melling; Michael McIlorum, Tony Davis and Andrew Wood

We have always wanted a quiet family life and have never felt comfortable asking for anything but now is not the time to be proud. We cannot sit back and watch Jack ravaged by this condition if there is any chance, that we can make his future a more positive one. From the bottom of our hearts we are asking if you can help join our fight to eradicate DMD.

You can contribute by making a donation, organising an event or simply adding us onto your facebook or twitter page. Time is precious to us now and for ANY support you can give we will be eternally grateful.

They say that children with DMD accept it better than their parents but the day we tell Jack he is not well will be the toughest day of our lives. To know that we are facing a future without our beautiful son is impossible to believe. At least with your help we will be able to tell him that we gave everything we had to this fight of all fights'.

To help promote Jacks fund raising, Marus Bridge has included Jacks logo in their classified advertisement inside Wigan Observer and will replicate this on all future marketing.

Tony said "We are serious on making some good money for Jack and we urge the public to get behind us and help Jack. We are also happy to fund this page ourselves to raise awareness".



Marus Bridge van with Jacks fund raising logo on the door.



[www.joiningjack.org](http://www.joiningjack.org)



Help Jack today. See his website

This is Jack Johnson. We thank Andy and Alex his parents, for allowing us to help his cause in this way.

## Marus Bridge MOT Centre

[www.marusbridge-mot.co.uk](http://www.marusbridge-mot.co.uk)

10%

we will give

10% of all our MOT fees we will donate to Jack

- MOT's
- Service & Repairs
- Welding
- Tyres
- Gearboxes
- Timing Belts
- Clutches
- Engines
- Diagnostic Equipment
- HGV Technicians

All makes and models covered including:  
4X4 • VANS  
CLASS 4 • CLASS 7

We inspect ...

1. Body & Chassis
2. Seat Belts & Internal Equipment
3. Tyres, Brakes, Suspension, & Steering
4. Electrical Equipment & Drivers View
5. Engine & Transmission

Our service includes ...

- Fluid Levels Check and Refill
- Brake Fluid
- Anti-freeze Coolant
- Windscreen Wash
- Power Steering Fluid
- Lights
- Windscreen Wipers
- Battery Charge and Condition
- Exhaust Emissions and Condition
- Visual Brake Check
- Tyre Tread and Pressure
- Full Brake Check
- Steering Check
- Shock Absorbers Check

Book your appointment today

MOT from £35

Servicing from £75

Welding from £30

Brakes from £35.00

Marus Bridge

Worthington Way, Marus Bridge, Wigan WN3 6XE (adjacent to Sainsburys) Tel 01942 238007

Pemberton

Pemberton

Unit 3 Lamberhead Ind Est, Leopold St, Pemberton, Wigan, WN5 8DH Tel 01942 213551

Pemberton