



Shakespeare
MARATHON
& HALF MARATHON



**SHAKESPEARE
MARATHON & HALF MARATHON
SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026**

EVENT GUIDE





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WELCOME

The RunThrough Team is excited to have you join us for your upcoming race!
Our mission is straightforward:

TO INSPIRE ACTIVE NATIONS THROUGH RUNNING.

By hosting inclusive and welcoming events for everyone, fuelled by our shared passion for running and community, we strive to create events that leave lasting memories for every participant.

Our team is a diverse blend of running enthusiasts and seasoned event organisers. With countless race experiences, we are experts at event organising while understanding the journey of all runners.

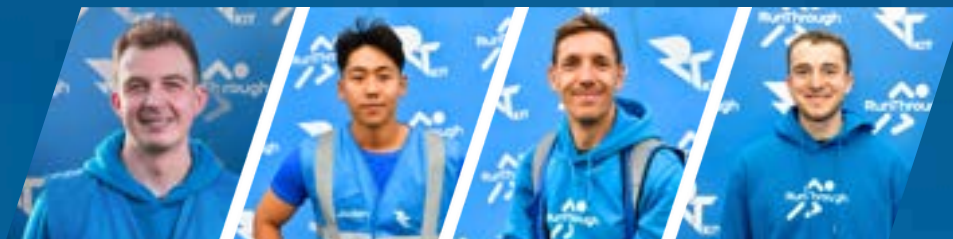
Rest assured, whether you're chasing a PB or completing your first race, you're among friends who understand the exhilarating highs of completing an event.

As race day approaches, safety is our top priority. Our team (pictured) will be on the ground doing everything to ensure you have the best experience at this RunThrough event.

We look forward to seeing you on race day, don't hesitate to say hello!

Wishing you the best on race day!

The RunThrough Team



ROB

JADEN

KANE

SEAN



SOPHIE

GEORGIE

JAMES

JOE

The Shakespeare Hospice are proud to be the official partner of The Shakespeare Marathon and Half.



The Shakespeare Hospice provides compassionate, specialist palliative care to individuals and families across South Warwickshire, supporting people living with life-limiting conditions at every stage of their journey.

At the heart of our care is a commitment to helping people live as well as possible for as long as possible.

Through our Day Hospice, patients receive expert clinical support alongside emotional care, therapeutic activities and the chance to connect with others in a safe and welcoming space.

As needs change, our care continues in the home, with skilled and compassionate support delivered where people feel most comfortable.

We also support families, offering counselling for adults and dedicated services for children and young people facing illness, loss or bereavement.

As an independent charity, only 12% of our funding comes from the NHS. The remaining £3 Million is made possible by the generosity of our local community.

**Support The Shakespeare Hospice
Donate. Fundraise. Get involved.
Together, we can be there when it matters most.**



TRAVEL

Event village (inc bag drop, toilets & finish): The Recreation Ground,
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7LS

Start line: Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon

By Car:

There is no specific event parking, please use Parkopedia.com to find somewhere suitable. We advise car sharing where possible.

Please be aware road closures will be in place from 6am- these can be seen [HERE](#).

There are a number of large shopping centre car parks with 3 or 4 hour maximum stay. We ask that half marathon runners use these options where possible, to allow for marathon runners to use longer stay pay & display car parks in the area.

Public Transport:

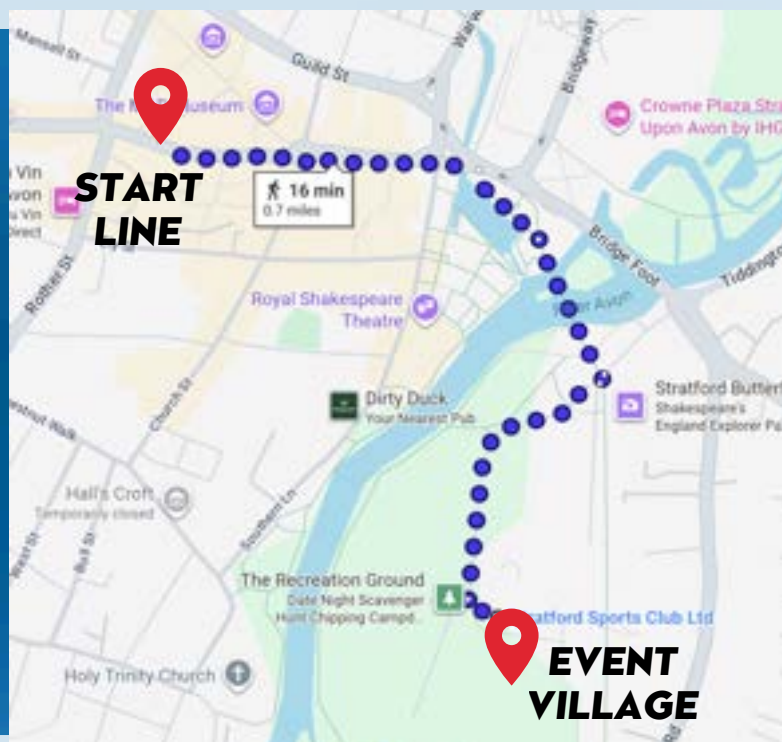
The Stratford-upon-Avon Park & Ride service will also be in operation. Their Sunday service times have been extended for the event, operating from 7.30am, so we recommend this as an alternative to town centre parking.

