

## MARK TO RUN MEGA MARATHON FOR MUM OVER THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER

Mark Hill, 36, is taking on the [Dover Coastal Marathon](#) on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in memory of his late mother Shirley Hill.

*“Mum sadly passed away aged 65 in June after her melanoma skin cancer spread to her brain and spine. I am determined to do something to honour her and raise some money for the charities close to me,”* explains Mark.

The Dover Coastal Marathon is slightly longer than a normal marathon – 28.3 miles instead of the usual 26.2 miles – and will test Mark’s endurance over roads, grass, mud, sand and rock. Highlights include the White Cliffs of Dover, South Foreland Lighthouse, Western Heights and Samphire Hoe.

Mark of Orpington is no stranger to fundraising. In 2015 he ran the London Marathon & the Brighton Marathon within two weeks of each other to raise money for skin cancer research.



This time he is sharing the funds raised between the British Skin Foundation’s skin cancer research fund and Thames Hospice, the charity that cared for his mother towards the end of her illness.

*“It’ll be a very different experience for me compared to road running, taking on beaches, cliff climbs and ups and downs, but I’m looking forward to the challenge,”* says Mark.

**Show your support for Mark by donating here:**

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Image: Mark Hill (centre) with mother Shirley Hill & father Malcolm Hill at the Brighton Marathon 2015.

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### **About the BSF**

The **British Skin Foundation** is the only UK charity dedicated to raising funds for skin disease and skin cancer research. 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. This year the British Skin Foundation turns 20 years old – to date we’ve raised £15 million to fund research projects since 1996.

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