

## Gorlin Syndrome sufferer Scott Boardman takes on Chester Marathon for skin disease research

Gorlin Syndrome sufferer, Scott Boardman is taking on his first ever marathon to raise money for skin disease research, including skin cancer. Scott, 22, from Earby in Lancashire will run 26.2 miles through the Roman city of Chester on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Scott explains *“At the age of 14, I was diagnosed with Gorlin Syndrome, which means I am prone to developing common and usually non-life-threatening skin cancers. Seven years and numerous operations later, this is something I have come to terms with. I have taken up running and believe this is a great way to push myself whilst raising awareness of skin cancer and supporting the British Skin Foundation at the same time.”*



Runners will start at Chester racecourse passing landmarks such as the Chester Cathedral, the amphitheatre and the Roman walls before heading out of the city on the Old Dee Bridge. The marathon will even cross the border into Wales, before re-entering the city and passing the River Dee.

To support Scott's fundraising please visit his Just Giving Page

<https://www.justgiving.com/Scott-Boardman93/>

The **British Skin Foundation** is the only UK charity dedicated to raising funds for skin disease and skin cancer research. There are **eight million** people living with a skin disease in the UK, some are manageable and others are severe enough to kill. **Seven** people die every day in the UK from skin cancer. **It Takes 7** is a fundraising campaign set up to raise as much money as possible to fund research into skin cancer.

Skin disease doesn't just affect the skin. It can have a huge impact on a person's day-to-day life, crush self-confidence, restrict movement, lead to depression and put a huge strain on families as well as personal relationships. Our unwavering commitment to funding quality research means we won't stop until we've found cures for common skin problems like eczema and acne through to potential killers like malignant melanoma.

**Image:** Scott at the Blencathra Fell Race earlier this year.

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