

# SPOTLIGHT ON...

## Jill Jackson

Origin's Senior Care Manager & Head of Training

Jill joined Origin in 2007. She works closely with clients and PAs, before, during and after assignments. Jill is responsible for the management and development of all our staff training programmes.

**What did you do before working for Origin?**

“ I worked for the sportswear manufacturer Reebok as a Customer Account Executive.”

**Describe yourself?**

“ Chatty, easy to get along with, sensitive towards others feelings and maybe a little bit crazy.”

**What do you wish everyone knew about spinal injury care?**

“ That it's not about care, it's about supporting someone to live independently!”

**What's your most favourite thing about your job?**

“ I like my involvement in the training courses and I'm very proud of the training course and our awesome tutors.”

**What do you do when you are not working?**

“ Usually I like to do crafty things such as knitting, crochet, baking and decorating cakes or failing that giving my Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Poppy, lots of attention - walks on fine days only though!”

**Where did your fascination with shoes come from and when?**

“ I remember as a child my mum bought me a pair of burgundy patent shoes with a cut out flower pattern on the front. I felt like a princess whenever I wore them, so I guess it just stemmed from there.”

**What is it you like about shoes?**

“ I just like shoes that are different and stand out from the crowd. That said though I do have a small collection of sensible shoes I can actually walk in!”

**Which are your favourite pairs of shoes and why?**

“ I like my Irregular Choice Shoes because they're different. My Christmas pair brought much joy to the office even if a certain Danish person (Linda) described them as hideous. She's just no sense of shoe fashion.”



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# RUST BUCKET ROMP!

A chance to pimp his car, wear fancy dress and hang out with mates were high on the reasons for Origin client Andy to join the Inverness or Bust, car rally, from York to Inverness, in summer.

'I'd already completed Monte Carlo or Bust and had such a great time travelling in super-pimped cars that a chance to drive my own vehicle on the northern route was un-missable. Being shorter it also meant I didn't have to take a lot of time off work.'

Bust Rallies are known as 'rust bucket romps' as participating cars must be purchased for under £500 and require a little TLC to upgrade/customise in the manner for which the rallies are renowned! Permission was given to Andy to use his adapted vehicle on the rally.

'I decorated my car with bullet holes and stripes but as my vehicle is needed for my daily commute, transforming it into an AstroTurf 'green machine' or spaceship was not an option – I still got to hang out with mates and enjoy the camaraderie and fun of the rally – meeting up with friends we'd met on the Monte Carlo rally and passing through magnificent scenery'.

The UK route included more minor roads with very little motorway and we snaked across the stunning Lake District and Yorkshire Dales, stopping at the Wensleydale cheese factory. We travelled into Scotland, past Loch Lomond and Loch Ness and up to Stirling and onto Inverness.

'Spending time with uni-mates and meeting people who were doing the run as a regular get together with friends or raising money for charity is just so much fun. Accommodation you sort out yourself.



I was fortunate in Inverness as I'd found a place on AirBnb that was owned by a SCI lady – so I was very comfortable. One of my PAs was also able to come along for the ride!

I can definitely recommend the Bust Rallies for those with SCI. Enter with a bunch of mates and find yourself drawn into the 'Bust family' of 'crazy English' driving through the beautiful countryside in Wacky Races style! With a good social programme and various competitions based on car design, fancy dress outfits etc. there is never a dull moment and it's easy to make friends and have fun'.

