

Reminder of the 2026 MBNA Chester Marathon & Metric Marathon

I am writing to remind you that this year's Chester Marathon & Metric Marathon will take place on:

Sunday 11th October 2026

About the Chester Marathon

Our award-winning MBNA Chester Half Marathon, Metric Marathon & Mini-Marathon attracts and inspires runners of all ages and abilities to become active. It provides the motivation for people to maintain a healthy lifestyle and presents the opportunity to accomplish something that may never have seemed possible. The Chester Marathon is well recognised throughout the UK, and many runners in the area appreciate having such a fantastic event on their doorstep.

Our events provide a platform that enable people to turn compassion into action, to champion and fundraise for charitable and worthwhile causes. From all our races this year we expect to raise £1.1 million for charity. We have a nominated race charity for each year; this year it is Hospice of the Good Shepherd. This year we expect to raise £50,000 for this incredible cause. Some of this money comes directly from the race entry fee, other donations include sports massage, Green Runners, direct donations from runners, and runner sponsorships.

Our popular and successful events boost local businesses and help showcase Chester. The Chester Marathon relies on individual volunteers, local charities, local community groups and other voluntary groups. We are proud that our events have a reputation for having some of the best volunteers and spectators in the UK, we simply couldn't put these events on without their help and that's a huge credit to the local communities for their support.

How does this affect my Parish?

I can confirm that the route is unchanged from previous years and the road closure times are similar to 2025, however the TTRO is still being updated. Please check our interactive map, which is linked below, for accurate road closure timings for this year's Chester Marathon & Metric Marathon.

The **Chester Marathon (26.2 miles)** will start at **09:00** and the **Metric Marathon (26.2Km)** start at **10:00** from **Chester Racecourse**. The route will take runners out of the racecourse, through the City Centre and finishes on Castle Drive in the City Centre.

Please expect delays on Sealand Road and roads between Grosvenor Street and the A51 during both the race starts. Once all runners have started, these roads will be opened for the remainder of the event, with access and egress to the city. We aim to create as little disruption as possible to residents, visitors, churches, businesses, and to work with local communities to help them to benefit from the event.

Our website includes an interactive map to advise your residents of road closures, <https://bit.ly/CMRoadClosures>. This map will always show the most up to date road closures information. Diversions will be in place during race and roads will only be closed for the minimum period necessary to ensure safety. CWaC will publish the final traffic order on their website.

Please can you inform all staff that will be working on the day they may need to allow extra time to arrive for work on time and reschedule any deliveries for after 13:00 where possible.

We apologise for the disruption the event may cause on race day. We will reopen roads as soon as we possibly can and when it is safe to do so for all.

Please contact me with any questions by email on reuben@activeleisureevents.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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