RUN LEICESTER

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

HALF MARATHON | 10KM

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Sunday 11th October 2026

Start time: 9:15am

Everything you need to know for race day, including race number collection, travel and parking, timings, the start, route and finish.



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RACE PACK DELIVERY, COLLECTION AND REPLACEMENT

If you live in the UK and you registered on or before Sunday 13th September then your official race number will be posted to you in the two weeks leading up to the event. If you registered on, or after, Monday 14th September then you will receive your race number in the post roughly one week before the event.

If you live abroad, please collect your race number from our admin desk in the race arena on Victoria Park between the following times:

Saturday 10th October: 11am – 3pm
Sunday 11th October: 7.30am – 8.45am

If your race number doesn't arrive in the post then do not worry – you will also be able to collect a replacement number from our admin desk during the above times.

Your timing chip is attached to the back of your race number and will automatically record your start and finish times as you cross the line. There is no need to check in or register when you arrive.

Please wear your race number clearly on the front of your top. If you do not wear your race number, you will not receive a finishing time. Do not alter your race number or give it to another runner, as this may result in disqualification.

Remember to bring safety pins and complete the emergency information on the back of your race number before you arrive.

LAST MINUTE CHANGES

The deadline for deferrals has now passed, but if you can no longer run you are still able to transfer your place to another runner until Sunday 4th October, visit **resultsbase.net/page/21**

If there are any issues with your race number then please contact us at **info@runleicester.co.uk**. You will then be able to collect a replacement race number during the times detailed above.

TRAVEL AND PARKING

Parking is limited, so please car share wherever possible and allow plenty of time for your journey.

FREE CAR PARK AND RIDE
King Power Stadium, Filbert Way, Leicester, LE2 7FL

Parking is free. The stadium is 1.2 miles from the race arena (approximately a 25-minute walk or 10-minute run). A free coach service, courtesy of Ausden Clark, will operate between the King Power Stadium car parks and the Race Arena in Victoria Park.



