

# Charity Link's *Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge*

## Information Pack

We'd love you to join us on **Sunday 27th September 2026** for Charity Link's 'Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge' – and this year will be extra special as we mark Charity Link's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Whether you've taken part many times before or this is your first Challenge, by taking part in our unique trek you'll see some of the most beautiful scenery in Charnwood, Leicestershire – all whilst helping to improve the lives of individuals and families facing hardship or crisis.

The walk is physically demanding, but, with a bit of training, is suitable for most people (our youngest challenger has been 11, our oldest, in their late 70s). Challengers generally finish in a time of between 5-7 hours depending on their level of fitness (and the time they choose to spend at refreshment stops!). Those who want an extra challenge may like to run all or part of the route!

Most of our Challenge is 'off-road' – passing through some of Leicestershire's most stunning landscapes (you will be seeing parts of Leicestershire that few visit, which makes the challenge even more exciting!).

At the end of the Challenge, our support team will be waiting with your finish-line goodies and a glass of something to help you celebrate!

Find out more information about our Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge in this information pack, including the route, registration entry options, fundraising targets and preparing for the Challenge.

To sign up, purchase your place and complete the registration form. Then, get training and fundraising to help improve the lives of local people in need! Once registered, we'll keep in touch with all the information you need.

We hope you will join us and look forward to seeing you on Challenge Day!

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## The route

Challengers are provided with a detailed map (hardcopy and also an electronic copy for those who want it) - part of the fun of our challenge is navigating the circular route. We have volunteers walking the route, including a tail-walker, to help ensure no one gets lost! We set off at 9.30am from Beacon Hill Lower Car Park and expect Challengers home by 5.00pm.

The order of the peaks will be Beacon Hill, then Bardon Hill (which at 912ft is just 88ft short of a mountain, so don't underestimate the leg power needed to reach the top!), and then the famous Old John Tower in Bradgate Park.

We call this our Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge (L3P), but there are many other hills along the way! You'll be walking through fields and woods, and the route takes in Broombriggs Farm Country Park, 'Billa Barra' (part of the rim of an ancient volcano) and Hill Hole Nature Reserve - amongst others!

## Why take part?

In addition to the amazing countryside you will see, there is a great sense of solidarity on the day. Many challengers take part by themselves (the event is very friendly) and others take part with family, friends or work colleagues. However you decide to complete the challenge, you'll enjoy a fantastic sense of achievement at the end and will be doing something amazing to help improve the lives of local people in hardship or crisis.

The funds raised by taking part will help to provide essential items for the most vulnerable people in our local communities. And, due to the innovative way in which Charity Link works, for every **£10 you raise we can untap £50 from charitable trusts – all of which goes to help someone in desperate need.** This means that if you raise **£150 you will actually be helping to provide £750 worth of items!**

## What next?!

- Register: [Pay for the right entry option](#) for you, read the [health and safety information](#) and complete the [Registration & Disclaimer Form](#).
- Stay in touch: We'll confirm your registration and send you further details as Challenge Day approaches.
- Raise funds: Set up an online sponsorship page (or contact us for a paper copy), organise extra fundraising activities... Please note that the registration fee covers administration of the event. All those taking part agree to raise additional funds\* – all of which goes to help provide essential items for local people in need (\*there are limited non-fundraising entry places. Further details in this pack.).
- Train: Start enjoying some countryside walks to get you ready for the day!
- Any questions before you sign up? Get in touch! Email [hello@charity-link.org](mailto:hello@charity-link.org) or call 0116 222 2200

So what are you waiting for...?

We look forward to welcoming you to the Challenge!

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## Challenge registration costs and sponsorship targets

### **Individual Adult Entry - £25 standard registration fee (£20 early bird sale!)**

**Pledge to raise £150+** - this would provide £750 of essential items!

### **Individual Child Entry (11-17 years) - £15 standard registration fee (£10 early bird sale!)**

**Pledge to raise £100+** - this would provide £500 of essential items! *(Must walk with an adult)*

### **Team Entry (for 4 team members) - £80 standard registration fee (£60 early bird sale!)**

**Pledge to raise £150+ per team member** – as a team of four, this would provide £3,000 of essential items!

*You can purchase multiple team places (and add individual places) for larger groups. If you would like to discuss a large team entry, please get in touch.*

### **Family Entry (up to 2 adults & 3 children) - £65 standard registration fee (£60 early bird sale!)**

**Pledge to raise £300+** - this would provide £1,500 of essential items!

### **Personal Challenge Individual Entry - £100 standard registration fee**

Limited places and primarily for keen walkers/runners and past challengers that want to enjoy the experience without a set fundraising target this time (although we still hope you will want to gain some support – remember every pound raised really does make a difference).