Buses leaving the Park & Ride from [HERE](#)

And arriving at / leaving from the town centre from [HERE](#)

Buses will be running every 15 minutes, and the journey is approximately 10 minutes.

Stratford Upon Avon Train Station is a 1.1mile walk from the event village. Please check train times in advance of race day, as Sunday services may be limited.



RACE PACK

START TIMES

9:00am

RACE PACK COLLECTION TIMES

7:00 – 8:00am

FOR ENTRIES ON OR BEFORE THE 8TH APRIL YOUR RACE PACK SHOULD ARRIVE BY POST



If your pack hasn't arrived by 23rd April please email us at info@runthrough.co.uk and we'll make sure you have a replacement to collect on the day.

- If you've entered after the 8th April, on arrival make your way down to the registration desks.
- Your number will be assigned on the day.
- Attach your number to the front of your shirt or shorts (we recommend safety pins or magnets).
- Please ensure your bib is on display at all times.
- Your timing chip will be attached to the back of your race bib, please do not tamper with or try to remove this.



INCLUDED:

— BIB NUMBER
& TIMING CHIP

— BAGGAGE LABEL



Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the brief runner information form below and on the back of your bib.

This will help us in case of an emergency!

[CLICK FOR FORM](#)

[CLICK FOR ENTRY LIST & RESULTS](#)



EVENT VILLAGE

FACILITIES

TOILETS



REFRESHMENTS



PARKING



**SPECTATORS
WELCOME**



BAG DROP

- Please limit the number of belongings you bring to the event. We advise leaving belongings with any spectators attending with you.
- There will be a bag drop within the event village for those who need it.
- Please note this is a 15minute walk from the start line. Please drop your bag with enough time to walk to the start.
- Your baggage tag is attached to your race number. Tear it off and attach to your bag.
- Leave your bag in our bag drop room.
- Collect your bag after your race.



TOILETS

We will be using portable toilets located in the event village.

Please note, this is a 15minute walk from the start line, please arrive early to use these.

There will also be a limited number of portable toilets at the start area.

There will also be toilets on the course, available to both marathon and half marathon runners.

RACE DAY ETIQUETTE

At RunThrough we are massive advocates that running truly is for anyone. Whatever your ability, gender, age or ethnicity, we're here to support you.

