Easter Fun Run scorcher!

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An Easter Fun Run organised by the charity Headway Birmingham & Solihull on Sunday (9 April) attracted its highest number of entrants yet on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year so far.

The event, sponsored by the financial investment group Frenkel Topping for a second year, took place in Cofton Park and was organised to raise funds for Headway’s brain injury services in the local area. Over 100 people walked or ran the 5k route, travelling from Solihull, Redditch, Bromsgrove and across Birmingham to take part.

Julie Wedgbury, Fundraising Manager at Headway Birmingham & Solihull, said: “There was a great atmosphere on Sunday, no doubt helped by the sunny weather. Cofton Park is hilly anyway but proved more of a challenge in the heat, especially for the local policing team from Longbridge who ran in full uniform!”

She thanked everyone who supported the run, including local branches of Sainsbury’s, Tesco and Waitrose who donated chocolate Easter eggs, and Morrisons at Rubery who provided bottled water and giant Easter eggs as prizes. These were presented by Julie Cattel from Frenkel Topping to Clive Rose, first male finisher, and to Zoe Tinnion, first female to cross the line. Helen Barney, who took therapy dog Foofy out for her first 5k run, was awarded the prize for best Easter-themed costume.

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The Easter Fun Run is expected to have raised over £1,200 which will be put towards Headway’s specialist brain injury services. Further information on the work of the charity is available at [www.headway-bs.org.uk](http://www.headway-bs.org.uk) while more photos from the fun run can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/HeadwayBirminghamandSollihull](http://www.facebook.com/HeadwayBirminghamandSollihull) .

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**Photo Captions:**

***Photo 1****:* *PCSO Kev Hathaway fixing race number for Sgt Lee Howard from Longbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team*

***Photo 2****: Sue Hill (front) & Emma Swallow run in Easter-themed costume*

***Photo 3****: Race winner Clive Rose running*

***Photo 4****: First male Clive Rose presented prize with Sue Tyler from Headway (centre) & Julie Cattell from Frenkel Topping*

***Photo 5:*** *First female Zoe Tinnion presented prize with Sue Tyler from Headway (centre) & Julie Cattell from Frenkel Topping*

***Photo 6****: Helen Barney wins best Easter-themed costume, with Sue Tyler from Headway (holding therapy dog Foofy) & Julie Cattell from Frenkel Topping*

***Photo 7****: Vanessa Hughes from Headway* *presents finisher’s medal to Sgt Lee Howard*

**For more information**

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**About Headway Birmingham & Solihull**

Headway Birmingham & Solihull is a registered charity helping to improve the lives of those affected by brain injury in the local area. Its aim is to promote greater understanding of all aspects of brain injury and provide information, support and services to the person with the acquired brain injury as well as their family and carers. For full information, visit [www.headway-bs.org.uk](http://www.headway-wm-org.uk) .