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MAIN RACE CAR PARK

Freemen's Common Multi-Storey Car Park
11 Putney Road, LE2 7TF

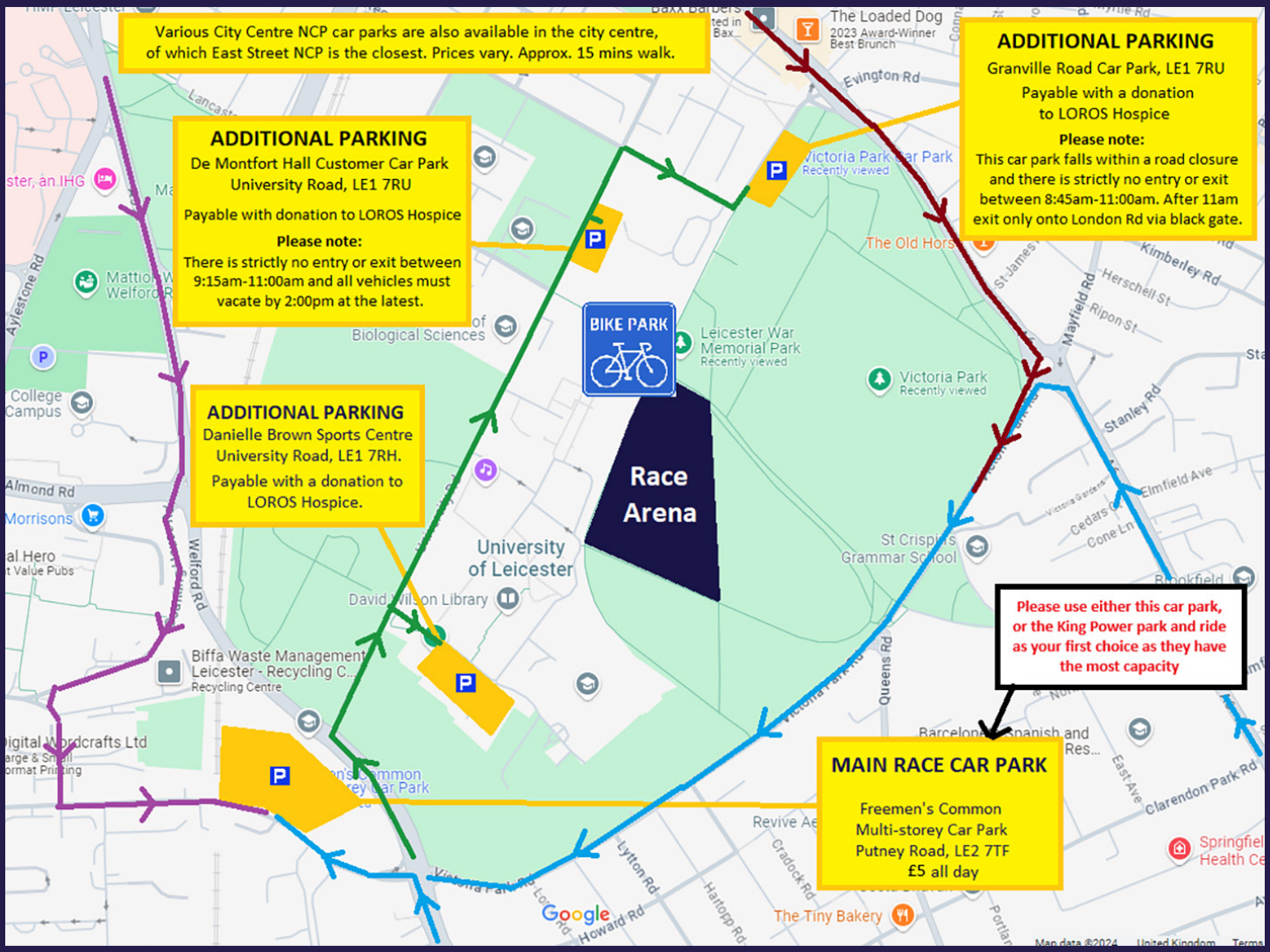
This is our largest payable race car park and should be your first choice if not using the park and ride. **Parking here costs £5 all day**.

Please approach via the marked arrows on the map to avoid any issues with one-way streets and junctions.

ADDITIONAL PARKING

Additional parking is also available at named car parks below, but please note any timings on the car park map as some are affected by road closures and have limitations on earliest exit and latest time you can leave.

- Danielle Brown Sports Centre, University Road, LE1 7RH
- De Montfort Hall Customer Car Park (University Road Entrance), LE1 7RU
- Granville Road Car Park, LE1 7RY



STREET PARKING is also available around the edges of Victoria Park on Victoria Park Road and London Road.

EAST STREET NCP CAR PARK with over 400 additional spaces is also just a 15 minute walk away in the city centre (standard charges apply).

BY TRAIN Leicester Railway Station is a 15 minute walk from the race start / finish area on London Road.

BY BIKE Ride Leicester will be operating a secure bike park at the top of Peace Walk right next to the race arena for those travelling to the event by bike.

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RACE ARENA

The race arena is no more than a 10 minute walk from all of our race car parks, except for the King Power Stadium Park & Ride (25mins walk, 10mins jog). A free coach service will run from this car park only.

Both races will start and finish in the same place next to the War Memorial on Victoria Park.

In the race arena you will find a variety of food and drink vendors, available both before and after your run.

Our new charity village marquee will provide a new welcoming , under-cover area for anyone running for a local charity. Here you will also be able to visit all our wonderful charity partners who are doing some fantastic work across the county and beyond.

Post-race there will also be sports massage available for a donation to LOROS Hospice, courtesy of Function Jigsaw.

BAG DROP AND CHANGING

There will be a bag drop facility available within the race arena on the day. Please ensure that you label any bags you leave with us using the baggage label contained in your race pack.

Do not leave any valuables – we accept no responsibility for theft or damage to any property. Two changing tents will also be made available next to our bag drop facility for males and females.

