

Glastonbury's Jill to tackle Paris Marathon for skin cancer research

Local lady Jill Barker, 49, is taking on two running events to raise money for skin cancer research. After a series of challenges in 2015, Jill now intends to run the Bath Half Marathon on 13 March, closely followed by the Paris Marathon on 3 April.

The popular Bath Half Marathon takes place in the World Heritage City of Bath, straddling both sides of the Avon River on a flat and fast course.

In Paris, Jill will join more than 23,000 runners from abroad to make up the 57,000 people who tackle the famous French marathon. The race across Paris will include iconic landmarks such as the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Bastille, Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower.

Glastonbury-based Jill began fundraising in 2015 after surviving melanoma. Last year she raised over £3,000 taking part multiple events including the London Marathon and the Taunton Triathlon to name a few!

Jill explains, *"I decided to keep fundraising because my regular three-month skin checks remind me just how lucky I was. By carrying on my challenges, I'm raising valuable money for skin cancer research and spreading awareness of melanoma at the same time."*



Help Jill continue to raise money for the British Skin Foundation's *It Takes 7* skin cancer campaign by donating here: <https://www.justgiving.com/middlewickjill/>



Images: Top right, Jill; above left & centre, Jill at the Taunton Triathlon; above right, Jill at the London Marathon.

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.

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