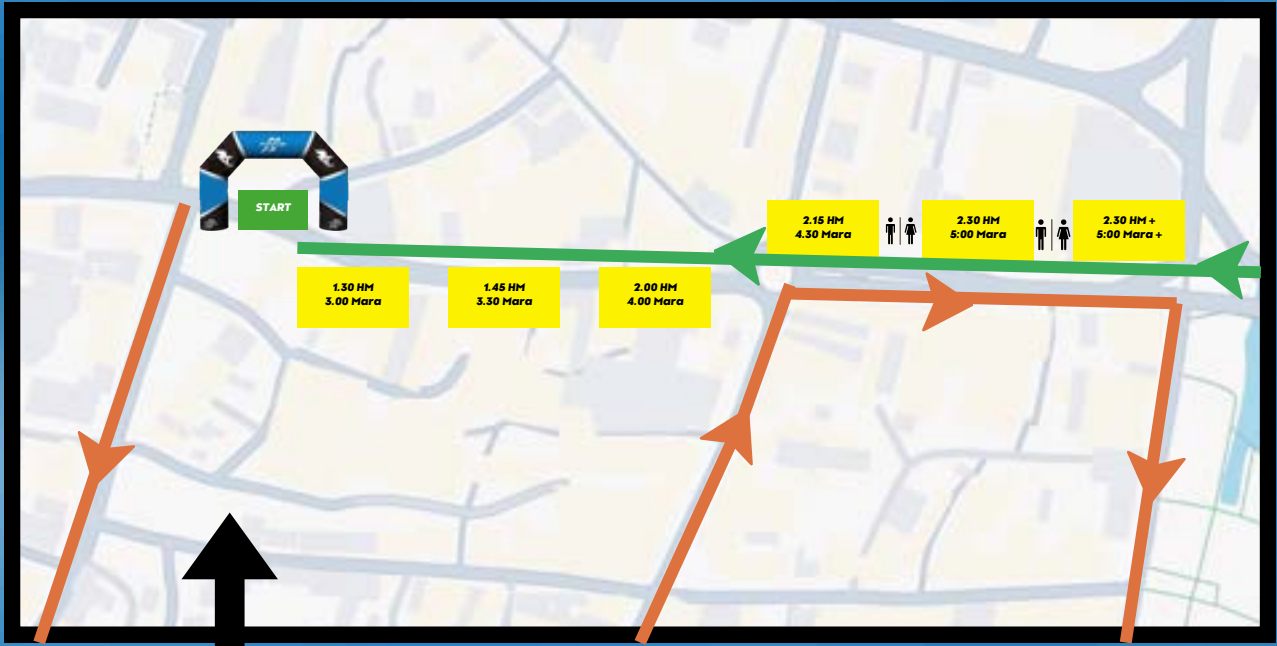
Whilst at a RunThrough event, we hope you feel safe, encouraged and included. In order to achieve this, we have a few simple rules we'd like our runners to follow:

- **Be considerate and respectful to other runners, race staff & members of the public.**
- **Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behaviour and speech.**
- **Be mindful of your surroundings and your fellow participants.**
- **Help us keep the course pleasant for everyone by refraining from pushing, spitting and littering.**



If you see or experience anything that challenges these or makes you feel uncomfortable, please don't hesitate to visit our Information tent or speak to a member of our team. (We can be found in Blue High-vis jackets!) Or if you prefer you can email us at info@runthrough.co.uk.

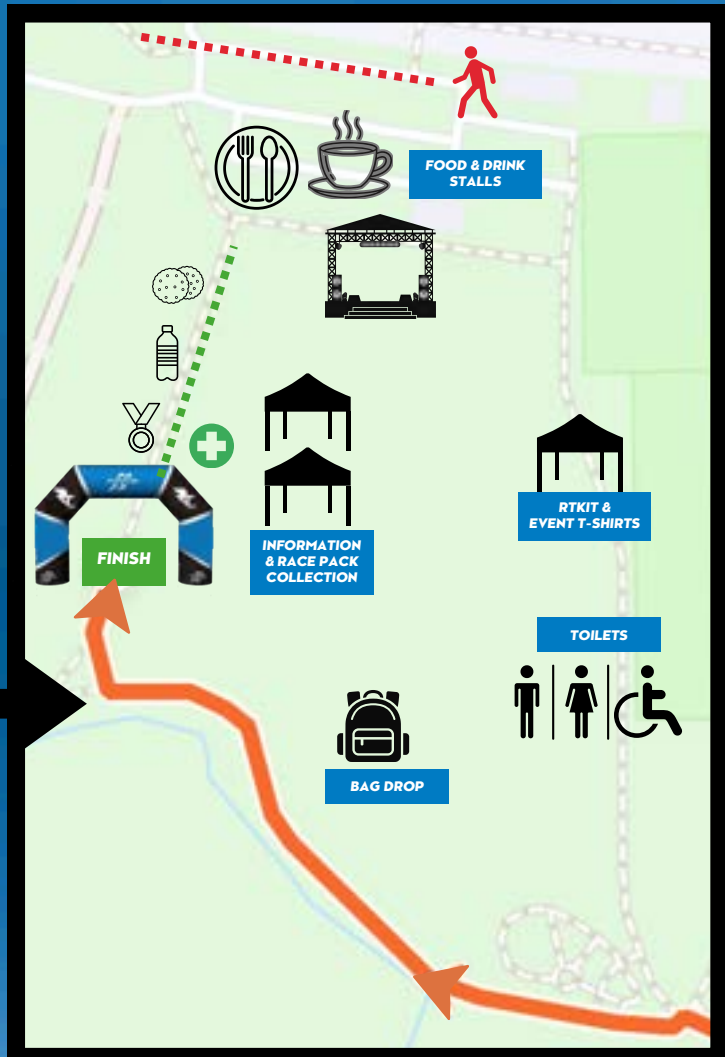
We're always available to deal with any issues, offer support or simply just have a chat! We're on hand to ensure everyone has the best race day experience possible and feels supported throughout the day.

