

# Peter's first marathon challenge in memory of mum



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39-year-old Peter Leather from Eastham, Wirral will be taking part in his first ever marathon as he takes on the Chester marathon on 3 October 2021 for the British Tinnitus Association (BTA). Tinnitus is a debilitating condition where people hear noises in the head and/or ears which have no external source. There is currently no cure. Tinnitus affects 35,000 adults in the Wirral alone, and one in eight nationwide. The BTA is the only national charity that solely funds tinnitus research and supports people living with tinnitus.

Peter shared, "My late mum, Beryl Leather, suffered with tinnitus most of her life, and struggled with this condition as it had an impact on her life every day."

The British Tinnitus Association's vision is "A world where no one suffers from tinnitus" which Peter fully supports. He said: "I am running the Chester marathon to raise awareness that BTA is there to help people like my mum who had this condition and to raise as much as possible and to offer people support who are living with tinnitus right now."

The BTA's Fundraising Officer Jess Pollard commented "We're delighted that Peter chose our charity to support as he tackles his first ever marathon. We really appreciate Peter's support and dedication to help the tinnitus community and the work we do."

Please help Peter raise reach his fundraising goal by donating at or email fundraising@[tinnitus.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@tinnitus.org.uk) take part in your own challenge.

The British Tinnitus Association is an independent charity and the primary source of information for people with tinnitus. It helps to facilitate an improved quality of life for people with tinnitus through a range of support options including support groups, a helpline and its website, while also taking steps to bring forward the day when tinnitus is cured. The charity works to inform and educate medical professionals and the community on what tinnitus is and how to manage it. The British Tinnitus Association wants “a world where no one suffers from tinnitus”. It wants to find better ways to manage tinnitus and, ultimately, to help find a cure. In 2020, the publication of its Tinnitus Manifesto led to more than 120,000 people signing a petition for more funding for tinnitus research to find cures.

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