RACE DAY TIMINGS

7:30am: Race arena and admin desk open

8:30am: All runners should have arrived and dropped off their bags

8:45am: Runners called to start line

9:15am: **RACE START:** Half Marathon and 10K races start together

11:15am: Prize presentations take place at the race arena stage

1) Run Leicester 10K prize presentation
2) Run Leicester Half Marathon prize presentation
3) 10K Leicestershire County Championships prize presentation
4) Half Marathon Leicestershire County Championships prize presentation

12:45pm: Last Half Marathon runner expected back at Victoria Park

START PENS

Your race number will have one of five coloured zones marked in the corner. This is based on the estimated finish time you provided to us during registration.

Along the start line on the day you will find five entrances, all marked out by coloured flags corresponding to the zone on your race number.

Volunteers will check your race number as you enter the start line to make sure you are in the correct zone. Runners may not start in any zone other than the one on your race number.



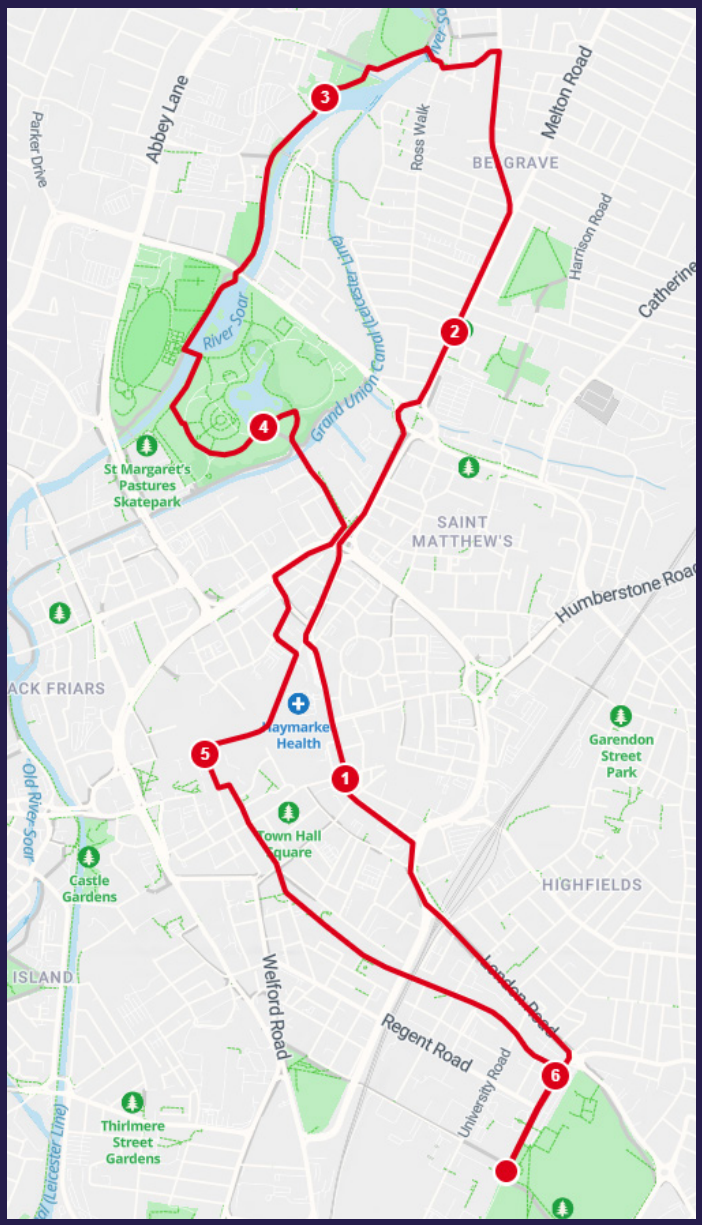
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THE ROUTE

