



Abington 10k and Fun Run 2020 Cancellation due to COVID-19

Based on the latest government guidance around Coronavirus/COVID-19, and owing to rescheduling of major sporting events (London Marathon) that now coincide with the Abington 10k and Fun Run, the race Committee has reached the difficult decision to cancel this year's race.

The Abington 10k and Fun Run is a charitable event set up by volunteers and underwritten by the Great Abington School PTFA. It requires significant upfront costs to stage, depends significantly on generous sponsorship and needs over 350 10k runners to break even. As such, we feel that it would be too much of a risk to PTFA funds to move forward with the race during these uncertain times. We reached this decision after a lot of discussion, not least because this year we were changing the course to make it a full road race, and we were also planning a shorter wheelchair race.

We have not taken this decision lightly. In view of the rapidly changing situation and the significant rescheduling of the UK Athletics calendar we feel it is essential. Based on the government's advice (at this time) to restrict unnecessary travel and contact with others, we feel that it is our duty to take these steps to help protect the health and wellbeing of athletes, officials, coaches, volunteers and spectators. Our first aid support on the day of the race is delivered by East of England Ambulance paramedics and we feel we should not put an additional burden on the emergency services at this testing time.

This event is the main fundraiser for the Great Abington PTFA. If you would like to donate some of your entry fee please go to the giving website below:

<https://www.goldengiving.com/wall/great-abington-ptfa>

We hope you can understand our reasons to make this decision, and we look forward to your support in 2021 when we will be back on Sunday 3rd October.

Iain Sainsbury

Race Director