EVENT LAYOUT



 **WALKING ROUTE TO THE START**

 **STARTING PENS**
 **RACE ROUTE**



WARM UP & RACE START

From the event village, runners will be directed to the start line.

Please note, the start line is a 15minute walk from the event village, please leave with enough time to get lined up and ready to run (See map [HERE](#)).

Located from the start and back along Wood Street and Bridge Street there will be barriered zones with pace signs to help you line up in pens of similar paced runners. Please head to the pace zone in line with your estimated finish time.

Both races will start together.

DURING THE RACE

We will have marshals all around the course as well as mile signs and arrows.

Yellow markers 1-13 (Marathon and HM)
Yellow mile markers 14-26 (Marathon only)

The majority of the route follows closed roads around Stratford-upon-Avon and the Warwickshire countryside, with the remainder on the Stratford Greenway footpath, a hard compact footpath. Please note that the Greenway is a public footpath and is not closed to the general public, please be aware and respectful of pedestrians and cyclists using the path during the event.

Please also be aware that we will have a safety bike ahead of the lead runner to prevent any collision around the laps. They will be vocal when coming towards you from behind so be sure to listen out for any additional instructions.

Please drain and discard all litter and bottles within the signed litter zones, which will be shortly after each water station. There are no road sweepers, our event team picks up all litter by hand, so please help them to keep the course litter free for other runners and the local community.

A limited number of SiS gels will also be provided at the 3rd water station (which the marathon will hit twice at approximately miles 9.5 & 23). If you choose to take a gel or provide your own, please retain the packets and tear off tops on your person, or discard within the bins provided. With respect for the marshals, venue and environment, littering of any kind won't be tolerated.

WATER STATIONS

There are water stations approximately every 3 miles. Please help yourself to these as you pass. (The half marathon will pass 4 water stations, and the marathon will pass 9).

We recommend bringing your own drinks to stay hydrated in the lead up to the event. Should you wish to refill any bottles, there is a refill tap located by the event village.



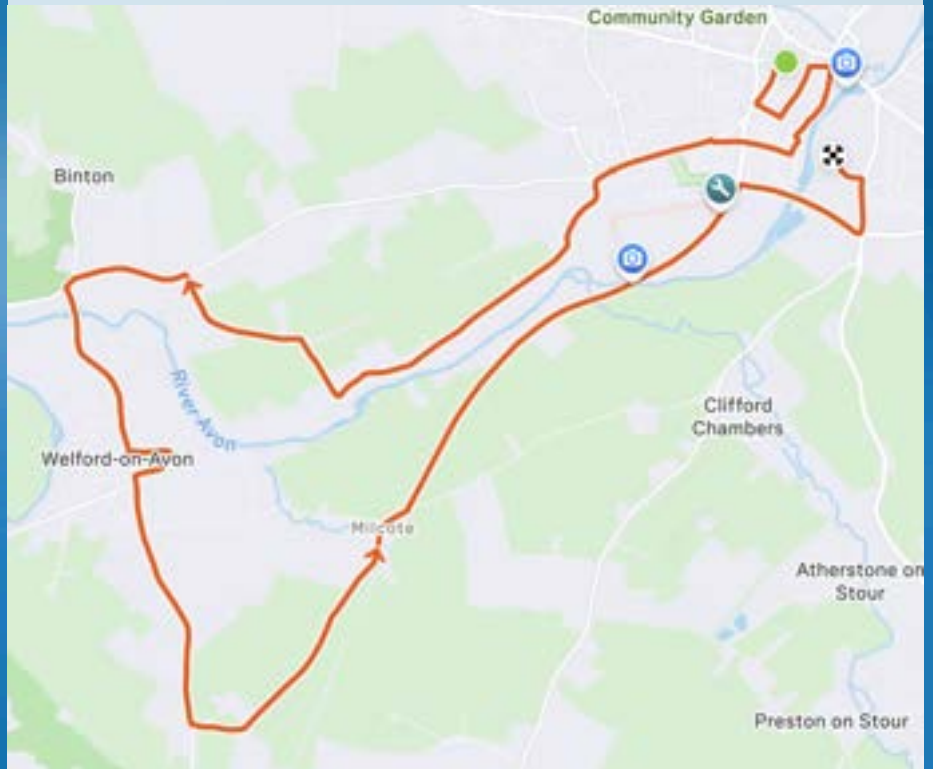
Please note, headphones are not permitted, unless bone conducting. Should you choose to wear these, we ask you keep the volume low in order to remain aware of your surroundings at all times and can hear any marshal instructions during the race.