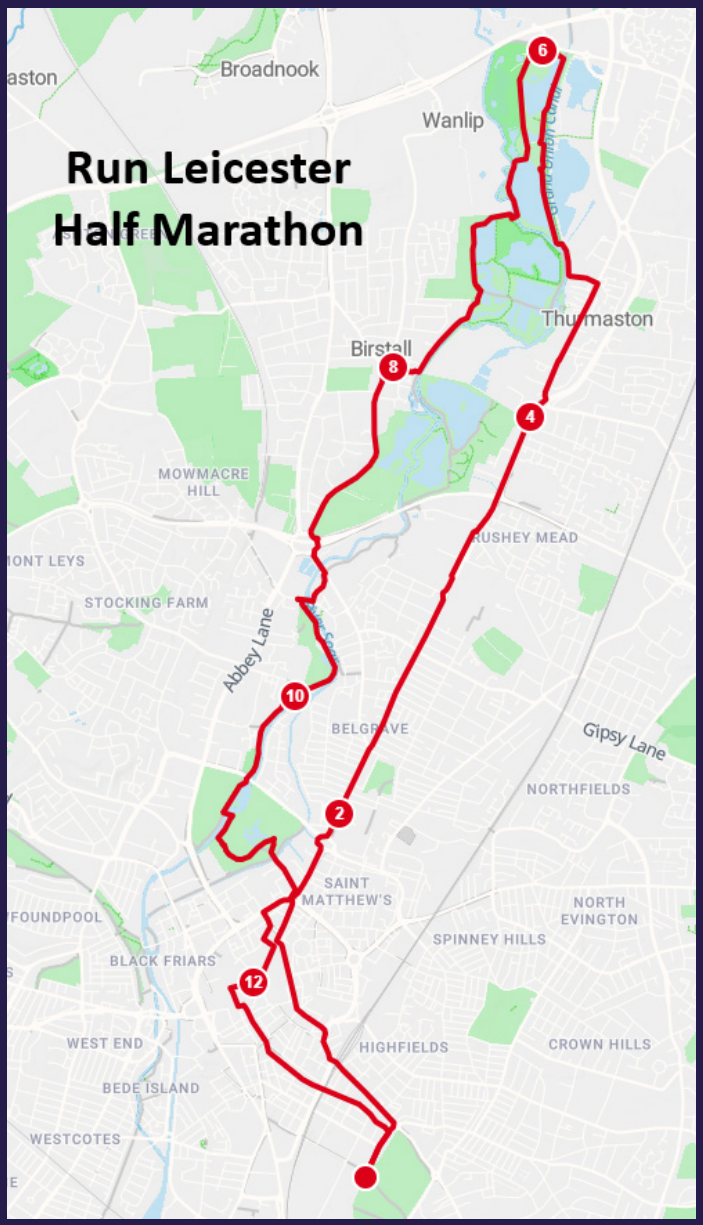
An interactive map of both the Half Marathon and 10K routes, along with description and elevation graphs can be found online at runleicester.co.uk/route/

For those who have run with us previously, the 10K route remains identical to previous years. For the Half Marathon, however, there are a few changes to be aware of. These updates have been made with the runner experience in mind, helping to improve the flow of the event and make race day as enjoyable as possible for everyone taking part.