### **L3P Alumni Special Individual Entry - £75 standard registration fee**

This is a special entry to thank past participants who want to enjoy the event again without the fundraising element. Only available to those who have completed the Challenge previously and successfully raised the fundraising target. Let us know the year you took part/contact us if you are unsure before purchase.

***Register by 30<sup>th</sup> June to take advantage of early bird rates!***

***Please note that all entry fees are non-refundable.***

By signing up to take part in the Challenge, you are pledging to raise the sponsorship target\* (prizes for those who go above and beyond!).

Online sponsorship pages, such as JustGiving.com and Wonderful.org are a great way to ask for support. Often Challengers are surprised how keen friends, family and colleagues are to support them – so don't be afraid to ask! A share on social media or a quick email is an unpressurised way to ask for support. You can also organise fundraising activities, such as a raffle, cake sale or a quiz night to raise funds – more ideas [here](#). Knowing that people have sponsored you will help spur you on during the challenge and really adds to the spirit of the day!

By raising funds via this Challenge, you will be helping to improve the lives of people facing hardship and crisis across Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire. Funds will provide essential items that can make a massive difference to people's lives, items such as beds, clothing (including school uniforms and winter coats), cookers, fridges and washing machines. The funds you raise will support vulnerable elderly and disabled people, the victims of domestic abuse, people moving on from homelessness, people with a chronic illness or mental health issue, carers, and vulnerable families struggling to make ends meet during these tough times. A third of those we help are children and young people. You can [read client stories](#) on our website.

\*Excluding those with a non-fundraising entry place.

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## What do you need on the day?

### Appropriate footwear

One essential item is a well-fitting pair of walking shoes or walking boots. Most of the route is across countryside paths, fields and woods. With the good old British weather, the ground could be boggy in places, grass is often wet, and some areas are rocky. If purchasing new footwear give yourself plenty of time to wear them in.

### What to wear

In addition to appropriate footwear and walking socks, you will need comfortable clothing appropriate to the weather (lightweight layers that you can put on and take off are ideal plus a waterproof jacket). Even if the forecast is warm we would still recommend long sleeves/trousers as some of the route may be overgrown with stingers/brambles.

### Equipment

Challengers are responsible for carrying their own essentials, so a comfortable rucksack is ideal. This should be large enough to carry water supplies, snacks, packed lunch etc. Other items you should consider carrying include: \*Sunhat \* Suncream \*Sunglasses \* Spare socks \* Tissues \* Basic first aid kit \* Small change \* Walking stick \*

### First aid

Whilst members of the Charity Link team are first-aid trained and carry a first-aid kit, we recommend you have a basic first aid kit with you and any personal medication you may need.

### Food provisions

Whilst we offer some refreshments en-route, please bring enough food and drink to maintain you on your walk, particularly if you have any special dietary requirements.

### Toilets

There are limited facilities en-route so be prepared to go 'au-naturel' if required! There are toilets where we start and finish, close to the summit of Beacon Hill, and at both ends of Bradgate Park.

### Car parking

To limit pressure on the country park, please get lifts or car share where possible. Parking at [Beacon Hill \(Lower car park\)](#) will be at your own discretion and you are responsible for paying parking fees. At the time of writing, day parking fee is £5.

### Training

Whilst the walk will be physically demanding, most people of reasonable health and fitness will be able to complete with a little bit of training in the weeks leading up to the challenge. Training should include some distance walks over varying terrain and including hills. You don't need to have completed the full distance before the challenge. The more training you do beforehand the more you are likely to be able to enjoy the experience on the day. If you have any concerns, please talk to your GP.

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We do hope that you decide to join us for this Challenge!

Register now at [www.charity-link.org/leics3peaks](http://www.charity-link.org/leics3peaks)

If you would like any extra leaflets, information packs or posters to pass on to others, please get in touch. We'd be extremely grateful for any help to spread the word about this vital event to help make it the biggest and best yet!

## Business support opportunities

We are currently looking for businesses to help make this event the biggest and best yet, and to ensure we raise as much as possible – so that together we can change as many lives in need as possible! Becoming an **event supporter** (with a donation of £200) to support this Challenge and receive lots of PR! If you know a business that may be interested in supporting this event, please get in touch.

**Could you be a volunteer or marshal on the day?** We'd love to hear from you!

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