

Gorlin Syndrome sufferer raises over £600 for skin disease research by completing the Chester Marathon

Gorlin Syndrome sufferer, Scott Boardman has completed the Chester Marathon, raising £677 for skin disease research, including skin cancer. Scott, 22, from Earby in Lancashire completed the 26.2 mile run in 4 hours 6 mins.

Scott was diagnosed with Gorlin Syndrome at the age of 14 – a condition which means he is prone to developing common and usually non-life-threatening skin cancers. After enduring numerous operations over the years, Scott has now come to terms with his condition and has taken up running. He explains *“I 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 started 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.

“It was a fantastic day and although the last 6 miles felt never-ending, it is something I will never forget. It was great running for the British Skin Foundation – such a great cause,” says Scott.

You can still add to Scott’s fundraising here:
<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 with his medal after the marathon

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