10K

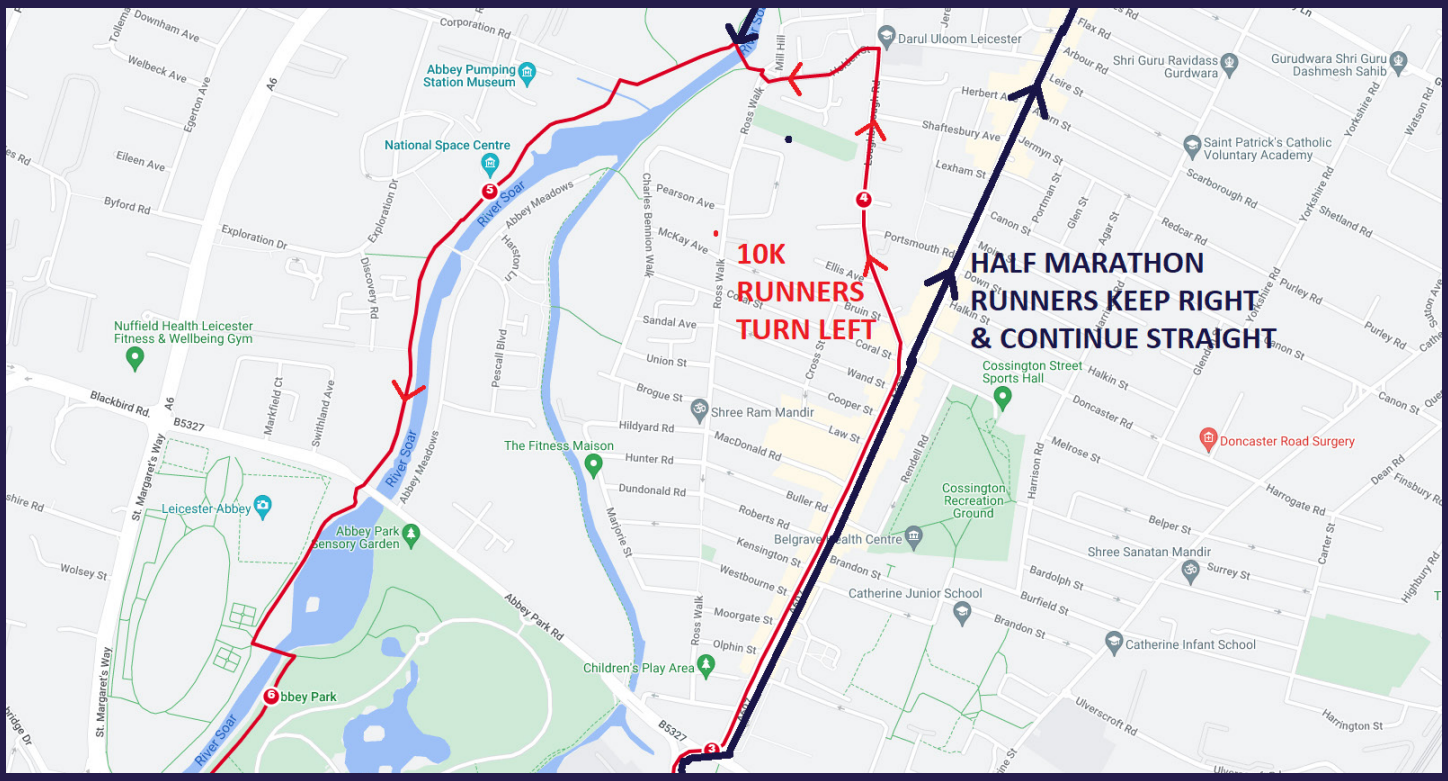


Half Marathon



THE ROUTE (continued)

The main thing to be aware of is where the Half Marathon and 10K routes split, so that you do not end up on the wrong route. This will be marshalled and signposted, but it is your responsibility to make sure you take the correct route.



10K RUNNERS MUST KEEP LEFT

You'll pass right through the city centre within the first 2km, before running round a giant roundabout (Belgrave Circle).

Immediately after this roundabout from the 3km mark, you should **keep left in the left-hand lane** up Melton Road.

At 3.5km all 10K runners will turn left onto Loughborough Road. This will be signposted and marshalled but please familiarise yourself with the route to ensure you make the correct turn.

WATER STATIONS

There will be one water station on the 10K route situated a little over half way into your run. It will be based just as you leave Abbey Park. Water on route will be served in cups.

1) 6.4km – Abbey Park Exit
2) 10km – Finish line Victoria Park

HM RUNNERS MUST KEEP RIGHT

You'll pass right through the city centre within the first 1.5 miles, before running round a giant roundabout (Belgrave Circle).

Immediately after this roundabout from the 2 mile mark, you should **keep right in the right-hand lane** up Melton Road.

At 2.3 miles all Half Marathon runners should continue straight on up Melton Road on our original Half Marathon route, whilst the 10K runners will turn left onto Loughborough Road.

WATER STATIONS

Water stations will be approximately every 2-3 miles on the Half Marathon route. Water will be served in cups.

1) 3.1 miles – Top of Melton Road
2) 5.9 miles – Watermead Park
3) 8.7 miles – Birstall Road
4) 10.6 miles – Abbey Park exit
5) 13.1 miles – Finish line Victoria Park

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ENTERTAINMENT

A number of different bands, drummers, singers and music points will keep you motivated and moving all the way to that finish line.

