

Francis House hospice planning New Year Winter Wander



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For the first two weeks of the New Year, all ages and abilities are being asked to embark on the walking challenge to raise vital funds.

Francis House Children's Hospice is inviting outdoor enthusiasts to put their best foot forward in 2021 and take part in the first ever Francis House New Year Winter Wander.

The Greater Manchester hospice is encouraging walkers to step up this January and support children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

For the first two weeks of the New Year, all ages and abilities are being asked to embark on the walking challenge to raise funds for the children's hospice that cares for more than 500 families from across Greater Manchester.

A choice of three planned routes is on offer, or, if preferred, any route over any distance can be undertaken.

The Lymm Loop in Cheshire is an eight-mile circuit along the Bridgewater Canal and Transpennine Trail, taking in Dunham Massey on the loop back to Lymm Village.

The Reservoir Round in Turton is a seven-mile route beginning at Jumbles Country Park and winding past three different reservoirs.

The Saddleworth Circuit in Oldham starts and finishes in Uppermill, taking in the villages of Diggle, Delph and Dobcross covering eight miles.

The hospice advises participants adhere to the UK

Government's guidelines on social distancing and local restrictions when taking part in the event.

A fee of £10 per participant - under 16s are free - includes a registration pack containing route guides, a Francis House beanie hat, t-shirt, bag of sweets, child's activity sheet and sponsor forms.

Rachel Astill, Francis House fundraiser said: "Whether compensating for an indulgent festive season, kickstarting a New Year's resolution or simply taking time to reflect and remember a loved one - whatever your reasons for taking part it would mean a lot to us to have your support.

"Winter Wander is a fundraising event so we hope that participants will aim to raise as much sponsorship as they can."

Anyone raising more than £50 in sponsorship will be entered into a prize draw.

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