LOOK OUT FOR THE LITTER ZONE SIGNAGE!

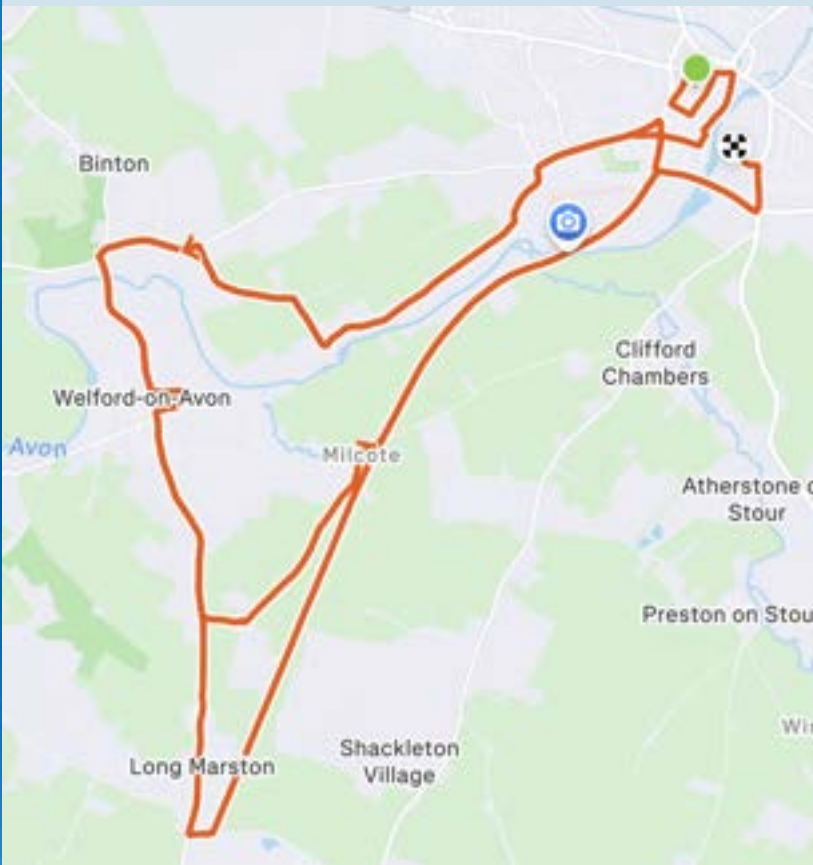


COURSE MAPS

HALF MARATHON



MARATHON



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THE FINISH LINE

Please continue walking through the finish funnel to collect your medal and all your post-race goodies!

These will consist of a bottle of water and snacks from our sponsors.



THE MEDAL



EVENT MERCH

If you have purchased an event T-shirt or hoody with your race entry, please head to the RT Kit stall on the day of your race, with your order confirmation and we will have your item ready for collection!

If you've not pre-ordered kit, but would like to purchase some, these are available below.

(Please note: Kit purchased within 4 days of the race may not be ready to collect. Any kit not ready for collection will then be posted out.)



PURCHASE MERCH

RESULTS & PHOTOS

PHOTOS

We will have a photographer taking a few snaps of the race, which will be made available on our photos page after the race.

Click the camera to visit the page!



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Any pre-ordered kit can be collected at the RTKit stall, please have your order confirmation ready to show our team.

Check out the RTKit Stall located in the event village.

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The image shows three smartphone screens displaying fundraising event pages on the Givestar platform. Each screen features a profile picture of the event creator, the event name, the creator's name, the number of participants, and a progress bar showing the amount raised relative to the target. The 'Surrey Half Marathon' screen is the largest and most prominent, showing £160 raised of a £500 target (32% of target). The 'Tatton 5K & 10K' screen shows £230 raised of a £200 target (115% of target). The 'Battersea Park Running Festival' screen shows £350 raised of a £300 target (116.67% of target). Each screen also has a 'SHARE' button and a 'GIVE NOW' button.

Event Name	Created by	Participants	Amount Raised	Target	Progress (%)
TATTON 5K & 10K	Samantha Jones-Lockett	6	£230	£200	115%
SURREY HALF MARATHON	James Duncan	7	£160	£500	32%
BATTERSEA PARK RUNNING FESTIVAL	Nicola Deans	11	£350	£300	116.67%



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