PACERS

Chasing a particular finish time or a new PB? Our team of volunteer pacers will cover a wide range of target times across the Half Marathon and 10K.

Barring last minute injuries, there will be one pacer available for each of the following times:

Half Marathon Pace Times
- 1 hour 30 mins
- 1 hour 40 mins
- 1 hour 45 mins
- 1 hour 50 mins
- 1 hour 55 mins
- 2 hours
- 2 hours 5 mins
- 2 hours 10 mins
- 2 hours 15 mins
- 2 hours 20 mins
- 2 hours 25 mins
- 2 hours 30 mins
- 2 hours 40 mins

10K Pace Times
- 40 mins
- 45 mins
- 50 mins
- 55 mins
- 60 mins
- 65 mins
- 70 mins
- 75 mins
- 80 mins



Keep an eye out for flags like these on the start line:



HEADPHONES

Under UK Athletics rules, **headphones are not permitted at this event**. Runners using them risk disqualification.

Bone-conducting headphones that do not cover the ears are permitted.

CUT-OFF TIME

The strict cut-off times are:

Half Marathon: 3 hours 15 minutes
10K: 1 hour 35 minutes

Roads must reopen at a specified time. If you fall behind the cut-off, you will be asked either to stop or to continue on the pavement as a pedestrian.

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FINISH LINE

After crossing the finish line, please keep moving through the finish funnel to prevent congestion.

You'll receive a bottle of water, a selection of snacks and your official Run Leicester Half Marathon or 10K finisher's medal.



T-SHIRTS

If you have ordered a race t-shirt, this will be available for you to pick up as you exit the finish area.

Your race number will be printed with the t-shirt size that you ordered. Please note that we are unfortunately unable to swap sizes on the day.

If you didn't pre-order one then have no fear this year's race t-shirt will be available to purchase on the day at a cost of £12.50 from the admin desk, but once they are gone they are gone.

RESULTS

Your race result will be available online as soon as you have finished. Once the race has started, the entire results list will be available here: **https://www.resultsbase.net/event/7559/results**

Please direct any queries regarding the results to **info@runleicester.co.uk**. Results will be provisional until any queries are addressed and finalised the following day on Monday 12th October.

PRIZES

Prizes are on offer for the top runners in both the Half Marathon and 10K Race. Prizes will be presented on the day to the following:

HALF MARATHON		10K	
Male	Female	Male	Female
1st place overall	1st place overall	1st place overall	1st place overall
2nd place overall	2nd place overall	2nd place overall	2nd place overall
3rd place overall	3rd place overall	3rd place overall	3rd place overall
1st V40	1st V40	1st V40	1st V40
1st V50	1st V50	1st V50	1st V50
1st V60	1st V60	1st V60	1st V60
1st V70	1st V70	1st V70	1st V70
		1st Junior U18	1st Junior U18

MOST REPRESENTED RUNNING CLUB	
1st place	Runner-up

The prize for the most represented club will be awarded to the club that best supports the event; having a combination of the most runners registered and the most number of members volunteering on the day. The winning club will be awarded our Trophy Shield, along with free places in next year's event.

Should any prizes be uncollected on the day we will do our best to get these to you in the weeks that follow.

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VOLUNTEERING

Do you know anyone that might be willing to spare a few hours on event day?

We simply couldn't run this event without lots of help. Volunteers run our water stations, marshal the route, hand out medals and much more.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out and marshal the route on the day. If you know anyone that might able to spare a few hours between 7:30am-12:30pm on Sunday 11th October then please do ask them to get in touch by email at info@runleicester.co.uk., or complete our sign—up form here



NOT FOR PROFIT

Did you know that the Run Leicester Festival is an entirely not-for-profit event?

At the end of each event all proceeds raised through the event are donated to LOROS Hospice, which cares for more than 2,600 terminally ill patients and their families across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland every year.

If you'd like to make a donation to support LOROS please visit loros.co.uk/donate

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