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Over 24,000 runners return to Greater Manchester for the Therme Manchester Marathon

MANCHESTER, UK: Sunday 3rd April 2022 saw over 24,000 runners lace up for the challenge of the 26.2 mile distance that coursed through the streets of iconic Greater Manchester.

The elite field was the strongest to date, as the Therme Manchester Marathon played host to the Commonwealth Games qualifiers, European Athletics Championship trials and the European 50K Championship qualifiers. With over 150 elite athletes signed up to compete for the coveted 'top 3' finisher positions, the Therme Manchester Marathon welcomed the best of British athletes to its course.

Competition was tight for the position of first finisher with Jonny Mellor taking first place with a time of 2:10:46. He was closely followed by Ross Millington and Kevin Seaward with respective times of 2:11:38 and 2:11:54. Joining her compatriots as first female finisher was Becky Briggs, who finished with a record-breaking time of 2:29:04, closely followed by Naomi Mitchell (2:30:54) and Georgina Schwiening (2:31:37).

The Elite Wheelchair Athletes continued to showcase their strong athletic abilities with Polish athlete Samuel Kolek claiming the coveted first finisher place with a time of 1:48:24. Martyna Snopek, the sole Elite Female Wheelchair Athlete, also stormed across the finish line with a time of 2:40:24.

Roads across Greater Manchester were closed, with the popular City Centre section remaining following positive feedback from 2021. Therme Manchester Marathon continues to commit itself to creating a positive impact on the local area and environment, contributing to the local economy, supporting businesses and giving back to the community in the form of charitable donations from the Trafford Active Fund. The economic boost is projected to surpass 2021's total of £7.4million, with local businesses set to benefit from continued growth.

Nick Rusling, CEO of Therme Manchester Marathon, says: *"Once again, the Therme Manchester Marathon delivered a fantastic event for all those who came, from the runners to the spectators. We saw many runners celebrate achieving PBs today, and of course we got to witness the intense battle to the finish line for the elites."*

For 2022, we continued to focus on sustainability and the environmental impact of our events, and we implemented a number of measures to ensure we were as 'green' as we could be. This will continue to be a focus for us going into 2023. The Therme Manchester Marathon continues to sell out due to record demand every year, so we recommend securing your entry as soon as possible before we hit full capacity."



Duncan Newbury, Marketing Director of Therme Group, added: *“As title partner of the 2022 Therme Manchester Marathon, we’re proud to support an event that’s all about the joy of active lives. Looking towards the opening of Therme Manchester, the UK’s first city-based wellbeing resort, we will continue to work to bring health and wellbeing to all members of the community.”*

In addition to the personal achievement of crossing the finish line, many runners were also raising vital funds for Therme Manchester Marathon’s official charity partners the Alzheimer’s Society, Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation and Sense, in addition to other charitable causes. Over 1,800 runners were entered for charity and expect to fundraise over £2.5m.

The Therme Manchester Marathon also used their event as a platform for runners to be able to donate important funds to the Disaster Emergency Committee’s Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. For a donation of £10 or more, runners were able to purchase a special edition, additional race bib to be worn on their backs, showing the flag of Ukraine. Since the launch of the exclusive bib on the 4th March, over 2,500 runners purchased the bib with £31,000 raised in donations.

The Therme Manchester Marathon attracts runners and spectators from throughout the UK and Europe, with many looking to experience what the city has to offer outside of the event itself, from sightseeing, local heritage, music and football. The runners were joined by a fantastic army of volunteers, showcasing the spectacular spirit of the event.

The organisers have seen a record demand for entries into next year’s event which will be held on Sunday 16th April 2023. To get your guaranteed place visit www.manchestermarathon.co.uk.

Image highlights can be downloaded here: [<https://we.tl/t-XRxfYjsMI>]

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About Therme Manchester Marathon

The Therme Manchester Marathon is Europe’s fourth biggest marathon and one of the UK’s premier running events attracting upwards of 30,000 runners each year. Famous for its fast, flat and friendly route, the Therme Manchester Marathon is run by some of the world’s greatest elite runners, right through to those who thought completing a marathon would never be possible. Many regular runners find this the ideal event to get a personal best time, whilst everybody finds the incredible Mancunian support throughout the course unforgettable. For more information and to enter the event please visit manchestermarathon.co.uk

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Human Race's events bring together an active community of people taking part in sporting events for reasons ranging from fitness, competition, charity, health, fun or to simply finish. The participants vary from nervous first timers of all ages through to World Champions. Collectively, the events raise millions of pounds for hundreds of charities each year. www.humanrace.co.uk

About Therme Group

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